

TOWARD A NEW DAY

The Women and Religion Movement is alive and well in the 21st Century. It exists in UU communities that hold Women & Religion programs and gatherings for those who identify as women. It exists at the UU General Assembly, where UUW&R brings our Store to the Exhibit Hall and occasionally hosts a gathering. And it lives in the hearts and lives of those who have been touched by the many changes inspired by this movement.

OUR MISSION

Unitarian Universalist Women & Religion is dedicated to freeing ourselves, others, and the Earth from traditional, historical, and contemporary oppressive and patriarchal systems.

We continue to work together to implement the 1977 UUA Women & Religion Resolution, which calls us to examine and put aside sexist assumptions, attitudes, and language. We extend that work by learning anti-oppressive attitudes, languages, and behaviors.



"Stomp out Patriarchy" Lucile Schuck Longview

"We do not want a piece of the pie. It is still a patriarchal pie. We want to change the recipe!" Rosemary Matson

OUR STORY

In 1977 the UUA General Assembly unanimously passed the Women & Religion Resolution, calling all individual UUs and UU organizations to examine and put aside sexist assumptions, attitudes, and language and to explore and eliminate religious roots of sexism in myths, traditions and beliefs.

For two decades the UUA W&R Committee led in transforming Unitarian Universalism toward greater inclusiveness and gender equality. W&R groups formed at the district level, and held programs and retreats. Gatherings are still held in many regions. There are long-time groups holding regular events in the Midwest, Southeast, Southwest and Pacific US, plus Canada which continue to nurture and support UUs who identify as women.

In 1996 the UUA Board declared the work of the Resolution finished and thus "sunsetting" the Women and Religion Committee. District groups, however, continued to meet. In 2002, in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Resolution, UU Women & Religion officially became a UUA independent affiliate organization. The UUA later changed that to "Related Organization."



Part of our mission is to keep women's spirituality resources available and accessible for UUs and groups at every level. We travel to as many gatherings as time and funds permit, and regularly add new items to the 50+ works by UU women writers and artists to the online and traveling Store.



PROJECTS

- * 2025 – Collaborations with UU women's groups
- * 2024 – Revive discussions on inclusion
- * 2022 – New Facebook group for RiseUp facilitators
- * 2021 – Republish Meg Bowman's popular **Guide to Crone Rituals** book
- * 2018 – Donate archive materials to Meadville-Lombard Heresies UU women's herstory project
- * 2017 – 40th Anniversary of W&R Resolution - co-sponsor celebration at GA with UUWF
- * 2016 – UUW&R Store adds digital music downloads
- * 2014 – Begin archiving UUW&R materials online with the help of Liz Fisher and long-time UU women.
- * 2013 – Co-sponsor with UUWF "What Is Reproductive Justice" Webinar
- * 2010 – Margaret Fuller Bicentennial events/website
- * Co-sponsor 2009 International Convocation of UU Women, www.icuuw.org
- * Co-sponsor 2008 Cakes facilitator training, website, FB
- * 2007 and 2008 – Update and republish Cakes for the Queen of Heaven curriculum; start online Store

General Assembly

- * 2025 – Presentation on UU women's groups
- * 2014-2023 Red Tent gathering in Exhibit Hall
- * 2020 Co-sponsor Ministry to Women Award and gathering with UU Women's Federation.
- * 2011 help sponsor "Goddess Diaries" performance
- * 2007 Create worship service for the 30th anniversary of the Women & Religion Resolution
- * 2007 Program featuring Buddhist feminist, Rita Gross, co-sponsored with the UU Buddhists

THE UUA WOMEN AND RELIGION RESOLUTION HAS INSPIRED ...

REVISION of the UU PRINCIPLES

Especially the 7th Principle: "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."

6th SOURCE of UU TRADITION

"Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions, which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature."

PROGRAMS and PUBLICATIONS

Sexism Audit: Cleansing Our Temple
Affirmative Action for Women in Ministry
Singing the Living Tradition hymn book

CURRICULA

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven *
Sexism and Peacemaking
Rise Up and Call Her Name *
Gender Justice
Unraveling the Gender Knot study guide *
Welcoming Congregation Program
Safe Congregations Programs
Shared Ministry Sourcebook
Our Whole Lives
Cultural Literacy Project
Women of Wisdom (Crone Curriculum) *

RITUALS

Sharing Joys and Sorrows
The Water Ritual *

* = available in our online store



OUR FUTURE

UU Women & Religion

CHALLENGES all to affirm, defend, and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person

PROGRESSES toward our goals, using shared leadership and consensus building

WORKS to end patriarchal systems, which undermine achievement of a world of peace and justice with respect for every person and for the interdependent web of all existence.

ENCOURAGES each person's own path to spiritual growth.

EMPOWERS all people to choose how to change unjust systems, as we walk together toward a new day.

ONLINE RESOURCES

UUW&R Store: www.uuwr.org

UU Women's Retreat Calendar:
www.uuwr.org/calendar

UUW&R Herstory:
www.uuwr.org/resources/archives
www.LucilesRedNotebook.org

UU Women's Groups:
www.uuwr.org/resources/districtgroups

CAKES FACILITATOR RESOURCES:
www.cakesforthequeenofheaven.org

RISE UP AND CALL HER NAME
www.riseupandcallhername.com

MARGARET FULLER BICENTENNIAL and
resources: www.margaretfuller.org



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