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CMD-UUWF Lake Geneva Fall Conference Highlights and Kudos

Empowerment: Women as agents of Change, October 29-31, 1993. The largest CMD-UUWF Fall conference with 140 women gathered to sing with Carolyn McDade, musician, social activist, and weaver of personal/social/planetary concerns who helped to move us into our deepest self as a source of our communal power, and then weave this into our own integrity and pores. With Carolyn we explored our own creativity of women's love, our greatest natural response toward survival and healing. We stretched our minds with 14 other workshops which opened our hearts and minds to each other. We meditated, danced, hiked, feasted, sang spontaneously with an African American men's group in the cafeteria, and explored diversity.

Our Friday night opening worship and ingathering titled "Susan B. Anthony meets the Goddess" was beautifully coordinated by Rebecca Armstrong, Helen Bishop, Nancy Vedder-Shults, Carolyn McDade, and ended with Janet Nortrom's ice cream communion. Here too we set the stage for the weekend in connecting personal spirituality to public politics and concerns. The thrust of dialogue and music was the energy for the next wave of activity which formed deep within (in conjunction with the drum beats of our women's circles and UU churches throughout the country since "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" has been written). All of us got a chance to sing "Women Anthem", Bren Chambers and Marilyn Van Veersen's newest song and "Rise us and Call Her Name" by Nancy Vedder-Shults, added to the excitement and empowerment of women as "Agents of Change."

Helen Johnson, co-chair (CMD-UUWF Board member and El Salvador Peace mission truck driver) introduced our keynote speaker, Carolyn McDade, composer of "Spirit of Life" on Saturday morning. Carolyn guided us in small and large group experiences with much thoughtful dialogue and song. She lead us in a very meaningful chant series again

Saturday night and ended the weekend with a worship closure on Sunday morning. We shared many tears of joy and celebration as we sang "Spirit of Life" together and we went forth empowered to work for change in ourselves, our congregations, and in our communities.

Norma Poinsett of the Black Concerns Working Group led us, as one large group, in exploring diversity. Norma helped us examine personal and institutional racism and encouraged us to go back and to try to empower our congregations to change. It was a powerful message.

It was evident that our central mid-west district is full of many talented women sharing workshops with women representing many sides of diversity: humanists, lesbian and straight women, ministers, educators, doctors, scholars, homemakers, and differently abled. Our ages ranged from 19 to 89. We even had a couple of delightful babies.

Workshop leaders included: Anne Junkerman, Becky Hartzog, Sally Cissna, Jan Masaros, Helen Hughes, Diane Banta, Joan Johnson, Cookie Anderson, Nancy Vedder-Shults,

Donna Ulanowski, Janet Nortrom, Norma Poinsett, Helen Bishop, Denise Volzka, Juliette Hills, and Julie Martin James. Many, many thanks for all your contributions to a great weekend.

This year's committee shared many fun hours of planning at, CMD-UUWF treasurer, Lu Krug's house, with Irene Sanderson as registrar, Jan Masaros, brochure layout, Rila Govier, Pat McFarland Kern, Pat Ulman, Helen Johnson, and Janet Nortrom, program coordinators.

Written by Janet Nortrom and Helen Johnson.



Learn to nurture that voice inside.

Melody Beattie

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"Womanspace '93, Moving in Different Worlds"

About 200 Unitarian Universalist women gathered from throughout the continent at a resort, Highland Springs, Beaumont California for the first Continental UUWF "Womanspace" Conference on October 20-24, 1993, returning enriched and enlivened and ready to share programs with our own churches and women's groups. Five central midwest women provided one of the worship services for the conference, Helen Bishop, Marilla Missbach, Peg Carlson, Nancy Vedder-Shults, and Janet Nortrom.

The logo of the conference was a 1000 year old Oak tree at the foothills of the Southern Sierra Mountains. The programs were diverse, with many worship services, music, woman circles, early morning yoga, taichi, swimming, hiking, and tennis. There were three tracks to choose from: each would make a good program and service area to explore. The three tracks were "UU's Acting to Stop Violence," "Economics as if Women really mattered," and "Rise Up and Call her Name." "Rise Up and Call her Name" is the new UUWF curriculum covering earth based spiritualities in women's traditions from Africa, Asia, India, Central, and North America.

Liz Fisher, editor of the curriculum led the workshop and Nancy Vedder-Shults, creator of the music, enriched the workshop with her multi-cultural music. Women were represented from all areas, many UUWF lay women, women ministers, committee members, religious educators, historians, collegium, gay and lesbian, differently able, diverse economic, young, and elderly alike.

Women left with wonderful memories of laughing, thinking, loving, learning, sharing, praying, dancing, drumming, worshipping, singing, resting, grieving, questioning, eating, crying, changing, asking, giving, talking, enjoying, and hugging.

Plan to be part of the next "Womanspace" Conference.



Summer issue VOW deadline - July 22.

"Rise Up and Call Her Name" Trainer of Trainers

Milwaukee First Church, along with its women's group, Emerson Guild and Janet Nortrom, hosted the first continental wide training of "Leaders" on September 26-29, 1993 for the UU Women's Federation curriculum "Rise Up and Call Her Name," A Woman-Honoring Journey into Global Earth-based spiritualities.

The 48 hour weekend training was like a pilgrimage for the 32 women who gathered for the journey because of their commitment to diversity, shared femaleness, hunger for knowledge, and understanding of the common desire to train others in presenting this wonderful woman-honoring curriculum described by Mary Caldwell.

The program of 13 two and a half hour lessons takes one on a journey into the earth-based spirituality traditions of Africa, Asia, India, North and South America. The curriculum uses a source book, ritual, myth, video and audio cassettes, storytelling, journal writing, and many activities. Trainers for the Central Midwest District are Joanne Fought (Peoria), Judy Holman (Evanston), Peg Carlson (Salem, WI.), Nancy Vedder-Shults (Madison, WI), Fran Reynolds (St. Louis, MO), and Janet Nortrom (Milwaukee, WI).

Janet Nortrom has provided workshops and forums on "Rise Up and Call Her Name" for the Elkhorn Church of the Lakes, Milwaukee North Church, Mequon, Lake Geneva Fall Women's Retreat, CMD Annual Meeting, and scheduled Mother's Day service at Mukwonago church.

An Invitation to Write

In ancient times, older women were revered as powerful elders, women of great wisdom and judgment who functioned as healers, teachers, and priestesses. In our times, older women are often devalued and sometimes forgotten.

Madison artist Lynn Slattery Hellmuth sees the wisdom that older women continue to pass on to younger generations. She is currently preparing a collaborative exhibition of artist and writers as a tribute to older women in our lives.

The only requirement is that the writings be on only one side of the page so that they can be read when hung on a wall. Drawings and photos are welcome to add visual interest to your writings.

Take a moment to write down your thoughts and send them, along with your name, address, and phone number to Lynn Slattery Hellmuth, 914 Castle Place, Madison, WI 53703.

HESTER HUFF 1993 RECIPIENT

The 1993 recipient of this prestigious award was Pat Baker (formally Scanlon). Ill health prevented her from being present at the celebration at Allerton, but we wished her well. We missed her and hope she will be at this year's Allerton conference. If you have been attending Allerton over the last 15-20 years, you know how faithful a participant Pat has been. Pat has served as president, treasurer, secretary of the CMD-UUWF Board, and chair of the conference committee. When she first acquired her computer, she began keeping the CMD-UUWF mailing list.

There are many stories about Pat that I shared last summer. Pat always wears jeans, boots, and a western shirt. But once she shared her wedding pictures showing her with curly hair, a long gown, and all the men were in tuxedos. She said her mom insisted on a formal wedding, so Pat carried her dress to the church and put it on there. After the ceremony and picture taking, OFF came the wedding gown and on went the jeans. When asked how she met her husband, she answered, "We both were shoveling s---!" Thinking it was a joke, we asked again. She laughed and assured us that that was how they met, working at the St. Louis Zoo.

Pat always sat at the registration desk at Allerton, kept track of the comings and goings of attendee., etc. One night when I was president, Pat knocked on my door about 1am to inform me that a first time attendee had gone out to the parking lot. We woke up Carol Wike-Nudo, picked up a flashlight, and went out to find her. It seems that we had over 100 people that summer and make shift folding beds had been put up. Hers folded up with her in it, so she went to sleep in her car. We could not persuade her to come in. I went back, called the University Police and made them aware of the situation. Another incident involved Pat's chaperoning an LRY conference in Champaign-Urbana. On the second day she called me to ask if I had a bed she could crash on. Staying up the previous night to prevent any hanky-panky had exhausted her.

Hester Huff knew Pat and was very fond of her. She would innocently ask Pat how many workshops she had attended and Pat would answer, "I've never missed a business session or a party." This was true.

Pat has always been active in the St. Louis church and in the Central Midwest District as well as in the Women's Federation. We hope she is well enough to attend Allerton this year. We missed you and need you there!

Written by Doris Jones

*One of the greatest gifts we
can give is an open, loving
heart.
Melody Beattie*

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CMD-UUWF Allerton Conference 1994

This and That from your Allerton Conference Chair

When: June 4, 5, and 6, 1994

Where: Allerton House, Monticello, IL

Who: All women who enjoy great conversation, excellent food, spiritual renewal, and beautiful surroundings.

Some time ago, it was decided at the annual business meeting to alternate days of the week for the Allerton conference. This year, we will meet from noon on Saturday June 4th through noon on Monday, June 6th. The theme this year is "EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS THROUGH CARING AND SHARING." After volunteering to plan this year's conference several people came up to me and made comments. They varied from "Doris, don't make it too intellectual!" to "Can we plan some meaty discussions?" and "Can we plan at least one workshop for seniors who face death and do not quite know how to plan spiritually for it?" From those who know me best, I received requests to plan some humorous activities.

I attended my first conference in 1964. Some thirty years later, I am remembering many, many workshops, keynote speakers, and parties which addressed all of the above requests. We have tackled ERA, abortion, and such long before it was politically correct to do so. We have signed petitions, sent telegrams to Washington, and debated the extent of our support to the Clara Barton camp. Representatives from Boston have come to present and answer questions. I have attend and/or presented workshop on dealing with stress, financial planning, health, education, government, role of women in religion, etc. On the lighter side we have enjoyed "theme" parties, dramatic readings, hilarious skits, game nights, dance from square to modern, and informal talking that sometimes keeps us up long after bedtime. On the spiritual side: lovely worship sessions featuring beautiful music, readings, spiritual connecting, female bonding, and remembering those of us have passed on.

So, with that background, I am trying to put together a program drawing from all those requests with concurrent sessions applying to all ages, points of view, personal need, etc. And, of course, we need some free time and then some activities that are just plain fun.

I am asking everyone to look at the following suggested topics and let me know if you know someone who know would be willing to lead such a workshop, give a keynote speech, do a worship session, or do a reception. I have no firm commitments yet, so I would welcome your input.

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Give me a call or drop me a line.

Education: Choice, vouchers, separation of churches and school, home schooling, full inclusion

Medicine: Rising costs, research, funding research for women's diseases, AIDS, euthanasia, Dr. Kavorkian, hero or criminal?

Government: president's first year and a half, break-up of USSR, immigration quotas, violence around the world and in our schools, how about a session discussing items in the news reported in the media the week before Allerton?

Travel: Do you have pictures to share, an elderhostel you would recommend, a neat place for family to vacation, Camp Unistar, or other UU camps

Music: Bring any instrument you play, can we form an "ensemble" to perform the second night?, on the humorous side, can we have a kitchen band?, are you a vocalist, a folk singer

Dance: Line dancing, square dancing, ballet, modern, or movent to music

Media: Limbaugh to Stern, how it affects our children, violence and sex on TV etc

Religion: Spiritual connectedness, nurturing our inner need, our feminism, what attracts women to the UU ministry, reading, will your group plan a worship service?

Nature and

Exercise: early morning walks, bird watchers, exercises for all from the athletic to those of us who are out of shape

Arts/Crafts: Do you have a talent and project to share

Books: Do you have one to share, possibly a book talk?

Receptions and

Refreshment: Will you group host one?

Games: Boggle, bridge, charades, trival pursuit

Pageants: Any interest in a parade of our favorite women either dead or alive, "Let's not all come as Lady Godiva."

Silent Auction: Begin to save items for this fun fund raiser

Obviously, we can not cover all of this nor would we want to. However, as a committee of one, I am asking for volunteers who have interest and/or expertise in one or more of these.

Let me hear from You!

Doris Jones (Mrs. Murrell in the phone book.)

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On the Road to El Salvador, experienced and written by Helen Johnson.

On the road to El Salvador, February 14th to March 29th, 1993 by Helen Johnson, truck driver for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

A woman recently said to me on hearing of my trip to El Salvador in the spring of 1993, "But it must have been so sad to see all that poverty." The question others have asked me is "Did you have a good time?" I found it difficult to respond because the emotional impact on me had been great and had included sadness and joy and much more.

The long history of El Salvador stretching back to the conquest by Spain is a tragic one: so many deaths, so much violence and torture, so much hunger, and disease. The country is controlled by an oligarchy of wealthy landowners, by a ruthless army, and by international business and banking interests concerned with profits. Our United States government has consistently supported this establishment with billions of dollars in the name of protecting our country from communism.

The people- I had this amazing opportunity to meet and to listen to, share their food, drink their coffee out of gourd cups, sleep in a little two room house, awoke by the crowing of roosters at four each morning, these were the - campesinos, the peasants. These were the people I fell in love with and became bonded to, in solidarity to their goal of building a new El Salvador. These are amazing people, strong, warm hearted, loving, and optimistic. They have a great sense of humor and smile easily. They are deeply spiritual and not filled with anger and hatred for all the wrongs that have been committed against them and are ready to forgive and strive for reconciliation with the people who had been gunning them down.

The good news was that a peace accord had been signed in 1992. It ended the fighting and laid the ground for elections in March of 1994. And so it was safe for the Pastors for Peace caravan of 34 trucks, one bus, and 87 people of 12 organizations from all parts of the United States, of all ages from 24 to 77, of different faiths, to go into El Salvador. The trucks had come together in San Antonio on March 7. The Unitarian Universalist 10 ton Mercedes Benz truck that my grandson, Dan House, and I had driven, across the U.S. to the New England area, south to Atlanta, west to New Orleans, with stops in between (26 in all, from February 14 to March 7) was by then in pretty good shape with a new radiator, altimeter. In New Orleans, when the heater, which had never worked while we were driving East through bitter weather, began to spout water, Dan jerked it out and declared, a little bitterly, "Oh well, it won't be needed in El Salvador."

We spent four days in San Antonio for a truck check up, but it also gave us a chance to begin to get acquainted with the other truck drivers and hear their stories, to shop for food for our lunches. As we went south, each morning rethought why we had come on this caravan, and renewed our commitment to each other and to these people of El Salvador. Dan and I were also pleased when a young woman, a UU, offered to decorate our rather dismal looking truck. The youth group at the church in Columbus, Maryland painted the truck. Dan and I were now able to be so proud of our beautiful truck. Our basic themes for the three surfaces were: 1. The UUSC flaming chalice with the words "UUSC to EL Salvador", 2. Two hands together (in gold paint) with the words *Mano a Mano Para la Paz* (which means hand in hand for peace), and 3. On the back a picture of a rainbow colored road in the mountains with the words *El Camino de la Paz* (which means the road to peace).

March 11th the caravan pulled out of San Antonio with our UUSC truck in the lead with Tom Hansen, head of the Pastors driving with Dan and me. Every now and then as we went around a long curve we could look back at the long line of trucks stretched a mile and a half down the narrow road. Our top speed was 40 miles an hour, as fast as the slowest trucks could go and the type of roads we were traveling on allowed.

The border crossings into Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador were outrageously cumbersome in spite of advanced preparation, and quantities of time. March 19 the caravan lumbered into San Salvador and lined up beside the running track of the soccer field of the large Catholic University. My grandson who was directing the parking, wrote in this journal, "...I started looking down the track at the incredible line of trucks. The intensity of the trip, the emotions, and effort and stress and lack of sleep and commitment, and amazing stories, experiences all came back to me and I did not stop the tears...I ran around the soccer field and spun in a circle until the lights of the trucks were a continuous blur, I was so high."

During the four days we spent in San Salvador, our experiences were intense with the arrival celebrated by thousands, with accompanying granting of amnesty to the military leaders that the United Nations Trust Commission had found guilty of the death squad killings. Again, we walked with the crowds to commemorate the assassination of Archbishop Romero. We listened to many speakers by representatives of many organizations, including three women telling about the status of the women's movement in society and politics. The women included several of the highest officials of the FMLN (the revolutionary guerrilla forces). We also had a very informational meeting with the head of the UN.

The Center for Women War Victims

When we read about the terrible slaughter and torture that is going on in Bosnia, our heart goes out to these suffering people. We think of the women whose homes are being destroyed, who are being imprisoned and we feel terribly useless. We wish we could do something to help.

There are women in Croatia at the Center for Women War Victims who are mobilizing to help heal other women. This is not a government program or a group of foreigners rushing in to help. It is Serb, Croatian, and Muslim women working to help all women. Its statement of purpose states: "We are committed to provide an assistance to women of all nationalities, who have been victimized in this war. The Center aims to help women refugees from the war regain control over their lives as much as possible in the very specific circumstances they live in."

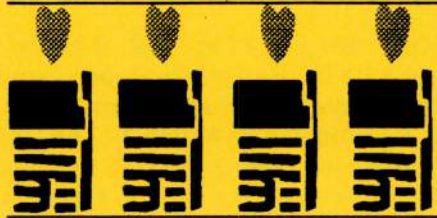
The Center provides refugee women with counseling and self-help groups, psychological aid, referrals for health, legal and emigration problems as well as financial assistance, humanitarian aid, and education materials.

There are 30 women working full time at the Center. They represent a cross-section of ethnic backgrounds. One-third of the staff are refugees themselves. 23 women are field workers who organize and assist women's self-help groups in refugee camps.

They have worked in Split, Rijeka, Arnica, and Sarajevo. Women's groups from other parts of Yugoslavia are also adding an important dimension.

Planning is underway for establishing a shelter for women war victims with exceptional needs.

This is all women working for all women. An American contact to help with this vital project is: Jel Bendelly, 511 Poplar Hill Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801, Tel/Fax (410) 860-1960



On the Road to El Salvador, continued from Page 5

On March 25th, one by one the trucks headed out into the countryside. Nancy Sanchez, a UU from MA, and an excellent driver, fluent in Spanish and great company, joined Dan and me for the long drive to San Miquel to the PADECOES office. There we sat down with 7 of the organizers of PADECOES as they explained the situation in the north eastern El Salvador and their plans. We felt these were the real people, and we were moved by their dedication and endurance. And then at last we were able to unload the truck. It required 8 people over an hour to carry out the bicycles, 3 motorcycles, lots of tools - farming, carpentry and machinery, school and office supplies, sewing machines, yard goods, thread, buttons, scissors, needles, etc. We were really proud and hoped it would make a difference. We also know it was so little compared to what they needed. But we are also certain PADECOES will distribute it to the people in the 180 rural co-ops that make up the organization. UUSC has been in close touch with PADECOES and feels trust and confidence in these people.

Our last three days were the ultimate as we met with people in the remote countryside, in the serene village of Perquine high in the mountains and finally our heartbreaking visit to El Mazote, up near the Honduran border. We saw the scorched earth burned by the helicopters supplied by the US, and all the houses in ruins. Here 1000 people were murdered and thrown into mass graves. It is only in the recent past that our government has acknowledged that it ever happened.

On March 29 we said goodbye and flew home. The truck stayed as part of our gift. I know I will never forget the people of El Salvador. I hope to go back one day in the next year or so. My thoughts and deep concern are always with them. How will the elections in March turn out? Several leaders of the FMLN have already been shot. The military is still in control, a civilian police force not yet separated from the armed forces, US troops participating with Salvadoran troops in civic action programs (a violation of the peace accord).

Write your congressmen and women about your concern and ask them about the role of the US. In the US House of Representatives on September 28th Joe Kennedy introduced an amendment to the Fiscal 1994 Defense Appropriation bill to eliminate funding for the School of the Americas (SOA). The amendment was defeated 256-174. How did they vote on the amendment? The SOA is responsible for providing training grounds for Latin American military officers at Fort Benning and other places.

Keep in touch with the UUSC for up-to-date information. Write to Linda MacKay, UUSC, 130 Prospect St., Cambridge, MA 02139-1845. Let's support our Service Committee. Article written by Helen Johnson.

Hester Huff Role of Recognition

Information

The Central Midwest District Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation wishes to recognize an outstanding Unitarian Universalist lay woman for service in the Central Midwest District. To this end we establish the Hester Huff Role of Recognition.

Nominations

Nominations may be made by individuals or UUWF units. These nominations throughout the year must be made in writing by May 15.

Committee

The current nominating committee making the final selection will be composed of the three most recent Hester Huff recipients. The Chair shall be the longest standing member of this Hester Huff nominating committee. The present CMD-UUWF Board members are exempt from this committee, but are responsible to find a replacement to act on the committee if a vacancy occurs. The award may not be given to any women currently serving on the selection committee or current CMD-UUWF Board members.

Job Description

The committee will solicit nominations from Central Midwest women's groups and individual Unitarian Universalist women. They will provide a nomination form. If the nominating committee chooses, they may notify the winner before the Allerton Conference. A letter will be sent by the committee to invite past Hester Huff recipients to the Allerton Conference.

Award

The recipient's name will be engraved on the Hester Huff Role of Recognition plaque, the last recipient will have the new winner's name engraved. This plaque will remain into the recipient's possession for one year. The recipient will also be given a certificate of recognition made by the nominating committee. The presentation will be at the annual CMD-UUWF conference held at Allerton. The Committee keeps the Hester Huff sashes and sees that they are at Allerton each year. The Allerton Planning Committee appoints a group to be in charge of the reception or may choose to do it themselves, including table cloth, decoration, food, drinks, and corsages (optional).

Hester Huff Role Of Recognition Nomination Form

Complete this form and send it to : Doris Jones, 1710 West Windsor Road, Champaign, IL 61821

Closing Date: May 15.

1. Nominee: _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2. Church _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

3. Nominated by: _____ Phone: _____

Re-nomination: If complete materials have been submitted on a candidate, please re-nominate adding only current material. The committee will review the earlier material in the files.

Nomination Information

Number of years member of church: _____

Principal church activities or services: _____

CMD-UUWF activities or services: _____

UUWF or UUA Denominationally services or activities: _____

Community activities or services: _____

Personal or religious attitudes of nominee which support nomination: _____

Use additional page(s) or letter(s) to support nomination and attach as desired.

A look at some of our CMD-UUWF Women - Their Bio's

Betty Jachim (is the CMD-UUWF Secretary), as a working woman, she has been a lab tech, a data analyst, a programmer, a systems analyst, a data processing instructor, and a tax preparer. Betty is active at the UU Church in Oak Park, she just finished being on the search committee and is now the chair of the ministerial relations committee, was the church treasurer for many years, been active in the League of Women Voters, belong to a book group, a local women's support group, gone on an exciting Colorado rafting trip, and has served on the Library board in her town. Betty has a love of books and libraries.

Betty has been the local UUWF's president for four year and had been president of the unit before. Betty has co-chaired the Allerton Conference twice, in 1989 and in 1991, and led book group workshops.

Susan Karcher became a UU in high school when a friend kept telling her about a great youth group that she belonged to, so as a sophomore Susan began attending LRY in the Park Forest UU Church. She was introduced to UUWF by Marion Baker over 18 years ago. She volunteered to help Marion with the VOW because she wanted to get to know her. This began a wonderful friendship that continues.

She has been treasurer for 4 years, president for 4 years and treasurer again for another 4 years for her local UUWF unit.

While Susan was helping Marion with VOW she began attending CMD-UUWF meetings. She became a CMD-UUWF Board member and was secretary for 4 years. She has been off the Board for 3 years but continues to edit the VOW newsletter. She along with Betty Jachim and Marilla Missbach organized Allerton in 1989 and organized Allerton in 1991 with Betty Jachim and Rossann Baker-Priestley. In 1992

Susan received the most valuable lay member award, Hester Huff Role of Recognition, in 1992.

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Susan works for a consulting engineering firm being the administrative coordinator and heading up three departments (accounting, human resources, and word processing) at RJN Group, Inc.

Friends are a vital and connecting link for Susan. She is active in a woman's support group and a dream group, as well as UUWF locally and district wide.

Paul McCabe is an adult educator in the Wisconsin technical college system. She teaches basic reading, writing, and math skills and helps people prepare to take the GED. Her home church, Olympia Brown UU Church of Racine, Wisconsin, she has served as DRE for three years and continues to service on the RE committee. She has also served as an officer of her local UUWF unit and has been very involved in the women's spirituality and programming, and has helped plan a number of lay-led services. She is the family maiden Aunt, and has spent a lot of time with her nieces and nephews. She is also a novice story teller.

Janet R. Nortrom, has been named to the Continental UUWF Board and is the liaison for our central Midwest district.

In September she arrived early in Boston and toured the Clara Barton Camp, home for diabetic girls and women, owned by the UUWF. She also toured the UUA offices at 25 Beacon Street, and had the first official Saturday dinner with our new President John Buhrens and his wife.

Janet will share all the great information she gleans from the meeting with us. Please do not hesitate to call or write to her about any continental UUWF joys and concerns. She will gladly visit your group, speak, show slides, lead video discussions, provide music, worship services, on any of the following issues: "Rise Up and Call Her Name" curriculum, task Force on Clergy Sexual Misconduct, UU's Acting to stop Violence, "Womanspace" retreat information, the Communicator newsletter, video lending library, and on UUWF's resolution of racial and ethnic justice.

Remember it only takes 5 women to start a UUWF group. Call me for details.

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UUWF Women's Video Library

The UUWF has secured 17 films on video from the National Film Board of Canada. They were the result of the 1992 Ministry to Woman Award to Studio D, the women's section of the National Film Board of Canada. Donna Read's *Full Circle* is also available now. These films are available to all UUWF members and member groups free of charge, except for \$5.00 for postage and handling fee. Our hope is to continue to help "Transform Thoughts" provide opportunities for women's groups to get together and view the films and have discussions that will free up women and empower them to become agents of change for society. They are excellent for district/local program ideas and good publicity for your women's group. Videos can be available for a two week period. The tapes are 1/2" VHS format and the running time is listed at the top of each description. Two videos can be rented each time. The tapes will be located in the central part of the country to help secure the tapes more readily. Janet Nortrom, UUWF Board member, will be the distribution point. Please contact her for more detailed information about each video. (or contact Susan Karcher and she will mail you a complete listing, with time, director, producer, description, and order form. See inside for address.)

Videos available are: *Adam's World*, *After the Montreal Massacre*, *Behind the Veil: Nuns*, *The Burning Times*, *The Company of Strangers*, *Forbidden Love: The Unashamed Stories of Lesbian Lives*, *Goddess Remembered*, *Making Babies*, *Making Perfect Babies*, *Not a Love Story: A Film about Pornography*, *Sisters in the Struggle*, *To a Safer Place*, *Toward Intimacy*, *Wise-crackers*, *Women in the Shadows*, and *Full Circle*.

Order Form

Name _____ Address _____
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 Date of request: _____

Please allow two (2) weeks. If you have suggestions for future videos, please list them on the back. Send all requests to Janet Nortrom, UUWF, 4332 N. Woodburn Street, Shorewood, WI 53211 (414) 964-3764



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