



We know where we've been and we know where we're going! The path on the journey to "radical transformation" has been exciting and especially full this year.

The results of the first grants cycle of the UUWF Grants Program is evident in our GA programming where you can learn about "Busy Bees of Kabwe, Zambia Workshop," and "Mira Mama—Radio PSAs on Human Trafficking," just two of our dynamic awards. Another award will update and republish "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven," an adult religious education curriculum that frequently brings non-UU women into our churches. UUWF will be honoring Shirley Ranck, the author of "Cakes" with our prestigious Ministry to Women Award. Our plan is to increase funding available for grants to \$25,000 in 2007.

In a featured planning committee slot, our nominee, Dr. Azza Karam will address us on the topic, "There Is More Peace Somewhere." A highly acclaimed speaker, Dr. Karam, brings the unique perspective of a Muslim woman from the Arab world and one who is experienced in the arena of religions and peace.

The Margaret Fuller Awards Program demonstrated the dynamism that is present in the area of religious feminisms. This year's recipients are: Dr. M'ellen Kennedy for a project in small group ministry, "Encountering Feminist Theologies," Lisa Paul Streitfeld for "21st Century Theology: The Hieros Gamos," a short theology book on gender equality and contemporary mythology, and continued support to the Women's Alliance for "Seasons of Survival: Rituals for Women with Breast Cancer." You can learn more about all these projects and sample a ritual by checking our ad in this program book.

The good news is that we have just been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Veatch Program of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock. The board has designated half of that money to be spent on web design and half on bolstering our development work and our member donor base. We are very pleased to announce that our 2005-06 fundraising has more than doubled over last year's receipts. Just imagine what that can be next year with this increased funding!

Now to the heart of the matter. We have demonstrated potential, that we know where we are going and how we will get there. It is clear that we need more special women to join us on the journey. We need talented, capable, self-directed, computer-savvy women with a passion for social justice and feminist issues to join us in our efforts. We know there are women you know who may be looking for a challenging volunteer position, and we have made a commitment to reach just the right women. There are many positions available, and we will match the time available and the skill sets with the right job.

I would be remiss not to thank all of you who have supported us with your money, time, and most importantly, with encouragement. Your confidence in our work means so much to us. So--- --follow the aroma of fresh popcorn to our booth and visit with our dynamic volunteers. Consider joining us in our mission of advancing justice for women!

Nancy W. Van Dyke, President