

Voice Of Women

CMD/UUWF

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The past year has been a wonderful learning experience for me in working with CMD/UUWF Board Members and others involved in making our Womens' Federation a success. Our two board meetings in St. Louis and Bloomington gave us a chance to interact with members of those two churches as well as with each other. The arrangements for our meetings in those two areas were meticulously planned and carried out by the units at Bloomington and Eliot Chapel. Many thanks to all involved.

We have primarily performed the usual work of helping conferences, providing seed money for same, dealing with budget matters and generally doing that business for which we are elected. The previous Board, under the able leadership of Marion Baker, had set up guidelines for conferences, and finalized procedures that make the organization run much more smoothly. I thank her for all that she did. This past year the Board and those working on conferences have found the procedures very helpful.

I feel that we need to work harder as a district, units and individual members to increase our membership. To further that goal, I have asked Di Lovett and Nancy Babel, Board members, to design a brochure which can be sent to all churches in the District to tell them about UUWF. A rough draft is available for anyone to look at and I would welcome suggestions about content and design. It will be available at Lake Geneva. If this interests you, please take a few minutes to talk with any Board Member.

Another priority, I believe is that we reexamine our conferences, the amount of money they are costing, and how we can best fulfill the needs of the women in our District. Allerton enrollment was down and that has a direct impact on when we will hold Allerton. (see accompanying story) I assume that the decreased attendance has something to do with costs. In as much as the enrollment was 110 at Lake Geneva last year where the cost is lower, we must consider the costs in future planning.

On the other hand, perhaps lower enrollment at Allerton is all right. Even though Allerton is where we have conducted the business of our District, maybe having part of a business meeting at other conferences as we will do this fall is the way to go. Maybe getting women together at conferences is our most important task. I would like to hear your comments!

I would like to thank each of you for being loving and caring; you make all conferences a delight. Special thanks to all the Board members.

Jai Bhagwan is a salutation I use with my yoga students. It means "I honor the divine (or the light) within you," and I see that divine within each of us.

Jai Bhagwan

This is essentially the same message I had for an annual message, but because many of you were not at Allerton, I am repeating it, so we can begin to dialogue about our goals.



PAT MURRAY bids us a fond farewell. Her new address is 3709 Warner Dr. Apt. 209, Knoxville, TN 37912. She will be missed by all of us. **BEST WISHES & THANKS** from all of us in CMD.



ALLERTON 1989

Dates for the 1989 Allerton Annual Meeting are **June 13, 14 & 15, 1989**. It starts with lunch on Tuesday, June 13 and ends with lunch on Thursday, June 15.

The theme this year is **DOORWAYS**. "Doorways are sacred to women for we are the doorways of life and we must choose what comes in and what goes out." Marge Piercy

The Co-Chairs are Betty Jachim, Susan Karcher and Marilla Missbach from the **Oak Park UUWF**.

WANT ADS

Wanted: Person to edit newsletter for dynamic, progressive, regional womens' group. Need someone creative, experimental and willing to gain experience from a challenging new position. Salary: Love, appreciation 'n strokes from members. Title: VOW Editor. Apply to CMD/UUWF President. Helpful to be affiliated with a church that has offset printing capabilities

Wanted: Person to work with a national womens' network. Job Responsibilities: Serve as liason between CMD/UUWF and national Women and Religion Committee, communicate via workshops, seminars, guest speakers, etc. and provide a positive, loving image of women and their concerns. Salary: Satisfaction of seeing personal growth and awareness among all people. Apply to CMD/UUWF President.

Allerton date conflicts surfaced at the annual meeting in June. Allerton House informed us that it has a minimum weekend attendance of 75 and a mid-week minimum attendance of 45. There were 52 women at the June Allerton Conference. Because of the concern that we might not have 75 at the proposed weekend 1989 Allerton, it was decided by vote that we would move the 1989 Conference back to weekdays. We need your input as to what we can do in future years. Please take time to fill out the questionnaire at the bottom of your V.O.W. The budget for 1988-89 follows:

INCOME

Dues	\$1000.00
Conference Refunds	
Fall	900.00
Allerton	650.00
Fundraiser	150.00

	\$2700.00
From current resources	650.00

\$3350.00

EXPENSES

Board Meetings	\$350.00
Board Biennial	100.00
V.O.W.	300.00
Misc.	100.00
Seed Money	
Fall	900.00
Allerton	1000.00

	\$2700.00
Donations	
RCAR	50.00
Allerton Scholarship	350.00
CMD District	25.00
Matching Feminist Theology Scholarship	225.00

\$3350.00

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Please answer the following questions:

Which of the following UUWF conferences have you attended?

Camp Wyman _____ Lake Geneva _____ Allerton _____

If you were to attend Allerton, would you prefer to attend

Midweek _____ Weekend (75 minimum required) _____

Would you be able to attend UUWF Conferences

Midweek _____ Weekend _____

I can never attend Conferences

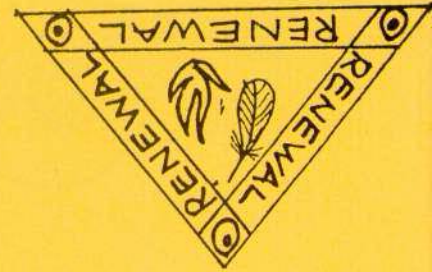
Midweek _____ Weekend _____

I would be willing to have CMD/UUWF make up the difference in cost for a weekend conference if we did not have the minimum number

No _____ Yes _____

Comments _____

Please complete and return to any CMD/UUWF Board Member or bring to Lake Geneva Conference. Thanks.



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CONTINENTAL NEWS:

Transforming Thought; Position Papers on Feminist Theology, Vol. 1 has been received by CMD/UUWF because of our generous donation of almost \$500 to the Feminist Theology Scholarship Fund. The book is in memory of Claire R. White, 1906-1985 and begins the serious exploration into the subject of UU feminist theology and all the very different things it means to women around the continent.

Contributors include Beth Williamson, Priscilla Baird Hinckley, Judith Walker-Riggs, Carolyn McDade and Lucile Schuck Longview. It presents a rich diversity of Feminist Theology from history, peace and justice to humor and action which reflects the tapestry of feminist thought. We are pleased to have the volume and look forward to the second volume

MANY THANKS to all who contributed to the matching funds that the CMD/UUWF Board set up. We are proud to be a part of this exciting chapter in Women's Theology.



Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and in every place subject to its jurisdiction. (Alice Paul, 1923)
Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. (27th Amendment, 1972)
Long before either of those, it was proposed at the 1850 Women Rights Convention: "Resolved: That rights are human rights and pertain to human beings, without distinction of sex; therefore, justice demands that all laws shall be made -- not for men, for for women -- but for humankind, that the same legal protection be afforded to the one sex as to the other."