

UU Women's Connection
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**Peace, Sustainability and Environmental Justice
Spring Retreat
Registration Due/Postmarked by May 20th!!
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**Peace, Sustainability and
Environmental Justice
2008 Spring Retreat**



Pilgrim Park Princeton, IL

June 6-8, 2008

UU Women's Connection Spring Conference Planners

The women of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Connection present the annual spring conference of the Central Midwest District hosted by the women of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Joliet.

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www.uuwomensconnection.org

Financial Assistance...

Our membership has always felt it is important to provide opportunities for grants or scholarships. We offer various options for reduced fees to make attendance accessible:

Childcare grant – to relieve some of the costs of childcare encountered by mothers who attend our retreats, a reduced registration fee of up to \$20 is available to those who request it.

Ministerial student grant – our membership recognizes the importance of supporting our ministers in training. We offer one ministerial grant of \$100 on a first-apply-first-receive basis for ministerial students from the district.

Need-based grant – limited funds are available to reduce the financial burden for women who could not otherwise attend due to monetary hardship.

First-time attendees grant – to encourage new members to participate in the retreat, the first five women to register, who have not previously attended, will receive a waiver of the registration fees.

At Faith in Place we believe in housing the homeless, feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. But even if we do all those things, and love our brothers and sisters with our whole heart, it will not matter if we neglect the ecological conditions of our beautiful and fragile planet.

As temperatures rise and fossil fuel supplies fall, the burden of climate change and scarcity will land primarily on the poor, and eventually will come home to us all.

We must practice love and justice in the way we use the ecological commons of air, water and soil. We must be willing to make sacrifices for a sustainable economy.

The way we relate to the smallest species, to the tiniest stream and to the least powerful of our human brothers and sisters will define our relationship with our world and the One who placed us here. These are serious matters of faith. It will take many willing and open hearts to develop a daily sustainable practice. We welcome your congregation to join us.

For more information: www.faithinplace.org

Ph: 312.733.4640



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Clare Butterfield, Faith in Place

As Faith in Place's executive director, Rev. Dr. Clare Butterfield preaches and teaches regularly at congregations throughout Illinois, while coordinating programmatic and organizational development. She started as Faith in Place's original organizer and developed the organization into today's regional scale. She is a Unitarian Universalist minister from central Illinois with a lifelong interest in environmental matters. Prior to entering the ministry, Rev. Butterfield had a career as a tax and corporate attorney. She has an M.Div. from Meadville Lombard Theological School (2000), a J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law (1983), a B.A. in History from the University of Illinois (1980), and a D.Min. at Chicago Theological Seminary (2008). She is the community minister for Unity Temple in Oak Park.

Mission of Faith in Place:

Faith in Place gives religious people the tools to become good stewards of the earth. We partner with religious congregations to promote clean energy & sustainable farming. Since 1999, Faith in Place has partnered with over 400 congregations in Illinois—Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Zoroastrian, Baha'i and Unitarian. We're also part of the national Interfaith Power & Light campaign. Our mission is to help people of faith understand that issues of ecology and economy—of care for Creation—are at the forefront of social justice.

WORKSHOPS

To respect all humanity and the interdependent web is a powerful principle to believe in as UU women. It is one of many principles that we will draw on when we gather to explore the themes of **Peace, Sustainability and Environmental Justice** in our lives. Workshops will be offered on:

- **Dirty Fun with Clones**
- **Dance for Self Expression**
- **Meditation Walks**
- **Spirit and Water**
- **Drumming**
- **Special screening of the newly released Faith in Place documentary**
- **And more to come!**

Workshop Registration will be held during the conference. Additional topics and workshop information will be included with your confirmation materials.

Additional Activities...

Coffee House /Open Mic Night

Do you enjoy singing? Are you a Story Teller? Do you write poetry? ...or want to read for us? Share an open mic coffee house Friday evening with other talented ladies!

Book Sale

Bring your gently used books for our book sale. This is a fun, painless way to raise money for your UU Women's Connection -- not to mention a great place to pick up new reading material while treading lightly on our Earth!

Treasure Auction

We are looking for your treasures for this important fundraiser for us. Bring antiques, jewelry, books, and things that have been special to you. Include a card detailing the history of your items if you like. Your treasure will find a new life.

Embellish a Square

Embellish quilt squares, which will be combined to create a banner for the Unitarian Universalist Women's Connection of the Central Midwest District. Share your creative spirit with other women from the district.

Scrapbooking in our 50th Year

Begun at our 50th Anniversary Celebration, we continue our work on this project honoring 50 years of cutting-edge programming in the CMwD and lifting up the women of those years.

Girls! Come Join Us!



The Spring Retreat is for you, too. Come make music, create art, dance, go hiking, sing by the campfire, walk a labyrinth, share stories, and just hang with other girls who are making a difference in the world. It will be a great time for moms and daughters (or aunts and nieces) too. Bring your favorite musical instruments, CD's or sheet music to share. Make new friends and have fun with old friends, and learn more about how you can protect the Earth and environment. Girls ages 11-18 are welcome to attend.

Please fill out the enclosed
Maiden Registration Form to register.

About the Unitarian Universalist Women's Connection...

This organization began 43 years ago when Unitarian and Universalist women's groups merged. Though not a legal affiliate, the district group has been inspired by the Continental UUWF since its inception. When Continental announced its re-visioning process in 2005, a task force was charged by the district membership to do the same. The UU Women's Connection was incorporated non-profit in 2006 with new bylaws, council governance, new name and vision to carry into the 21st century. Though this process is ongoing, the UU Women's Connection is committed to continuing the work begun through our sisters of the CMwD-UUWF.

The organization's new name, "UU Women's Connection", represents its intended mission to connect Unitarian Universalist women within the district, to stimulate interest in aspects of the Unitarian Universalist movement and concerns of the world, and to serve as liaison between women of the district and the larger UU movement.



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WOMEN'S REGISTRATION FORM (Please fill out both sides.)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ Email: _____

CONGREGATION _____ FIRST TIME PARTICIPANT? y/n _____

GRANT REQUEST? _____ UU WOMEN'S CONNECTION RENEWAL DATE _____
(Also fill in application on other side.) (You will find it at the upper right of your mailing label.)

ROOMMATE(S) _____

ARRIVAL DAY/TIME: _____ DEPARTURE DAY/TIME: _____

REGISTRATION FEE \$50
(for those staying overnight on campus)

Workshop Presenter- Fee Waived _____

SATURDAY-ONLY PARTICIPANT FEE
\$70 includes registration, usage fee and 2 meals.

EXTRA SATURDAY MEAL
Add \$6 for breakfast _____

ROOM/BOARD
Room type requested _____
(See reverse side for types and costs to enter →)

\$10 UUWC MEMBERSHIP DUES/RENEWAL
(New member or if renewal date is 05/2008 or earlier)

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTION
\$ _____

HOW MUCH SHALL I SEND?
(Room/board details on reverse)

REGISTRATION: _____

SATURDAY-ONLY: _____

EXTRA SATURDAY MEAL: _____

LATE FEE: _____

ROOM/BOARD: _____

MEMBERSHIP/DUES: _____

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTION: _____

TOTAL: _____

Make check payable to "Clara Barton Guild".

Send form & fees to

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*(Full refund if cancelled **before** May 20, 2008 deadline.)*

Call Dorothy at 815-726-8869 or email DBB8869@hotmail.com with any questions about registration.

You'll receive a confirmation letter and map asap. Questions?

REGISTRATION FORM (Please fill out both sides.)

OTHER NEEDS/REQUESTS (We will try to do our best to accommodate.)

Steps are a problem _____ Mobility/stamina problems _____

Dietary concerns/restrictions _____ Vegetarian meals preferred _____

(Please list type.)

Other (please list) _____

Open Mic Saturday Evening (10 minute limit) What talent(s) will you be sharing? _____

ROOM/BOARD INFORMATION

Rates listed are per person for the entire conference period, Friday evening through Sunday noon. Meals included are Friday dinner (6-7 p.m.) through Sunday breakfast. Check-in time is 4 p.m. Friday. Room check-out time is 10 a.m. Sunday. Sheets, pillow, blanket, towel and washcloths are provided.

Please indicate 1st and 2nd choice on the lines below and **enter your first choice type and cost on the front page of the registration form**. You will be contacted if adjustments are necessary.

Room Types Single Double Dorm (4-6)

Upper Conference Center – on the same level as the chapel and the Dining Center (Large hotel-type rooms with private bathrooms w/handicap access bathroom in twin beds).

single (twin bed) _____ (\$123) double (2 double beds) _____ (\$108)

Lower Conference Center – 4 dorm type rooms sharing 2 baths, each with single beds

Dorm _____ (typically with 3 others) (\$80 – bring a sleeping bag, **\$10 extra if linens supplied** _____)

Higgins Lodge (separate cozy building, 20 yards from the Conference Center Building – all twin beds – singles and doubles – shared bathrooms with showers

single _____ (\$105) double _____ (\$102)

SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT APPLICATION

The UU Women's Connection budget funds four grants of up to \$100 each. Additional \$20 grants are available to help with child care expense. *Note: On-site child care is not available, though nursing babies are welcome.* **Applications must be postmarked by May 20, 2008.** You'll get an answer to your request as soon as possible.

My need is _____

My home church/group will provide _____

I would like UU Women's Connection to provide _____

An additional scholarship is allocated for ministerial students. Please list school name and degree sought.

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MAIDEN REGISTRATION FORM
(for Ages 11 – 18) (Please fill out both sides.)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____

Email: _____

CONGREGATION _____

FIRST TIME PARTICIPANT? y/n _____

ACCOMPANYING ADULT _____

GRANT REQUEST? _____

(Also fill in application on other side.)

ROOM CHOICE:

I prefer to room with other maidens _____

I prefer to room with my accompanying adult _____

ARRIVAL DAY/TIME: _____

DEPARTURE DAY/TIME: _____

REGISTRATION FEE \$50

(for those staying overnight on campus)

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Room Types Double Dorm (4-6)

Your Accompanying Adult also receives a \$6 discount off of the room price for her choice of Higgins or Upper Conference Center and \$7 off for Lower Conference – the prices below indicate both the Maiden rate and the Accompanying Adult rate.

Lower Conference Center

Maidens rooming together will be in the Lower Conference Center – 4 single beds and 4 bunks in a room, 2 semi-private baths for the 4 rooms.

Dorm _____ (\$73 – bring a sleeping bag, **\$10 extra if linens supplied** _____)

Higgins Lodge (separate cozy building, 20 yards from the Conference Center Building – all twin beds – shared bathrooms with showers)

double _____ (\$96)

Upper Conference Center – on the same level as the chapel and the Dining Center (Large hotel-type rooms with private bathrooms w/handicap access bathroom has twin beds).

double (2 double beds) _____ (\$102)

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My need is _____

My home church/group will provide _____

I would like UU Women’s Connection to provide _____