

Lucile Longview, longtime member of the UUWF, passed away April 20, 2010



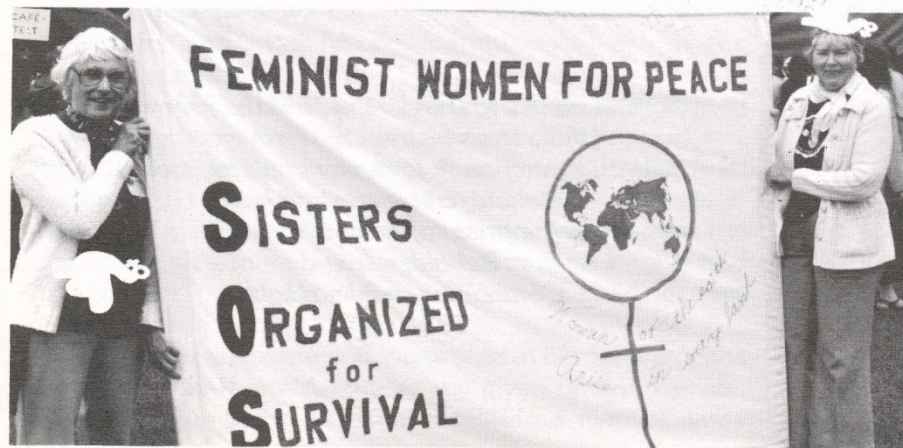
Lucile Longview and Rosemary Matson Recipients of the 1998 Ministry to Women Award Lucile as initiator and Rosemary as implementor of the Women and Religion Resolution

In 1977, UUWF and UUA passed similar resolutions which called for taking action to counteract religious myths, historical materials, and other resources that perpetuate assumptions and attitudes that caused women throughout the world to be overlooked and undervalued.

Lucile Longview was the primary author of the UUWF *Religion and Human Dignity Resolution* which was approved at the UUWF Biennial Business Meeting in Chicago, April 16, 1977. This resolution paralleled the UUA *Woman and Religion Resolution* which Lucile and a committee of laywomen from the First Parish UU Church of Lexington MA joined together enthusiastically to place on the G.A. Agenda. The UUWF wholeheartedly endorsed the *Women and Religion resolution* prior to its unanimous adoption at the 1977 General Assembly.

Lucile's contributions to raising consciousness about sexism included:

- Representing the *International Association for Religious Freedom* (IARF) at the U.N. First World Conference on Women in Mexico City in 1975. She spoke widely and poignantly upon her return.
- Authoring the *Women and Religion Resolution*, passed unanimously at 1977 General Assembly in Ithaca, NY.
- Advocating for G.A. business resolutions on: Battered Women, 1979; Implementation of the W&R Resolution: A Call to Commitment, 1980.
- Stimulating interest in revising the *UUA Purposes and Principles* during the Women and Religion Conference at Grailville, OH in 1979.
- Attending the U.N. Second World Conference on Women in Copenhagen in 1980 with Rosemary Matson (see picture below).
- Modeling lay leadership in spiritual gatherings by creating *the Water Ceremony* with Carolyn McDade, presented at the Women & Religion Convocation on Feminist Theology, held in East Lansing, MI, in 1980.
- Exposing sexist language and assumptions in religion that have become engrained in patriarchal family roles.
- Inspiring thousands of feminist activists in the UUA during several decades through writing, speaking and mentoring.



Lucile and Rosemary holding a banner at the Second World Conference on Women held in Copenhagen, 1980; both are wearing a white dove symbolizing peace.



Lucile and Rosemary during a break in a W&R continental gathering, 1997.
On the agenda is hierarchy, use of power, and patriarchy as a system.

In 2000, Lucile gifted to me her copy of the UUWF sponsored book published in 1970 entitled *Voices of the New Feminism*, edited by Mary Lou Thompson, associate director of the UUWF, who wrote in vivid red pen this inscription to Lucile: "With thanks for help on this book, for dedicated service to the UUWF, and for friendship much valued."

Lucile had considerable influence on many people. May we always honor her lasting contributions to the cause of full personhood for women.

~ Elizabeth Fisher, author, *Rise Up & Call Her Name* and *Gender Justice*;
Chair, UUWF Margaret Fuller Grants Program

Remembrance compiled by Elizabeth Fisher. Photos courtesy of Rosemary Matson.