

FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS

Celebrating the Margaret Fuller Bicentennial in Congregations and Local Communities

2010 is the Bicentennial of one of our foremost early Unitarian women, Margaret Fuller. Born in 1810, she was a writer, activist, and futurist who changed the way people viewed the world. One of the guiding lights of the first wave of feminism, she helped educate the women of her day by leading a series of Conversations in which women were empowered to read, think, and discuss important issues. She inspired generations to follow (including those who called the 1848 first women's rights meeting at Seneca Falls) through her ground-breaking writings, especially her landmark book, *Woman in the Nineteenth Century*. Her dispatches from England and Italy, where she supported the Italian Revolution of 1848, mark her as an early trans-nationalist and a role model for today's global society.

Her untimely death in a shipwreck in 1850 cut her life short, but her legacy lives on.

Many events and programs are planned for 2010 in New England and New York. To enable congregations and other organizations to also celebrate the Bicentennial, a variety of resources is being developed. Information about how to access these resources will be posted in Fall 2009 at www.margaretfuller.org.

Here are a few of the ways you might consider celebrating the Margaret Fuller Bicentennial:

- Celebrate Margaret Fuller Sunday on her 200th birthday—May 23, 2010—or plan a worship service about Margaret Fuller and her work anytime during the year.
- Arrange to display the Margaret Fuller traveling exhibit at your congregation or at a local library or school.
- Engage children and youth in learning about Margaret Fuller as an important Unitarian and as a role model for today.
- Plan a series of “Conversations” based on Margaret Fuller’s model of engaging people in articulating their understandings of important issues.
- Co-sponsor a program on Margaret Fuller with an area college or university—perhaps a panel of scholars of 19th Century American history, Women’s Studies, American literature, etc.
- Encourage your congregation or organization to become a Community Partner of the Margaret Fuller Bicentennial.

Details and resources at www.margaretfuller.org

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Become a Fuller Bicentennial Community Partner!

The Margaret Fuller Bicentennial (MFB) is an opportunity to celebrate and learn about an extraordinary woman and continue her global vision of equality and human rights. The Margaret Fuller Bicentennial Committee is a grassroots group of scholars, representatives of historical sites, commissions, organizations, and Unitarian Universalist ministers and lay people.

We invite your organization to join us as a Community Partner. Community Partners are encouraged to use the MFB logo and will be recognized on the MFB website and other in publicity about the Bicentennial. As a Community Partner of the Margaret Fuller Bicentennial (MFB), you agree to do any or all of the following:

- 1) Provide in-kind support and/or services to the MFB
- 2) Publicize the MFB at your location, through a link on your website to www.margaretfuller.org and announcements in newsletters and other forms of communication
- 3) Sponsor or host a program during the Bicentennial year (2010)
- 4) Promote MFB programs at your events
- 5) Participate in other programs during the Bicentennial year
- 6) Contribute transcripts, recordings, pictures, and other materials to the MFB for follow-up publications and website presentations

*To become a Community Partner, please download the form at
www.margaretfuller.org*

□ Become a Sponsor of the Fuller Bicentennial

Sponsorships for the Bicentennial are also welcome (and tax deductible at the following levels:

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- Conversationalists (\$50-\$99)
- Scholars (\$100-\$499)
- Revolutionaries (\$500-\$999)
- Visionaries (\$1,000+)

Sponsorship donations will be matched by the Fund for Unitarian Universalism.

*Donations to the Margaret Fuller Bicentennial may be made online at
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