

# Voice Of Women

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## WOMEN'S WEB CMD-UUWF SPRING CONFERENCE

April 19, 20 & 21  
(To replace last Fall's cancelled conference)

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How can we best serve the needs of the women in this district? We in CMD-UUWF need to ask ourselves this question. In discussing the consensus statements from Womanquest at our recent retreat, ably led by Clarise Jefferson, the Board reviewed what we now have and what we need. Our assets, in priority order, are conferences, VOW, authority, tradition, our board and membership. Our needs are better communication, clarification of our role, time, diverse membership and organization. Also discussed were change, power, commitment, money, tough issues, energy, readiness, geography, blocks, focus, extremes and open mindedness. As you can see many of these matters tie together and we need to determine the best way to clarify our role, reevaluate our purpose and increase our effectiveness.

Power was defined in many ways and the power from within, collaborative power and empowering were important concepts discussed. As a board we will be continuing to discuss these issues and begin to compile a mission statement, objectives and goals to be presented to the full membership. We also hope to hold a joint meeting with the W & R Committee to begin collaborative efforts in the district to answer the question of how we can best serve the needs of women in our district.

*Blessed Be,* Joanne Fought, President

### LAKE GENEVA IN SPRINGTIME

We have reserved Lake Geneva accommodations for CMD-UUWF on April 19, 20 & 21. Please note on the enclosed form that there are time slots when you may enjoy the beauty of the campus, go sightseeing or do some shopping - if you prefer those activities. Please mail the registration form along with your registration fee at your earliest convenience. WE MUST KNOW OF YOUR INTERESTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

### APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!

Congratulations to the Women and Religion Committee for planning the successful weekend, Womenspirit '91, in January. Thanks go to the members of the Bloomington women for all the work they did to make the weekend a success.

The Peoria Unit, UUWF, hosted the Board Retreat in February. Special thanks are extended to Shirley Cunningham, Jetta a'Porta and Linda Lyman for their assistance and to Clarise Jefferson for being an excellent facilitator.

**Editor's Note: This winter edition of VOW will be followed by a longer version in April.  
Contribution deadline - April 1**

### CMD /UUWF GRANTS AVAILABLE

The CMD/UUWF Board has recognized the need and has budgeted for grants to be available to women within the district to attend UUWF conferences and retreats. The Board's goals are:

1. To encourage women of the district to be a part of a conference experience
2. To assist those women who are not affiliated with a local unit, church, or fellowship to network with other women of the district.
3. To assist small units that are unable to provide financial assistance for their members.

#### Guidelines include the following:

1. The Board encourages local units to help their own members financially whenever possible
2. Grant referrals may come from units, ministers, or from any CMD/UUWF member.
3. Grant requests and applications will be kept confidential.
4. Five dollars of the nominee's grant will be used to pay membership dues in CMD/UUWF if financially necessary.
5. Application forms for grants will be included in VOW along with conference information.
6. Nominations will be accepted up to three weeks prior to the event. After the committee decides the amount to be awarded, the recipient will be notified at least two weeks before the event.

#### APPLICATION FOR CMD/UUWF CONFERENCE GRANT

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED BY: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
(name & address)

CONFERENCE OR RETREAT \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO : Pat Skogen Johnson, Rt. 1 Box 1, Beloit, WI 53511



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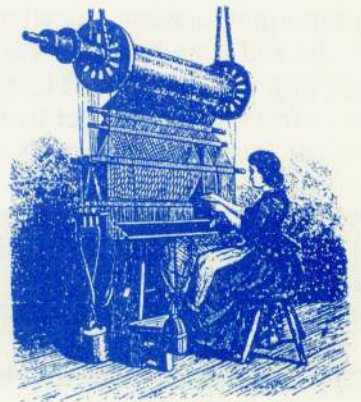
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1992 Womanspirit  
Conference

January 24, 25 & 26  
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 To be held in Chicago Area

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