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Dear UUA Board Member:

We are pleased to send you the brochure for the **International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women (ICUW) to be held in Houston, Texas from February 26 to March 1, 2009**. The ICUW is the first international gathering of UU women and the first time that we have met nationally in fifteen years. The Convocation theme is "Weaving global partnerships to enrich women's lives," and the program focuses on issues of concern to women around the world. Many of Unitarian Universalism's strongest leaders have agreed to be lead presenters.

We would like to thank the UUA for agreeing to sponsor the Convocation and for the help of its staff members; in particular, the Reverends Meg Riley and Eric Cherry. In addition to the UUA, there is a growing list of sponsoring UU organizations and international U*U judicatories.

We are much indebted to the UU Funding panel for grant funds that were used in part to develop a six-session course entitled the *Global Literacy Project* that we will be presenting at District Conferences this spring. Curriculum materials are available online at www.icuuw.com. We hope you will encourage the use of this course in your respective congregations, proceeds from sales go to our scholarship fund.

We're delighted to report that we are already over a third of the way toward our goal of raising \$100,000 for scholarships, which will ensure diverse representation at the Convocation. We are soliciting funds from UU congregations, several of which have already dedicated their Sunday plate offerings. We will honor every contribution in our printed program and would ask your support in encouraging UU congregations across the country to become involved in raising funds for this purpose.

A 2007 Action of Immediate Witness calls for all US congregations to work to welcome Unitarian Universalist women from around the world to the Convocation. In March, all UU congregations received a copy of the Convocation brochure through the UUA monthly congregational mailing. An advertisement about ICUW was included in the most recent issue of *UU World*, and we will promote the Convocation at GA '08 in Ft. Lauderdale.

Your assistance in sharing the good news about the Convocation would be invaluable. We would be most grateful for the opportunity to speak with each of you in detail about the ICUW, and to discuss how the UUA Board can become involved in this exciting event.

Truly yours,



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