



Report from the UU Women's Federation: GA 2007

We are deeply involved through our Grants program in our mission of *advancing justice for women and girls through education and advocacy*. With our funding this year:

- Women in crisis in Boston will be learning **financial literacy and goal-setting**
- The Mother's Union of Sierra Leone will have money to help establish a **model early childhood education and support program for girls at risk**
- Radio spots in Spanish and Qui'che are educating women migrating from South America about **sexual harassment and domestic violence**
- A grassroots organization in the Philippines is providing services and livelihood projects **empowering and educating Filipina women**
- Low income women in Massachusetts will receive **English language, life skills English, and citizenship courses**.



One of the Busy Bees – a collective of HIV affected women in Zambia which has received funding from the UUWF Grants Program

In the past several years we have evolved into an organization that raises money to fund projects helping women and girls throughout the world. We are very pleased to announce that our fundraising during the past year has more than doubled the previous year's receipts. Just imagine the projects we can support next year with this increased funding! Part of our success in enhancing our fundraising capacity is due to the support of the UU Veatch Program of the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock, which awarded us a \$20,000 grant in 2006 and another for \$25,000 in 2007.

The UUWF Clara Barton Internship for Women's Issues, founded by a \$200,000 donation from UUWF, continues to provide opportunities for young UU women to learn advocacy, lobbying and leadership skills. The current intern, Meredith Schonfeld-Hicks, has done outstanding work in reproductive rights. She was featured in the religion section of the *Washington Post*, August 12.

Our **Margaret Fuller Grants Program** continues to support Unitarian Universalist women in important scholarly, prophetic and innovative explorations of religious feminisms. Visit our redesigned web site – www.uuwf.org – for more information about all of our grants. Learn more about UUWF's other activities and accomplishments and become a **partner with us in this work**.

The UUWF is pleased to invite you to hear **Dr. Riane Eisler**, recipient of our prestigious **Ministry to Women Award** on Thursday at 1:00 pm (Oregon Ballroom 324) in the Convention center. During this workshop she will make a major presentation related to her new book, *The Real Wealth of Nations: Creating a Caring Economics*. Some of you may remember her as the author of *The Chalice and The Blade: Our History, Our Future* and *The Power of Partnership and Tomorrow's Children*. Archbishop Desmond Tutu says, "*The Real Wealth of Nations* gives us a template for the better world that we have been so urgently seeking."

And follow the smell of fresh-popped popcorn in the Exhibit Hall to the UUWF booth, where you can join us to actively make a difference!