



Connections: The Seventh Principle in Action



*2007 Spring
Conference*

JUNE 8-10, 2007

SPONSORED BY:

The UU Women's Connection

(Successor organization to the CMwD-UUWF)

- Connecting UU women within the CMwD
- Connecting women of the district to the larger UU movement
- Stimulating interest in concerns of the world

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 Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington-Normal.

*Early Registration Deadline:
22 May 2007*

Pilgrim Park Camp and Conference Center

Princeton, IL -
(near the intersection of I-80 and I-39)
in north central Illinois, about two hours southwest of
Chicago, and an hour from the quad cities or Peoria.
A map and directions will be sent with your confirmation.

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Connect with your spirit!

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 last year 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.

<http://www.uuwomensconnection.org>

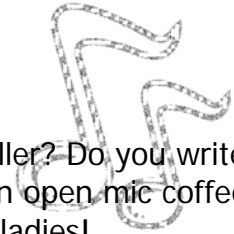
Financial Assistance...

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.

Coffee House

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 fundraiser for us. Bring antiques, jewelry, books, and anything special to you. Include a card detailing the 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.



Women's Connection T-Shirts with the new logo will be available! (Details in your confirmation letter).

Rev. Ruth Gnagey, PhD Keynote Speaker

Ruth will share her insights and experiences with the 7th principle! After a thirty-year career as an outdoor and environmental educator, Rev. Dr. Ruth Gnagey retired and set her sights on the Unitarian Universalist ministry. She graduated at age sixty-six from Meadville Lombard Theological School and began an active ministry. She is now the affiliated minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington-Normal. She and her husband are winter ministers at the Hidalgo County Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and the All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Brownsville - both in Texas.

Yo, Girls!

The Women's Retreat is for you, too. Come make music, dance, walk a labyrinth, share stories, and just hang with other girls who are making a difference in the world. Girls from the Bloomington-Normal Peace & Justice Kids will be there. 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. Please request the **Maiden Registration Form** from b_wernick@yahoo.com or (309) 829-9311.

Saturday Workshops

Workshop Registration will be held during the conference. Brief descriptions of some of the workshops with the presenters are featured here. Additional topics and information will be included with your confirmation materials.

Beads, Promises, and Daily Life

Rachel Hile-Broad & Ariana Miller

Peace & Justice Kids is a group of youth who think being politically informed and socially active is cool. We'll consider the fun and challenges of being social activists in today's world and name peace and justice actions we plan to take. Then, we'll seal our commitment with beautiful beads on bookmarks to take home.

Connect with the environment

Fun with Memories

Mary Lou Steadman

Share some of your fondest memories - family relationships, the Depression, the UU church. These gems belong to us; they are ways of "getting to know you" as we "tiptoe through the tulips" and walk "down by the old mill stream."

Saturday Workshops

An Inconvenient Truth

Ceceilia Haasis

Mother, grandmother, activist, advocate, and concerned citizen discusses our global climate crisis but also how each of us can help save our world.

Book Discussion

Betty Jachim

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See

A story of friendship and of women's lives in 18th century China. Yes, there is footbinding, but the book also tells of the support systems the women developed and about *nu shu*, a secret language created by women in a remote section of Hunan for communicating away from the influence of men.

But - We've Only Just Begun...

Gay Semanko

The UUA has charged congregations to study Peace-making as an action issue. We will discuss how the Bloomington-Normal church has responded to this initiative – looking at study questions, selection of speakers, format, and, possibly, some recipes! Leave with seeds of inspiration for your own congregation!

Explore Connections with other women

UU WOMEN'S CONNECTION 2007 Spring Conference - - June 8-10, 2007

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 *Fee is reduced for maidens with a \$10 scholarship from the B-N UU Church (for those staying overnight on campus)*

SATURDAY-ONLY PARTICIPANT FEE
\$60* (registration, usage fee and 2 meals).
**Includes \$10 B-NUU Church scholarship.*

EXTRA SATURDAY MEAL
Add \$5 for breakfast _____

\$10 LATE FEE (if registration mailed after 5/22)

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 08/07 or earlier)

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTION *Your contribution enables other Women to attend UU Women's Connection Retreats.*

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

REGISTRATION: _____ \$40.00

OR SATURDAY-ONLY: _____

LATE FEE: _____

ROOM/BOARD: _____

MEMBERSHIP/DUES: _____

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTION: _____

TOTAL: _____

Make check payable to UU Women's Connection.

See reverse side for scholarship application.

Send form & fees to Cheryl Springwood, 1208 Broadway, Normal, IL 61761 by 5/22/07.
(Full refund if cancelled **before** 05/22/07.) You'll receive a confirmation letter and map.

Questions? Call Mary Lou Steadman (309) 661-8762, or e-mail at dambaw6@hotmail.com

MAIDEN 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 _____

Other (please list, e.g. require large print map) _____

ROOM/BOARD INFORMATION

Rates listed are per person for the *entire conference period, Friday evening through Sunday morning*. Meals included are Friday dinner (6-7 p.m.) through Sunday breakfast. Food is served buffet style with a fresh salad bar. Check-in time is 4 p.m. Friday. Room check-out time is 10 am Sunday.

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 Double Triple Dorm (4-6)

Your Accompanying adult also receives a \$6.00 discount off of the room price for her choice of Higgins or Upper Conference Center and \$7.00 off for Lower Conference – the prices below indicate both the Maiden rate and the Accompanying Adult rate.

Maidens rooming together will be in the lower Conference Center -

4 single beds and 4 bunks in a room, 2 semiprivate baths for the 4 rooms

Dorm _____ (73.00, bring a sleeping bag - add \$10.00 if linens are supplied)

Other room choices (sheets, pillow, blanket, towels and washcloths provided) with adult are:

Higgins Lodge (separate cozy building, 20 yards from the Conference Center Building

All twin beds – singles, doubles or triple – shared bathrooms with showers)

Single _____ (\$99) double _____ (\$96) triple _____ (\$96)

Upper Conference Center – on the same level as the chapel and the Dining Center

(Large hotel-type rooms with private baths-room w/handicap access bathroom have twin beds).

Single (twin bed) _____ (\$117.00) double (2 double beds) _____ (\$102)

SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT APPLICATION

The UU Women’s Connection grants 5 scholarships of up to \$100 each. **Applications must be postmarked by deadline-date.** You’ll get an answer to your request within 10 days.

My need is _____

My home church/group will provide _____

I would like UU Women’s Connection to provide _____

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Do you have a youth accompanying you? – Please contact Brenda at 309-829-9311 (or b_wernick@yahoo.com for an e-copy) for special rates and the **Maiden Registration Form**

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)

SATURDAY-ONLY PARTICIPANT FEE

\$70 (registration, usage fee and 2 meals).

EXTRA SATURDAY MEAL

Add \$5 for breakfast _____

\$10 LATE FEE (if registration mailed after 5/22)

ROOM/BOARD

Room type requested _____

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

Single (twin bed) _____ (\$123.00) 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, doubles or triple – shared bathrooms with showers)

Single _____ (\$105) double _____ (\$102) triple _____ (\$102)

SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT APPLICATION

The UU Women’s Connection grants 5 scholarships of up to \$100 each. Additional \$20 grants are available to help with childcare expense. *Note: On-site childcare is not available, though nursing babies are welcome.* **Applications must be postmarked by deadline-date.** You’ll get an answer to your request within 10 days.

My need is _____

My home church/group will provide _____

I would like UU Women’s Connection to provide _____

Additional Connection scholarships are allocated for ministerial students. Please list school name and degree sought _____