

A CONFERENCE ON

WOMEN THE SPIRITUALITY
AND OF
SPIRITUALITY SOCIAL CONCERN



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1984

RELIGIOUS STUDIES &
WOMEN'S STUDIES
MANKATO STATE
UNIVERSITY

UNITED
CHRISTIAN
CAMPUS CENTER

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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- 8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration. Displays open and available for browsing.
- 8:00 a.m. Students taking course for credit meet in Armstrong Hall, Room ~~219~~ ²¹³.
- 8:30 a.m. Music and singing start.
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome to the Conference. Acknowledgements and introductions.
- 9:15-10:30 a.m. Keynote Address, with questions and answers following.
- 10:40-11:55 a.m. First Workshop period.
- 12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch and lunch-time organizational meetings.
- 12:45-1:00 p.m. Music and sing-along.
- 1:00-2:30 p.m. Keynote panel of religious activists.
- 2:40-3:00 p.m. Group singing.
- 3:10-4:25 p.m. Second Workshop period.
- 4:35-5:50 p.m. Third Workshop period.
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner, with dinner table discussion sessions.
- 7:30-7:45 p.m. Singing and practice for the celebration.
- 7:45-9:15 p.m. Service of celebration.
- 9:15- ? United Christian Campus Center (331 Dillon Avenue--just off campus) open for chatting, debriefing, discussion, and wind-down.

NOTE: Since mealtimes are not long and there are limited resources in the area for food service on weekends, we encourage you to plan to eat on the conference site. You may purchase a meal plan from our food service, or may brown-bag with your own food. We have programs available at mealtime in order to continue the energy of the Conference.

NOTE: Students taking the Conference for University credit may be required to meet with the instructor during an eating period and again briefly at the end of the evening celebration. They begin with an 8:00 a.m. meeting in Armstrong Hall, Room 219.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

TITLE: "Deposing the Mighty from Their Thrones and Exalting the Lowly":
Spirituality for Today's Women-Liberators

SPEAKER: MAUREEN FIEDLER

Maureen Fiedler is a Co-Director of the Quixote Center, a national Catholic justice center based in Mt. Rainier, Maryland (near Washington, D.C.). She is also a co-founder and National Coordinator of Catholics for the Equal Rights Amendment.

Maureen has been active for women's rights both in the church and civil society since she came to the Quixote Center in 1976. Her work for the ERA took her to Illinois, Nevada, Virginia, Oklahoma, Florida, Iowa and Missouri. In May and June of 1982 she was one of eight women who fasted for 37 days in Springfield, Illinois, for the ratification of the ERA.

She has written and lectured widely on women in politics, the status of women in the church, the Equal Rights Amendment, feminist spirituality, and the church as a political institution. She is the co-author of Are Catholics Ready?, a study of Catholic opinion on equality for women in church ministry and society.

In February 1983 and December 1983 Maureen visited Central America: Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador. Since those visits, she has been active in supporting the liberation of that region by promoting a non-interventionist U.S. Central American policy. She is the co-editor of both Nicaragua: A Look at the Reality (165,000 copies in circulation) and Honduras: A Look at the Reality. Her work has included lobbying in the U.S. Congress and numerous speaking engagements.

Maureen holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Her doctoral dissertation dealt with women in U.S. politics.

KEYNOTE PANEL

ANTIGA (MARY LEE GEORGE)

Antiga is a feminist, educator, writer, artist, singer and workshop creator. She guides groups, facilitating change and growth through the workshop process. She develops her spirituality by creating celebrations and rituals from a Wiccan perspective. Her fascination with language led her to get an M.A. in linguistics and then to study how sexism is interwoven into our language. Her writing and art have appeared in many feminist publications. Her book, What Can I Learn? by Mary Lee George, is an invitation to enjoy life as one learns.

DELMARIE GIBNEY

Delmarie Gibney, a Catholic Franciscan sister, is Director of Global Education Associates of the Upper Midwest. She lectures widely on global spirituality, earth-centered caring, and the need to see the world as a global village. Delmarie formerly worked in Central America. She recently was again in Nicaragua as part of the witness for peace movement, whose presence lessens the fighting on Nicaragua's borders. Contemplation, simple life-style, and work for world justice concerns are keynotes of Delmarie's spirituality.

BARBARA MISHLER

Barbara Mishler, the single mother of two step-daughters and one son, works in publishing. She has been active in the peace movement for about fifteen years in a variety of ways: vigils, leafleting, marching (both locally and in other areas), tax resistance, and lecturing. She has been active in the Honeywell Project in Minneapolis, and has been arrested several times for civil disobedience. Part of Barbara's exploration of her own journey in life has included the practice of both yogic and Buddhist meditation.

REV. GERI SOLOMON

The Reverend Geri Solomon is a Baptist minister. She coordinated the 1984 Mothers' Day March in the Twin Cities, designed to bring back the original pacifist and feminist meanings of the day. Geri is also director of We the People, a social service/social change organization which serves the community by providing emergency groceries, free clothing and household items, hot meals and counseling.

DEDE WOLFSON

Dede Wolfson has combined her Judaism and feminism in a variety of social concerns spurred by her awareness of increasing limitations on individuals' rights. Some of her current involvements include: vice president of Public Affairs and Education for the St. Paul section of National Council of Jewish Women, membership co-chair of the Ramsey County Women's Political Caucus, recorder for the Minnesota Equal Rights Alliance, co-chair of the Critical Issues Committee for the Sisterhood of Mt. Zion Temple, and board member of the District 16-Summit Hill Association Planning Council of St. Paul.

WORKSHOPS

Morning--10:40-11:55 a.m.

Women and Self-Esteem

Edna Erickson Bernhardt, a former elementary school teacher, has done research and writing on the infusion of guidance concepts into the school curriculum, and is currently a graduate student in Counseling and Student Personnel at MSU.

This workshop will present specific strategies for building self-esteem. We will generate a list of practices and values which do not promote women's self-esteem. The session will end by sharing ways to promote self-esteem in women.

A Call to New Vocations

Dr. Jane Boyajian is President of Workethics, Project Director of Minnesota Employment Dilemmas in a Changing Economy, Founding Editor of Bioethics Quarterly and a Unitarian Universalist Minister. Mona Johnson is Program Director, Working Opportunities for Women, Seminar Instructor in Adult Career Development, and President of Continuum--Minnesota.

This workshop will highlight an emerging theology of work toward "An Economy of the Common Good." We will overview public, private and religious partnership activities taking up these issues and various responses to Pope John Paul II's encyclical "On Human Labor." Discussion will focus on the practical implications for individuals acting out their spirituality in their work roles.

Clues to the Second Coming

Kathryn Christenson, Development Associate at Gustavus Adolphus College, has published her poetry in both books and periodicals. She regularly offers poetry readings and has worked with liturgical forms.

This workshop will be based on several of Kathryn's poems. Two major themes--finding God's voice in woman and finding woman's voice in God--will provide the focus of our work. We will move with whatever insights we discover in ourselves as a group within the framework of the conference theme.

Women and the Institutional Church: Where Are We At and Where Are We Going?

Father Joe Fogal is Chaplain of St. Thomas More Newman Center at MSU. Barbara Keating is Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, MSU. Joe and Barb have been working, together and with others, to understand and heal the sin of sexism in the institutional church.

This workshop is especially for women who are confused, alienated, or uncertain about women's role in religion and the changes that are (or are

not) happening. We will talk about sexism in religion, various religions' positions on women's issues, women's views of religion, social change in the institutional church, and the dual role of women and religion in social justice issues.

With Love in My Heart: Women and Non-Violent Action

The Reverend Linda Gesling is Program Director of the Minnesota Fellowship of Reconciliation.

The workshop will build on Rev. Gesling's own theology and experiences, using historical and theological sources to help participants understand non-violence as both a lifestyle and an approach to social action.

Old Women, the New Poor

Joanne Klinnert is a Franciscan sister currently working with older sisters to improve their quality of life. She is Christian Effectiveness Director of The Franciscan Sisters Health Care, Inc., concerned with health issues and the integration of peace and justice concepts into the operation of health care facilities.

We will engage in group activity to demonstrate how older women become marginalized because of changes in their social and financial status. Overheads will detail statistics on older women, and we will look at slides of old women and old objects to highlight the beauty and poignancy of aging. Joanne will also share her work with older women with ideas about how we can be involved and what resources and organizations are available for networking.

Non-Violence: Mystics, Activists, and Pragmatists Do It!

Elaine Lilly, native Mankatoan and 1975 Gustavus Adolphus graduate, is administrative assistant for the International Seminars on Training for Non-violent Action. She has been international secretary to CANVI, a non-violent action collective on anti-militarism and environmental issues.

This workshop will review briefly the many faces of non-violence. Then we will attempt together to define non-violence and raise issues concerning its relevance to women.

Working for Political Peace and Its Personal Implications

Polly Mann is Director of WAMM, Women Against Military Madness. A peace activist since 1954, she is one of the co-founders of the organization. She served on several state boards on education and mental health, and has lobbied against the Viet Nam War in Washington.

We will share experiences of fitting the personal and spiritual into political action from a feminist perspective, using input from people who are active in this work. All participants are invited to tell of their own experiences.

Wifely Submission and "True Womanhood": Education for Victimization

Mary Jo Meadow, Professor of Psychology and Director of Religious Studies at MSU, has a life-long interest in all aspects of spirituality with particular interest in women's spirituality.

This workshop will explore the relationships between such practices of "true womanhood" as wifely submission and the victimization of women. We will discuss how valuing such practices educates both women and men to deprecate and abuse women.

Friendly (Quakerly) Ways in an Un-Quakerly World

Margaret Perisho, a seventh-generation Quaker, was born and raised in a Quaker home and attended Earlham College, a Quaker college. She taught math at MSU and retired in 1983.

Background information will be given on how Margaret's Quaker life has influenced some of the things she has done in her work with the underground railroad and sanctuary. There will be open discussion and sharing by participants with questions answered.

Ritual: Weaving the Web of Wholeness and Holiness

Peg Pfab is on the staff at the United Ministries in Higher Education in Minneapolis.

This workshop will explore the connection between ritual and spiritual and political life and deal with the resources for ritual-making. It will also be an opportunity to experience shared rituals to renew our energy and vision and prepare ourselves for transforming political action.

Twelve Steps to Social Concern

Ellie Polifka, a counselor for battered women, has organized several committees and task forces to work with problems of chemical dependency and violence in the home. She is organizing an ecumenical group in her area.

This workshop is based on the twelve steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, which greatly changed Ellie's own life. It will show how the twelve-step program can lead to a totally new approach to living one's life and to the awareness of the needs of others.

Womanchurch: Women's Reclaiming the Church

Rosemary Ruggle--student, mother, and wife--has been active in Womanchurch Mankato since its beginning.

Womanchurch began in Chicago in November 1983 with a gathering of about 1500 women. They reclaimed the church as bonded people responding to others' cries of suffering rather than as a hierarchical organization to which obedience is owed. This workshop will describe Womanchurch and its activities.

Issues of Peace and Justice in Central America

Sister Sandra Spencer returns to Good Council this fall after working with a Global Awareness Program in Mississippi and traveling to Honduras. She has spent eighteen years working in Guatemala.

This workshop will discuss how U.S. policy affects Central America and will draw on eighteen years of working with the Guatemalan people and coming to understand their needs.

Empowerment Ritual (Limit of 20)

Kaia Svien and Sage Passi are performing artists who combine politics, poetry, and spirituality. They have given numerous empowerment workshops and performed in churches and parks. Much of their material centers on issues in Central America and nuclear dangers.

This workshop creates and enacts an empowerment ritual. Ritual is presented as an active means of melding spirituality and moral action. Participants will develop portions of the ritual in small groups, then integrate them into a vehicle for moving from fear and uncertainty to hope and strength as we celebrate our connection through the life force.

Afternoon--3:10-4:25 p.m.

Mothers and Daughters and Spirituality

Kristan Beaumont did graduate work in psychology and is now in charge of day treatment in Blue Earth County Human Services. Her mother, Kathryn Beaumont Doty, is in private practice as a psychologist. Her interests are in the spiritual and religious aspects of the psychological process.

This workshop, conducted by a mother-daughter team, will use discussion and sharing of experiences to deal with the mother-daughter relationship as it both develops and impedes spiritual growth.

Inclusive Ministry: Gays and Lesbians Within the Fold

Jim Chalgren, advisor of alternative lifestyles at MSU, has long been active in working for rights of gays and lesbians. He serves on the Episcopal Dioceses of Minnesota Task Force on Human Sexuality, the National Lesbian/Gay Interfaith Alliance, the Minnesota Lesbian/Gay Interfaith Council, and the Board of Directors of the United Christian Campus Center.

We will discuss ethical perspectives, strategies, and the current status of lesbians and gays within various denominations. We will look at the implications for legal status, and will discuss together our own issues and concerns regarding the institutional church's dealings with lesbians and gays.

Songs of Christian Feminism

Dorothy Davies composes music from the Christian feminist perspective and is a performing musician. She feels strongly that "the Holy Spirit is using me as Her instrument to carry the Christian feminist message in music."

Dorothy will sing some of her own compositions expressing a variety of moods experienced in breaking through to the new freedom and challenge of feminism. Equality, justice, peace, human dignity, and Resurrection hope are the main themes of these songs. Between songs, she will share how they came to be, and we will discuss our struggles as women trying to integrate our religiousness and our feminism.

Pornography--Defacing the Image of G'd(dess)

Ruth Fingerhut has founded Yeshiva Without Walls, a new school for alternative Jewish education. She chairs the Jewish Task Force, and is on the steering committee of the Pornography Resource Center in Minneapolis.

The abuse of women by pornographic media and culture is a constant threat to our physical and spiritual integrity. The workshop focuses on the subtle subordination of our spirits by pornography and how we can turn activism into spiritual healing.

Preachers' Wives

Kay Flesner, a preacher's wife, mother, student, and instructor, is deeply concerned with issues about women, religion, church, and roles.

This workshop will explore the many problems of filling the role of preacher's wife. It is not only for preachers' wives, but also for all others interested in understanding this stressful role for women in today's church and society.

The Church and Women's Reproductive Rights

Linda Good is a feminist, parent, social activist, world peace ambassador, teacher, and seeker.

In this workshop, we shall begin to explore American church policy on birth control, contraception, and abortion. We shall also explore how women are or are not following official policy. Let's examine together how we, as women, feel about these sensitive issues that affect our lives.

Wiccan Shamanism

Sara Mandal-Joy is a feminist shamanic witch, a musician, a student, and a mother. She is developing a career of goddess-centered healing and is, with friends, in the process of organizing a goddess sanctuary.

This workshop will discuss what Wiccan Shamanism is, how it is practiced, and what it has to offer to the Feminist Movement. The workshop will include an experiential ritual with an animal dance (for those who choose to participate).

Spirituality Rooted in the Earth

Dorothy Olinger, a Notre Dame sister, is a citizen of Planet Earth greatly concerned about creating a future here that is healthy for the human family and all living things. She has been widely involved in religious education and in the work of Global Education.

"Who I am as the earth in its consciousness form is basic to who I am as person and the spirituality I live." In the new age into which we are moving and creating, our spirituality can be the sustaining, strengthening power we need. This workshop will explore our spirituality as citizens of Planet Earth.

Leadership Ethics for Social Action

Gerri Perreault is an assistant to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota and Chair of the Leadership Committee, Minnesota Women's Consortium.

Principles for an ethic for leaders in social movements will be outlined within a context that assumes our connectedness with others and the planet. Included will be discussion of ends and means, redefined power, and reciprocal leadership as well as strategies for living such an ethic.

Working for Political Peace and Its Spiritual Implications

Pat Powers, a former nun and teacher, is proprietor of Loretta's Tea Room in Minneapolis (where WAMM was born). She has been a peace activist since the Viet Nam War and is a charter member of Women Against Military Madness.

This will be a sharing of experiences about our involvement in social change work and what this means in terms of our spirituality. Pat will share her experiences with WAMM and with Clergy and Laity Concerned to start the discussion.

Ahimsa, Meditation, and Social Concern

Mary Gail Sovik, manager of the Center for Higher Consciousness in Minneapolis, is educated as a guidance counselor. She is a long-time student of the Himalayan Raja Yoga tradition.

Ahimsa (non-harming) is the attitude of non-harming in relationship to ourselves and others. It acknowledges a mutually shared Life Force. The workshop will discuss ahimsa and will include a meditation, a key resource in cultivating ahimsa as a method of dealing with social issues.

Creating a Personal Empowerment Ritual for Social Action (Limit of 12)

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Poor People's Perspective of the New Nicaragua

Mary Swenson and Meredith Dregni lived in the North of Nicaragua the summer of 1983. Mary now works with the Hunger Action Coalition in Minneapolis and Meredith works with the Center for Global Service and Education in Minneapolis.

This workshop will use narrative history, slides and statements from the people that we came to know. Implicit in the lives of these people is their personal strength, often gained from their work with core Christian communities. We will share what we learned from them.

The Battered Women's Movement

Julie Tilley, a Minnesota River Valley feminist working on her degree in Women's Studies, will present this workshop with other representatives from CADA House in Mankato. Julie, who has been involved in the battered women's movement for four years, will facilitate the discussion.

This workshop will cover women's philosophical base of empowerment, a process through which we, experts about our own lives, learn to know our strengths and empower ourselves to work to end violence against women. We use personal and collective power to validate personal violent experiences as politically oppressive rather than self-caused.

Women's Spirituality in Story Telling

Elaine Wynn is degreed in storytelling and therapy. She performs regularly in the Midwest and other places, and conducts workshop on storytelling for personal and planetary health through Key of See Storytellers.

This workshop will explore stories as an expression of women's spirituality. Elaine will tell stories, discuss some ways she has discovered women's spirituality in stories, and help the participants begin to tell their own stories.

Afternoon--4:35-5:50 p.m.

Ritual Making

Antiga works for social change from a Wiccan spiritual base. Her activist energy has focused on educational work around feminist issues of language and sexism in public schools as well as anti-nuke issues.

We will discuss ideas that help when creating ritual, how to use ritual in practical action and how to plan rituals to include people who have little or no experience doing rituals. Learning by doing, we will plan a ritual and carry it out to celebrate our participation in this conference.

The Power and the Glory? Women, Leadership and Social Change

Caroline Bassett is currently Dean for Academic Administration at Walden University, which offers a Ph.D. degree for mid-career professionals.

Much of Western culture has been governed by the drive for power and glory. This dominant ideology is characterized by a triple configuration of male dominance, hierarchy and authoritarianism, and social violence. A model of social change that will demonstrate that conditions may be right for a leadership of social concern to emerge will be presented.

Women As Peace Makers

Judi Bernstein completed her M.A. with an emphasis on peace and is now on the MSU Alumni Board. She believes in social action through art and poetry.

This workshop, which will end with one of Judi's own poems, is to help attenders realize what they can do to be peacemakers. If time permits, it will include an exercise in "future imaging."

Shame, Intimacy and the Child Within: Creating Rituals of Healing

Laurie Bushbaum, a long-time student of dance forms, is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister working as chaplain in a residential transition home for women. Sue Allers-Hatlie, a corrections counselor, is chaplain in a juvenile detention center. She is interested in worship experiences inclusive of the whole person.

We will experience three different rituals to heal our pasts and to reclaim our creative power as women. Come celebrate with us as we move on our journey toward wholeness of our body/mind/spirit selves.

To Call My True Love to My Dance

Gael Entrikin, social worker at Lutheran Social Service in Rochester, leads groups on sexuality, self-identity, and sexual assault issues. Renee

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Bergstrom is active in women's studies and youth education. Mary Wallace, teacher and retreat leader for junior highs, is active in many levels of the Episcopal Church. Virginia Huffine, liturgical dancer, is on the National Board of Directors of the Sacred Dance Guild. Karen Hanson is music director at Calvary Episcopal Church. Carol Teigen is a student of visual arts.

This workshop will offer a model for enabling women to focus on the personal dimensions of their own spiritual journey. We will then do exercises of poetry, dance, and imagery to empower us to define our own spirituality, reclaim feminine images in religious traditions, and validate our personal spiritual experiences and journeys.

Women's Spirituality and Recovery from Addiction

Marilyn Ganje-Fling, a Chemical Dependency Counselor at Chrysalis Center for Women, has worked in the chemical dependency field for ten years with a special interest and expertise in the area of spirituality and the recovering chemically dependent women.

This workshop is for women recovering from a harmful dependency addiction to chemicals, food, work, relationships or other substances. It will define the addiction process, the subsequent spiritual emptiness or loss, and the needs many women report in their recovery process. Marilyn will address spiritual needs, personal conflicts with past teachings on spirituality, ways women commonly experience their spirituality, and available spiritual groups or communities for the recovering woman.

Weaving Your Web! Harmonizing Political and Spiritual Visions in Action

Sharon Jaffe, part of the Minnesota Women's Peace Camp, is a Jewish lesbian feminist witch who has been a peace activist for years and helped organize the Women's Pentagon Action. She is concerned about militarism, U.S. foreign intervention and issues of oppression.

This workshop will use the spiritual foundations of political work to explore and nourish our individual way of challenging the world's violence. We will work toward a sense of how our spiritual vision of a healthy world can help us empower ourselves to transform the destructive tendencies in our culture.

Puja: A Prayer Ritual Central to Hindu Worship

Indira Junghare, an Indian-born Hindu, is Associate Professor in the Department of South and Southwest Asian Studies at the University of Minnesota.

In this workshop, the puja or offering to the deity ritual will be performed and the symbolism behind it will be analyzed. In India, this ritual, which is intimately linked to social considerations, is typically performed by women early in the morning at home altars.

Non-Violence: An Alternative Power System

Char Maddigan, 22 years a Catholic Sister of St. Joseph, works at St. Joseph's House, a shelter for women and children. She has protested weapons production at Honeywell for years.

This workshop will explore the connections between family and societal violence. It will look at the ways in which religion is both cause and cure of violence.

The Challenge of Equality

Sisters Michele Meyers and Kay O'Neil are feminist Catholic nuns. Since 1973 they have developed and taught courses throughout the Upper Midwest on women in the Christian tradition, assertiveness, and integrating Christianity and feminism.

We will inspect the consciousness of a call to equality arising from the Christian feminist spiritual renewal. We will dialogue on female-male issues of justice in religion and family in rural Minnesota. We will discuss action ideas and ways of bonding with and supporting each other.

Misogyny, Spirituality, and Social Action: Witch Burnings in the "Renaissance" and the "Moral Majority" Today

Carolyn Shrewsbury, Professor of Political Science, former Chair of Women's Studies at MSU, is concerned about the escalating virulence of attacks upon women arising from a presumably moral perspective.

A brief paper comparing the witch burnings and the new right, the religious and moral beliefs from which they stem, the role of religious institutions in developing public policies that implemented those beliefs, and the consequent impact on women will be followed by a general discussion of those issues and of the broader issue of what is the proper role of religious institutions in the formulation of public policy.

Christian Attitudes Toward War and Peace

Florence Sponberg, Professor Emeritus of English at MSU, is a worker for peace, anti-nuke, anti-militarism, and anti-interventionism.

This workshop will overview the development of the peace movement. We will discuss peace work at various periods in history and also the psychological split in people that makes them able to do in a group what they would never do individually, and what that split means in the life and thought of a nurturing person (woman).

Workshop Facilitators: Vera Ballman, Michele Meyers, Kay O'Neil, Carolyn Shrewsbury, Florence Sponberg, and Char Maddigan.

World Hunger--What Can We Do?

Karen Stephas, a special education teacher at Mankato West High School and the Southwest Minnesota representative to Hunger Action Coalition, helped organize the CROP hunger walk in Mankato this past spring.

This workshop will examine the causes of world hunger and will focus on what we are called to do about it from a Christian perspective. One of Karen's sources on the subject will be Ron Sider's book, Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger.

Women Who Are Poor

Rose Tillemans, a Sister of St. Joseph, is a poet, author, and social activist who is especially concerned with the needs of the poor in our society. Rose conducts the Free Store, a center and food service in Minneapolis for the poor.

We will look at a brief slide presentation of women who come to the Free Store and of other poor women. Rose will tell their stories and express the call these women have given to her. We will conclude with pictures of women who have survived their poverty and put their lives together.

Spiritual Pulse of Poland

Linda Willette of Blue Earth, Minnesota, is active in community journalism and has published a series of six articles on Polish experiences. She was Blue Earth Woman of Achievement in 1983.

This lecture/slide presentation will be based on personal observations from an eight-day tour with Friendship Force Mission to Poland in December 1983. It will discuss family, religious, and political issues in today's Poland with special emphasis on women's perspectives.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

MUSIC:

CAROL SMITH, a native Mankatoan, is secretary to the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at Mankato State. A folk/country Western singer-guitarist, Carol takes classes at Mankato State on a part-time basis and is currently pursuing a degree in Open Studies, with an emphasis on women's issues. As the mother of six grown children, step-mother to a teen-aged son, and grandmother of six, she is especially interested in the peace issue and in the promotion of the development of non-nuclear energy sources in order to ensure a safer and cleaner world for the next generation.

CELEBRATION RITUAL:

ELIZABETH PRINGLE is currently completing graduate studies in Experiential Education at Mankato State University. She also is a professional performer at Cherry Creek Theatre. Elizabeth has spent much time over the past several years exploring the connections between spirituality and theatre work.

LORA SLATER is a Mankato State University student majoring in psychology and minoring in Women's Studies and Religious Studies. The comparative study of religions has been one of her ongoing interests for the past twenty years.

OTHER

DISPLAYS:

CHERYL LEE has had an interest in peace and justice issues for twenty years. She is on the Board of Directors for the Peace and Justice Center of Southwestern Minnesota. A local businesswoman, Cheryl says that being involved in a family business gives her more time to pursue these very important social concerns.

CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS:

PATTI LATHER is an Assistant Professor of Women's Studies at Mankato State University.

MARY JO MEADOW is Professor of Psychology and Director of Religious Studies at Mankato State.

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Vera Ballman, Donald Bond, Robyn Dochterman, Rosemary Froen, Larry Gaffin, Cheryl Lee, Carolyn Shrewsbury, Florence Sponberg, Lora Slater, and Carol Smith

O T H E R C O N F E R E N C E I N F O R M A T I O N

MEALS: Those desiring meals MUST pre-register. The meal packet is \$10.00 extra and includes registration beverage, Saturday lunch and dinner. You are also welcome to bring a bag lunch or to make your own food arrangements. Food service on campus is, however, limited on week-ends. (Vegetarian meals will be available.)

HOUSING: Those interested in housing must make their own arrangements. A special bed and breakfast housing arrangement is available in the homes of members of Church Women United Forum. Hostesses will meet your bus or plane, or will provide driving information to their homes. The fee is \$12.00 a night.* For accommodations, please contact: Dolly Ellgren at ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ or Vera R. Ballman, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ by October 30, 1984.

The following motels are within the Mankato area:

			<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>
Holiday Inn North	Highway 169 North	(507) 625-9333	\$34.00	\$42.00
Holiday Inn Downtown	101 Main Street	(507) 345-1234	\$36.50	\$43.00
Redwood Motel	Highway 22 and 14	(507) 388-1621	\$19.00	\$26.00
Super Eight Motel	Highway 169 North	(507) 387-4041	\$22.88	\$26.88
Cliff Keyes Motel	1227 N. Front St.	(507) 388-1638	\$18-\$20	\$22-\$24
Prime Rate Motel	Highway 169 and 14	(507) 345-8800	\$25.00	\$34.00

CHILD CARE: Past experience has taught us that child care arrangements made are seldom used. However, we want no one to miss the conference for lack of child care. If you have a need in this area, contact Patti Lather at ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ by October 19. There will be a charge for this service.

MSU is accessible to the HANDICAPPED. Anyone who desires special arrangements should indicate those needs on the pre-registration blank.

Women whose religious practices require special arrangements for food, housing, or other needs should so indicate on the pre-registration blank.

CREDIT: Those interested in taking the Conference for one (1) credit either in Women's Studies or Religious Studies may do so. Additional sessions and study are required. The Conference fee is in addition to the fee for credit.

Partial SCHOLARSHIPS for anyone otherwise unable to attend are available. If desired, please pre-register and simply pay the student/senior citizen rate. Several full scholarships are available by contacting the Women's Studies Department at MSU (507) 389-2077.

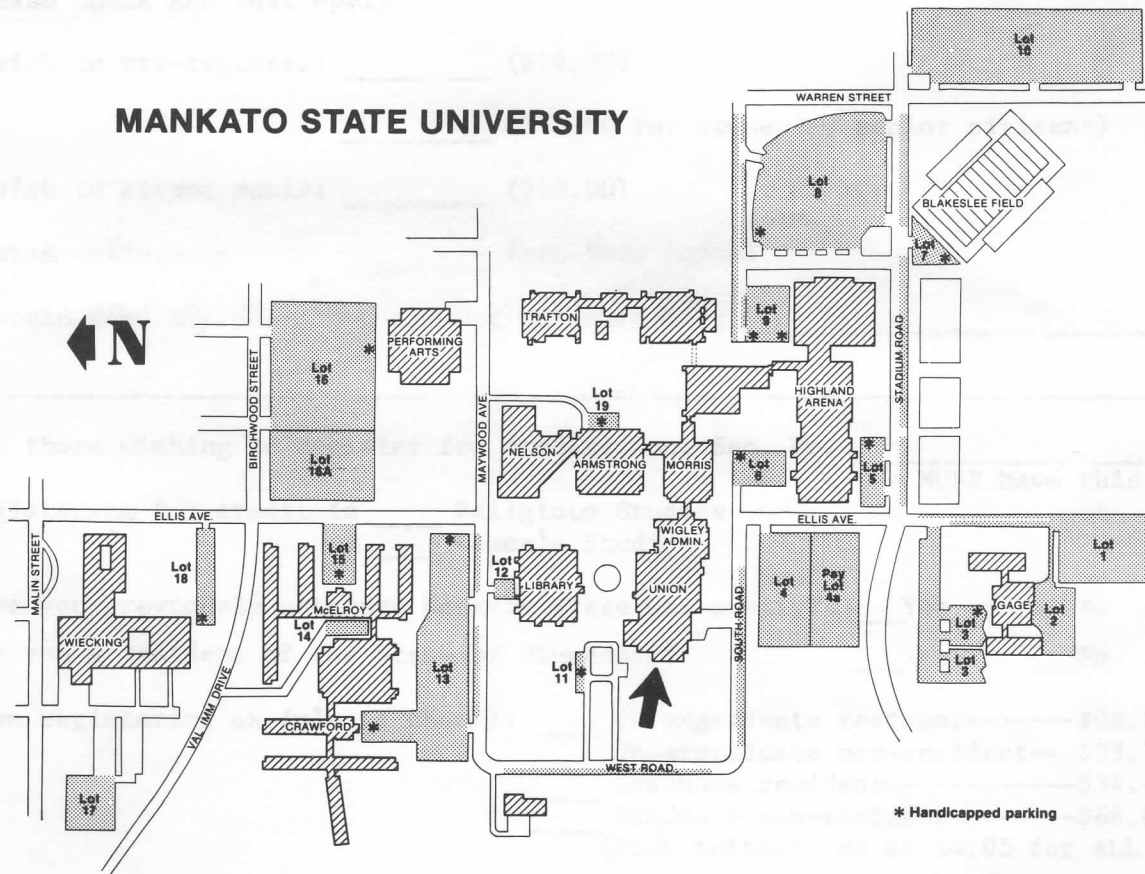
PARKING: You may park in any lot or other legal locations on Saturday. Lots 4, 6, or 4A will be the most convenient.

Other QUESTIONS: Call Women's Studies Department (507) 389-2077; or Mary Jo Meadow ~~(507) 389-XXXX~~ or ~~(507) 389-XXXX~~; or the United Christian Campus Center (507) 625-6779.

EMERGENCY MESSAGES will be relayed to you during the Conference by calling (507) 389-2111 (MSU Security).

*The money from the Bed and Breakfast Project would be a donation to the Fund for the Fifth Decade, which is a nation-wide project during 1983-84 for Church Women United.

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NOTE: This form may be duplicated for multiple registrations

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Return to: Women and Spirituality Conference
Box 64
Mankato State University
Mankato, MN 56001

RETURN BY OCTOBER 19, 1984, FOR PRE-REGISTRATION

Checks are payable to: Mankato State University. (NO refunds can be made)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
Street City State ZIP

Please check ALL that apply:

I wish to pre-register: _____ (\$16.00)
_____ (\$ 8.00 for students, senior citizens)

I wish to attend meals: _____ (\$10.00)

I wish college credit: _____ (see fees below)

I would need the following special arrangements: _____

For those wishing to register for credit: Soc. Sec. No. _____
(We MUST have this info.)

Registering for credit in _____ Religious Studies
_____ Women's Studies

Have you previously attended Mankato State University? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you a resident of the State of Minnesota? ___ Yes ___ No

I am registering as (please check):
_____ Undergraduate resident-----\$26.85
_____ Undergraduate non-resident---\$53.70
_____ Graduate resident-----\$34.40
_____ Graduate non-resident-----\$68.80
(Plus tuition fee of \$4.05 for ALL taking credit)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ + \$ _____ + \$ _____ = \$ _____
Registration Fee Meals Credit Costs Total

Receipts can be picked up at the pre-registration desk at the Conference on Saturday morning. Full information packets will be distributed at that time.

Pre-registration greatly helps us, so we offer you a price bonus for pre-registering. Later fees will be \$20.00 (regular) and \$10.00 (students and senior citizens). We will also have a quick pick-up line for those who have pre-registered!

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