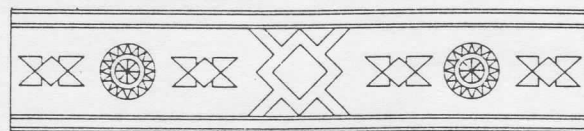


Lifepaths of Women

Celebrating Self and Community



WOMEN AND SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 17, 1987

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right relationship and actions for the good of all. (Diyana Yawac,
Tsalagi-Cherokee)

CHRISTIANITY: All things whatsoever ye would have men should do unto
you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law of the Prophets.
(Matthew 23:23)
JUDAISM: What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow-man. That is
the entire law; all the rest is commentary. (Talmud, Shabbat, 31a.)

OUR PURPOSE HERE

The intention of the "Women and Spirituality Conferences" is to
provide a supportive, nurturing setting for a dialogue of caring and
mutual respect between and among diverse spiritual traditions. In
not advocating or excluding any view, the Conferences hope to foster
an understanding and celebration of similarities and differences.
May we continue to aid one another on our individual and our
communal spiritual journeys.

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BRAHMANISM: This is the sum of duty: Do naught unto others which would cause you pain if done unto you. (Mahabharata 5, 1517)

BUDDHISM: Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful. (Udana-Varga 5, 18)

CONFUCIANISM: Surely it is the maxim of loving-kindness: Do not unto others that you would not have them do unto you. (Analects 15, 23)

TAOISM: Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain, and your neighbor's loss as your own loss. (T'ai Shang Kan Ying P'ien)

ZOROASTRIANISM: That nature alone is good which refrains from doing unto another whatsoever is not good for itself. (Dadistan-i-dinik 64.5)

ISLAM: No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself. (Sunnah)

GNOSTICISM: If you bring forth what is within you, what you bring forth will save you. If you do not bring forth what is within you, what you do not bring forth will destroy you. (The Gospel of Thomas)

WICCAN: Threefold Law - The greater your awareness, the greater your responsibilities: what you send returns to you three times over.

Many spiritual and religious traditions express a longing to be in harmony with the Universal Source. Please send us any other "Golden Rules" and their sources so that we may expand on this selection.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"Lifepaths of Women: Celebrating Self and Community"
Charlotte Black Elk

Charlotte Black Elk lives in Manderson, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The translation of the oral tradition of the Ogalala people is one of her ongoing projects. She is involved with the "Sioux Nation Black Hills Act." She is mother to three children. Her book, Woman Adorned, is due to be published in the near future.

RITUAL MOVEMENT FACILITATOR

Florence Cobb is a humanist who works as a dance educator. She will lead the Invocation: a ritual movement that summons self-awareness and self-affirmation. She will also share in the creation of our closing ceremony with Charlotte Black Elk and Mary Van Voorhis.

PANEL MEMBERS

Ann Halloran, O.P. - member of the Halloran family from Southern Minnesota, member of a Dominican Women's Community in Sinsinawa, Wisconsin, and a member of the Catholic Faith's Global Community. Being a member of these communities has contributed to the development, growth, and nurturing of her spirituality - which is as important to Ann as life itself.

Najma Siddiqi, an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Bangladesh University, is a devoted believer in Islam. The word Islam means peace. Najma sees Islam as a powerful vehicle for women's spiritual freedom. Frequently misinterpreted, Islam highly emphasizes and encourages a lifepath of spiritual development for women.

Eleanor Otterness, a Unitarian, has been active in the Peace Movement since 1957. She has worn many "hats" in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, both statewide and nationally. Eleanor has attended many global conferences, including the UN Decade for Women Conference in Nairobi in 1985 and the 1987 World Congress of Women. She is currently making presentations promoting the importance of disarmament and "Global Sisterhood" for the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Sharon Jaffe is a Jewish Lesbian Feminist whose family includes orthodox Jews, hassidic Jews, assimilated Jews, and political Jews. She is a writer and member of the Twin Cities Women's Minyan. She creates and participates in political ritual.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16

5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Potluck for Presenters & Conference Committees
Good Council Education Center

2:00, 7:00 & 9:15 p.m. Film - "Broken Rainbow"
Student Union Conference Auditorium \$1.75

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

7:30 - 8:45 a.m. Registration & Exhibits
Student Union Ballroom & Foyer

8:45 - 9:00 a.m. Welcome - Margaret Preska, MSU President

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Invocation: a ritual movement with Florence Cobb

9:15 - 10:30 a.m. Introduction - Margaret Mara, Women's Studies
Keynote Address - Charlotte Black Elk

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Short Break

10:45 - 12:00 Noon Workshops I

12:00 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch - Student Union Cafeteria

1:15 - 2:30 p.m. Workshops II

2:30 - 3:00 p.m. Break & Exhibits - Student Union Ballroom

3:00 - 4:15 p.m. Workshops III

4:15 - 4:30 p.m. Short Break

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Panel Discussion - Student Union Ballroom

5:30 - 6:45 p.m. Dinner - Student Union Cafeteria

6:45 - 7:00 p.m. Return to Ballroom

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Closing Celebration - Student Union Ballroom

8:30 pm A performance by Jane Curry
"Samantha Rastles the Woman Question"
Student Union Conference Auditorium \$3.00

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

7:00 & 9:15 p.m. Film - "Broken Rainbow"
Student Union Conference Auditorium \$1.75

CONFERENCE HERITAGE

Several years ago, women from Mankato State University and the Mankato community envisioned an opportunity for spiritual and religious women to meet and share insights and concerns. These women wanted to cultivate a global consciousness into their spiritual and religious traditions. They were especially interested in connecting the concerns of rural communities in Southern Minnesota with global issues. The purpose of activities envisioned would be educational, and would embrace women and men of diverse spiritual and religious traditions. An evening lecture given by Sister Vera Chester of Saint Catherine's College, attended by 75 people, gave birth to the "Women and Spirituality Conferences."

The following fall (1982) the first conference was held with keynote speeches by former Mankatoan Jeane Audrey-Powers from the United Methodist Church and Alla Bozarth-Campbell, one of first Episcopalian women priests. Approximately 165 people attended the conference centered on the theme "Women and Worship."

The second conference (1983), attended by about 200 people, carried the theme "Women's Lives in World Religions." The format was changed to one keynote address given by Dr. Rita Gross, Professor of Religion at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. A panel representing women from five major faiths was added. As at the first conference, there were about 30 workshops, exhibits, music, books, and a celebration ceremony.

The theme of the 1984 conference was "Spirituality and Social Action." The keynote address was given by Maureen Fiedler, co-director of the Quixote Center, a national Catholic justice center based in Mt. Rainier, Maryland. A panel discussion was again included, about 30 workshops were presented, and approximately 450 people attended.

The 1985 conference experimented with a two-day format. There was an opening potluck-get-acquainted-dinner. Dr. Rosemary Radford Ruther, a noted author, lecturer, theologian and teacher, presented the keynote address on the conference theme "Language and Imagery." Saturday activities also included over 45 workshops and an evening concert. Sunday morning included a celebration ceremony and a closing panel. Conference attendance numbered approximately 465 people.

The 1986 conference was the largest ever with over 760 people attending all or part of the day's events: 60 workshops, exhibits, a panel discussion, and an evening concert. Starhawk-- feminist, peace activist, author and teacher--gave the keynote address, "Building Communities of Resistance and Renewal." The return to the single-day schedule, while long, exhilarating and exhausting, was nonetheless enthusiastically received by participants.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

This booklet contains descriptions of the workshops and brief biographical sketches of the workshop presenters.

LOCATIONS OF WORKSHOPS: A listing of workshops titles and locations is in your registration folder. A map is also included in the folder. Directional signs are posted to aid you in finding the workshops. When in doubt, ask - we're friendly!

OPEN READINGS: Any woman who would like to present her own work is welcome to participate. Consult the listing in your folder for times and locations. These readings will run concurrently with the workshops' sessions.

SCREENINGS: For those of you interested in viewing videotapes of past conference keynote speeches, these will be made available during the workshops' sessions. Consult the listing in your folder for times and locations.

WOMEN AND SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOPS
10:45 - 12:00 a.m.

Found Treasures: An Ecumenical
Celebration of Spiritual Gifts!

Mary Lynn Banning Berger

EXPERIENTIAL: This workshop will "unearth" one's many gifts of patience, compassion, creativity, and love in a hands-on creations of a "treasure map" of the spirit, guided meditation, and celebration of our selves, paths, and spiritual "homes."

Mary Lynn Banning Berger is an educator with an M.A. in Literature whose spiritual path is presently toward independent curriculum-writing and workshop/retreat work in Judeo-Christian-Taoist mysticism and spirituality.

Finding the Rock and Throwing it: Personal
Spirituality for Survivors of Sexual Violence

Mireille Bardy
Jillian Lay

DISCUSSION: For persons whose spirituality has been wounded by their (and others') experiences of sexual exploitation and violence in a context of religious denial, and who are looking for ways to re-articulate and re-experience their personal spiritual lives, we will explore ways to heal through 1) naming spiritual issues that survivors face; 2) sharing stories of the struggle to re-experience our spirituality; and 3) offering practical tools for spiritual empowerment.

Mireille Bardy holds an M.A. in Literature and teaches at the secondary level; she is an incest survivor who has written about her experiences and who has developed liturgies and rituals for the home and parish community.

Jillian Lay has worked in campus and parish ministry, is currently a student at the United Theological Seminary, and is an incest survivor.

Celebrating Self and Our Earth: Peacemaking
Through Global Understanding

Judi Bernstein

DISCUSSION: Group members will share ideas on peacemaking, including those the presenter has found useful in working with peacemaking projects; participants will develop ideas of the projects in which each wishes to become involved.

Judi Bernstein has an M.S. in Peace Studies from Mankato State University; she loves teaching Peacemaking to women as an adjunct faculty member in Women's Studies and to elementary and high school students.

Honoring Women and Mother Earth

Lorelei Boadicea Tomyris
Susu Jeffrey

RITUAL: Following a guided meditation to learn from Mother Earth what She wants done to honor the female, participants will then create and do a ritual, incorporating what was learned, to honor the female principle.

Lorelei Boadicea Tomyris is a feminist witch and priestess specializing in healing, herbs, and shamanism.

Susu Jeffrey is a published poet and does drumming for rituals.

Finding One's Way: What Do I Want?

Marie Burgeson

EXPERIENTIAL: Using pictures, meditation, music, worksheets, and short presentations, this workshop will explore the unbroken spiral path of a woman's self as she moves through the Lifepath, examining physical, social, spiritual, intellectual and emotional aspects of each "chamber."

Marie Burgeson, who has a master's degree in community mental health counseling, has facilitated many women's, children's and parent's groups; she is currently a trainer and consultant to leaders of mutual help groups at the Wilder Foundation in St. Paul.

Healing: A Lifepath for Women

Nancy M. Byrne
Judy Howard

DISCUSSION/EXPERIENTIAL: Theoretical assumptions and practical applications of therapeutic touch will be discussed; following a demonstration, participants will have an opportunity to practice this healing touch.

Nancy M. Byrne, R.N., B.A. and Judy Howard, R.N., B.S.N. are consultants, facilitators and educators in therapeutic touch and other fields related to health, growth, and psycho-spiritual development.

Imagery and Intuition -
Wellspring for Female Spirituality

Mary Ellen Carne

EXPERIENTIAL: Music, guided imagery, and creative drawing will help participants discover and practice their intuitive knowing skills, and meet one of their "goddesses" within.

Mary Ellen Carne, Ph.D. is an adult educator and graduate of the OASIS Facilitator Training Program in Chicago; she enjoys creating learning environments which allow for safe, creative exploration and sharing of personal growth experiences.

Lifepaths in Poetry

Kathryn Christenson

READING/DISCUSSION: This workshop involves reading and discussing poems by Sylvia Plath, Anne Sexton, Denise Levertov, Marge Piercy, and other twentieth century poets, which focus on particular stops, shifts and turnings in the lifepaths of women: childhood, adolescence, singleness, marriage, mothering, divorce and aging.

Kathryn Christenson is an Associate in Public Affairs at Gustavus Adolphus College and writes poetry which has appeared in journals and anthologies.

Personal/Political:
Sources of our Feminist Spirituality

Consuelo Concepcion

ROUND TABLE: This workshop will be an informal roundtable discussion of the sources on which we base and affirm our feminist spirituality and the ways we find to understand problems we encounter on our spiritual quest. (At the request of the presenter, this workshop is limited to women only.)

Consuelo Concepcion, an Afro-Latina radical feminist on a spiritual/political/personal quest for female reality, graduated from the University of North Dakota with a degree in social sciences and has been an active feminist for many years.

Womansong: Celebrating Self and Community Through Music

Dorothy Davies

SONG/STORY: Dorothy Davies will sign and explain the origin of her original feminist songs reflecting the Christian, universal women's spiritual and secular perspectives, offering hope, healing, joy, and honoring women's reality and life experiences through her music.

Dorothy Davies is a composer and performer of feminist music, a graduate of the College of St. Catherine, and a social justice activist in the Roman Catholic church and society.

Women and Aging; Following our Hearts, Our Spiritual Journey of Ripening

Kathleen Gates

DISCUSSION: Focusing on women's internal spiritual self, needs, desires, and hopes, this workshop seeks to dispel myths about aging, focus on life choices for growing old, and present a positive framework for making choices.

Kathleen Gates is a licensed psychologist who has worked with women's mental health and spiritual issues for over twenty years; she confronts aging with the realities of both gains and losses.

The Tarot: A Many-Splendered Thing, An Introduction

Diane Marie Knott

DISCUSSION/EXPERIENTIAL: This workshop will introduce the Tarot, its various uses, and the types of systems and cards available. There will be a special emphasis on the role women have taken in its creation and uses. Cards will be available for examination, and a brief reading will be given.

Diane Marie Knott is currently a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in the Committee Degree Program (Cross-cultural and Historical Social Psychology) with a special interest in issues of women and spirituality.

Sacred Space: Ecofeminism and
Art in Spirituality

Deborah Kruger

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION: Participants will see and discuss slides of sculpture, masks, paintings, environmental art and videos of performance and ritual work produced by women who celebrate the Goddess, Native American culture, Judaism, Christianity, Eastern religions, Paganism and unlabeled spirituality.

Deborah Kruger is an artist, lecturer, and mother who is trying to synthesize her three major belief systems: Feminism, Judaism, and Art.

Building a Play Community

Susan Mallison

EXPERIENTIAL/MOVEMENT ACTIVITY: Celebrating the child image within, the wonder of our bodies, and God's youthful image, participants will create community as they explore the mysticism of play and awaken to the radical nature of play.

Susan Mallison, M.A., is an experienced play facilitator, workshop presenter, special education teacher and behavioral consultant, who is the director of Play Quests, an organization that provides experiential training in building play into one's life.

Greek Goddesses: Past of Power/Future of Hope

Medea

PAPER/DISCUSSION/EXPERIENTIAL: Through lecture, discussion, and guided experiences, this workshop will focus on releasing and recreating within ourselves, our families, and our communities the Earth Mother, Triple Moon Goddess, Artemis/virgin huntress, Hera/queen of heaven, Demeter/mother of plenty, Persephone/underworld guide, Hestia/priestess of sanctuary and hearth, Athena/wise daughter, Psyche/unified soulmate, and Aphrodite/alchemical creator.

Medea teaches and reads at Evenstar Bookstore, has an M.F.A. in creative writing, is a student of Religious Studies at Macalester College, has published four books of poetry and one of Women's Oral History, parents two daughters, and is writing a workbook for women about cultivating courage.

Helping our Children to a Spiritual Life

Barbara N. Moore

DISCUSSION: The leader will briefly present her thoughts on why the spiritual development of her children is important to her, then open the discussion for others' thoughts on ways of enhancing and developing children's spiritual life.

Barbara Moore is an educator who is interested in her own spiritual development and that of other women, and is interested in how we can communicate what we have learned to our children.

Can Women Be Whole and Remain in
'Organized Religion'?

Rev. Kit Reynolds
Joyce Manning

DISCUSSION/RITUAL: In dialogue, discussion, and small-group work, participants will explore the tensions facing women in working out their spiritual journeys in a Western culture based on Judeo-Christian spirituality.

Kit Reynolds is a feminist, Episcopal priest with an M. Div., counselor in private practice and consultant to the workplace.

Joyce Manning teaches theology and spirituality in a private high school and is a former Sister of St. Joseph and teacher at St. Catherine's College.

Healing Images Escape Time

Nancy Hag Roberts
Carrie Rothburd

EXPERIENTIAL: This workshop is designed for womyn who are survivors of incest; using imagination, visualization, and creative activities, participants will create healing images for their own process and place sensations of love and well-being into their memories.

Nancy Hag Roberts is a blue-collar worker and single parent whose experiences include counseling and advocacy for survivors of sexual assault, acting as training consultant for volunteer programs, and exploring healing through creative visualization.

Carrie Rothburd's background includes teaching, community and union organizing, the development of a program for training volunteer advocates, and degrees in educational policy and fine arts.

Estoy Buscando La Vida (I am Looking for Life)
The Las Madres of Minnesota Quilt Project

Marie Saunders

DISCUSSION/VISUAL/VIDEO: The LAS MADRES OF MINNESOTA quilt is used to call attention to the plight of Central Americans, particularly in Guatemala and El Salvador.

Marie Saunders is a sanctuary worker, founding madre of LAS MADRES OF MINNESOTA, designer of a quilt panel, Unitarian-Universalist, parent, teacher, and activist.

Art and Movement in Spirituality/Creativity

Patricia Schuckert
Therese Niesen

PAPER/EXPERIENTIAL/MOVEMENT: Working with art materials and simple movement, participants will explore how creativity flows from spirituality and will look at some blocks to creative and spiritual potential to find paths to opening in these areas.

Patricia Schuckert is a professional sacred dancer who has a ministry of spiritual guidance and therapeutic massage.

Therese Niesen is a visual artist and art educator who works in the art program at Stillwater prison and as artist-in-residence in area schools.

Spirituality in the Helping Relationship

Ellen D. Schultz
Joanne Gingrich-Crass

PAPER/DISCUSSION: This workshop, for women involved in both formal and informal helping relationships, will present The Interpersonal Model of Spirituality as a framework for using spirituality as a therapeutic bond between individuals; discussion is directed toward application of the concepts in various formal and informal settings.

Ellen D. Schultz, RN, MS, is an assistant professor at Metropolitan State University.

Joanne Gingrich-Crass, RN, MS, is a member of the Community Faculty, Metropolitan State University.

Breath Therapy as Prayer

Sister Claren Sellner

RITUAL/EXPERIENTIAL/MOVEMENT ACTIVITY: Participants will use a combination of yoga and breathing movements to extend self in all areas of life.

Sister Claren Sellner, B.A. and M.A. in Religious Studies, is a Franciscan Sister expressing the wholeness of her experiences in her study of mystical prayer, yoga, and breathing.

Women's University Worship

Mary Sheehan
Katya Aeostra Luomala

RITUAL/EXPERIENTIAL/MOVEMENT: This Universal Worship of the Sufi Order will be on the theme of the spirituality of women as revealed by the major religious traditions of the planet; it will include readings, vocal music and congregational dance meditation (sama).

Mary Sheehan, mother of three and a self-described "seeker since birth," has traveled and taught extensively and sampled from many religious traditions; she has been involved with the Sufi Order for over 15 years in many lands.

Katya Aeostra Luomala is a healer and graduate student at the University of Wisconsin - Madison; she has been in the Sufi Order since 1979 and helps facilitate sama (Dance of Universal Peace) in the Madison area.

Other Sufi women from the Madison area will also participate.

The Holy Spirit and our Spirits:
Charismatic Spirituality

Helen Simcox
Carmen Steinberg
Linda Mellen
Nancy Fuller

PANEL/DISCUSSION: Four women will share what Jesus Christ means to them and how openness to the Holy Spirit's gracious activity has brought renewed joy and purpose to their lives; a question-and-answer period will follow.

Helen Simcox is a Presbyterian minister's wife, a member-elect of the Presbyterian and Reformed Renewal Ministries' national board, and a part-time poet and artist; she has been involved in the charismatic renewal since 1970.

Carmen Steinberg, a pre-school teacher for many years, is a working mother who has been involved in the renewal since 1969.

Linda Mellen is a homemaker who has been involved in the renewal for several years; she is the mother of two young children and adoptive mother of five bi-racial children.

Nancy Fuller is a homemaker who has been the foster mother of many infants in recent years; at one time she was a witch, and she has been involved in occult practices.

The Inward Journey/The Outward Path

Jan Spencer

EXPERIENTIAL: Participants will use simple writing and drawing techniques, music and imagery, in a relaxed setting to help release the internal critic which may keep one from expressing oneself on paper and bringing inner awareness to outward form.

Jan Spencer teaches "The Journal: Written and Visual" in adult enrichment classes through Lakewood Community College, public schools, Open U, Inc. and other Twin Cities locations; she has been a workshop director for the International Women's Writing Guild.

Sharing Self-Esteem: Casting the Personal/
Global Circle

Kaia Svien
Sage Passi

EXPERIENTIAL: Participants will work with exercises in imagining, metaphor, music, affirmations, and story-telling to explore ways of nurturing self-confidence and global well-being.

Sage Passi and Kaia Svien are performance artists who incorporate whole-mind learning styles in their work; together, through Passage-Ways, they design and lead empowerment workshops and ceremonies for individuals and groups.

One Woman's Spiritual Journey

Andrea L. Stoeckel

PAPER/DISCUSSION: Andrea Stoeckel will present the story of Susan Huntington, a minister's wife, who expressed herself through her diary; participants will then share their own stories to empower themselves and each other.

Andrea L. Stoeckel holds a BSW and a MTS in history and counseling; she is now studying for an M. Div. at United Theological Seminary and is discovering her own power through history; she hopes to empower others by sharing what she has learned.

Today's Woman in the Catholic Church:
A Look at the Past, Present, and Future

Mary Vanderlinde

PERSONAL ACCOUNT/DISCUSSION: Mary will discuss information about the early days of abortion, her work as a counselor in an OB/GYN office where abortions are performed, and relate the consequences of her decision to stand up for what she believes. A discussion will follow, focusing on how we can facilitate the changes within the Catholic Church that Mary, and others believe are essential.

Mary Vanderlinde is a Registered Nurse and a second-term South Dakota State Representative. In January of 1987 she received the "Woman of Courage" Award from Catholics for Free Choice. Mary is active in many clubs and organizations in Sioux Falls, as well as in her parish.

WOMEN AND SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOPS
1:15 - 2:30 p.m.

Ecufeminism

Antiga

RITUAL: Bring a special ritual or practice from your own tradition to contribute to a ritual uniting diverse traditions in a celebration of ourselves.

Antiga is a feminist witch, writer, artist, singer, ritual creator and group facilitator.

Personal Power and Spiritual Ecology

Rae Atira-Soncea
Deborah Bachman

EXPERIENTIAL: Using the Interhelp format of bodywork, meditation, ritual and song, participants will explore their own deep ecology and spirituality.

Rae Atira-Soncea is an artist, writer, counselor, group facilitator, teacher, parent, co-founder of Earthhaven, and environmentalist.

Deborah Bachmann is a counselor, teacher, group facilitator, Wisconsin state coordinator of Interhelp, singer, cartwheel, and bubble blower.

Women Nurturing Harmony and Unity:
The Indian Way

Marilyn Benton
Louise Shebagegit

DISCUSSION, RITUAL, ROUND TABLE: Using an Ojibwe prophecy concerning a time when the people of the earth will destroy or choose to restore life to the earth, the workshop will explore ways to bring women's strength, as givers of life, into our lives and our communities to save the land, the environment, the sacred teachings, and all of our relations.

Marilyn Benton is Ojibwe, Lac Courte Oreilles member, 3 Fires Society, and Medicine Lodge helper.

Louise Shebagegit is also Ojibwe, Sabaskong Reserve, Nestor Falls, Ontario, Ojibwe traditional teacher and Sacred Pipe Carrier.

Blame It On Eve, Or the Maturing Role
of Women in Religious History

Denise Carlson
Mahdokht Khavari
Cherry Olver
Marsha Qualey

PANEL: The panel will discuss changes in women's roles in religious societies, from Biblical to Baha'i.

Denise Carlson earned her Master's in Library Science at the University of Minnesota, and works at the Hill Reference Library in St. Paul.

Mahdokht Khavari has an M.A. in law from National University (Teheran, Iran) and an M.A. in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Cherry Olver earned her Ph.D. at Harvard University, and is a professor of math at St. Thomas.

Marsha Qualey is a homemaker and mother of four.

The panel members are all of the Baha'i faith.

Using Dreams as a Source of Guidance
for our Lives

Dorothy M. Carlson

PAPER/DISCUSSION: Dreams can be a source of healing, renewal, and creative power that are needed to transform our lives. We will examine their potential value, and learn methods for bringing the energy of dreams into daily life.

Dorothy M. Carlson is a licensed psychologist and community faculty member at Metropolitan State University.

What is the Essence of the Christian Eucharist?

Joan Conrad

ROUND TABLE: The body of Christ - symbolism and reality today, how does it influence our lifestyle?

Joan Conrad is a former Mahayana Buddhist, ordained minister of the Lutheran Church, prison chaplain, mother of three children, and speaker on spiritual topics in Europe and the U.S.

A Look at the New Unitarian Universalist
Feminist Spirituality Curriculum -
'Cakes for the Queen of Heaven'

Karen Dahl

Dianne Nudo Mostek

DISCUSSION: A look at the new Unitarian Universalist feminist spirituality curriculum and ways of implementing the curriculum into churches and study groups.

Karen Dahl and Diane Nudo Mostek have worked with this curriculum with the White Bear Unitarian Church, have studied women's spirituality, and have created new rituals and ritual dramas.

Our Priesthood/Motherhood in Universal Harmony

Judith L. Dale

Maureen Skelly

PAPER/DISCUSSION, RITUAL, EXPERIENTIAL, MOVEMENT: A Eucharistia celebration of the union of God as paternal essence (Mother/Father) for expanding our consciousness.

Judith L. Dale is a mother, painter, sculptor, poet, lecturer, featured as "A Bite of the Minniapple" in the national video on Minneapolis, and Manager of Sunlight New Age Center in Minneapolis.

Maureen Skelly is a mother, poet, Mariel healer, host of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Northland Literary Review (KFAI) radio, and resident poet in the Minneapolis Public Schools.

Peace Sites: Implications for Spirituality

Irene Dohmen, SSND

PAPER/DISCUSSION, EXPERIENTIAL: With Good Counsel Hill declared a Peace Site on August 10, 1987, this workshop will explore the concept of Peace Sites, its meaning for the community, and its meaning for women as peacemakers.

Irene Dohmen, a School Sister of Notre Dame, has been active in justice/peace issues and spiritual formation/direction. A 1987 summer experience in Mexico City among the poor sharpened her sense of both justice and deep spiritual growth.

Severe Depression, PMS, Arthritis:
Chronic Illnesses and Spirituality

Kris Flaten

PAPER/DISCUSSION: We will reflect on ways in which our relationships with our spiritual selves can (and do) aid in developing and nurturing self-esteem, self-acceptance, serenity, and healing even as we continue to live with the effects of chronic illnesses.

Kris Flaten has challenged and been challenged in her spiritual beliefs and orientation during the past six years while living with and being treated for severe depression.

And what About the Children? Sharing Your
Spirituality with Your Kids - Is 'Good Example'
Enough?

Chris Friedlieb

DISCUSSION: We will discuss concerns and dilemmas encountered when raising children without "Sunday school" or other structured religious community; and we will share ideas, books, and activities that promote development of their "inner voices".

Chris Friedlieb is a reader, a thinker, and increasingly, a doer - also, a mother.

Lifepaths: Our Decisions and Role Choices
are our Paths to the Future

Jody Halgren
Rev. Jan Hays

EXPERIENTIAL: This workshop will explore participants' past histories and the ways they have affected decisions and present situations. Past histories include significant events, situations, persons, role choices.

Jody Halgren is a therapist in private practice at Shorewood Psychiatric Associates in Dodgeville, Wisconsin, and she works with women individually and in groups.

Jan Hays is a UCC minister working as a campus minister. She is a trained therapist with an interest in spirituality and growth, and has a curiosity about aging and rites of retirement.

From Matricentricity to Patriarchy - How the Goddess Lost Her Power: A Slide Presentation Terri Hawthorne

SLIDE PRESENTATION: From creation myths to initiation rites - images of Great Mother to pornography - the transition to patriarchy.

Terri Hawthorne is an educator, counselor and artist who has been working in the area of women's art and spirituality since 1971.

Women Priests and Prophets in the Early Christian Church Loretta T. Johnson

PAPER/DISCUSSION: Some women in the early Christian church institution played a leadership and policy-making role. These women are role-models and inspiration for current feminists in church activities.

Loretta Johnson is in her second year at Mankato State as Assistant Professor in the History Department, teaching Early Modern European history; she also teaches a Friday College class on Women Priests and Prophets. She has a husband in Nebraska and two grown children.

Rangoli: Hindu Women's Art Indira Y. Junghare
Dianne Sandeen

PAPER/DISCUSSION: Rangoli: 'colorful lines or linear designs,' a popular art practiced by Indian women, will be exhibited, demonstrated, and discussed in light of its usage in religious rituals and social functions and compared with quilt patterns.

Indira Junghare is Professor of South Asian Studies at the University of Minnesota; she teaches courses on Indian women and the religions of India.

Dianne Sandeen is a student of South Asian Studies, University of Minnesota.

Healing the Healers Joan Keller-Maresh

DISCUSSION, EXPERIENTIAL: For persons who spend their lives in the healing - helping professions, to discuss ways to heal oneself, to learn to be grounded, to channel healing energy rather than depleting it, through the use of touch.

Joan Keller-Maresh has been a practicing nurse for 20 years and recently has been certified as a therapeutic massage therapist; she is interested in the therapeutic use of touch to heal.

Learning to Fly a Kite: Explore the Relationship Between Christianity/Feminism/Non Violence Diane Kobernusz

DISCUSSION: The presenter will offer personal experience, resources for growth opportunities, and ideas for self-exploring through imaging and discussion. (She will include recipes for kite making and flying.)

Diane Kobernusz is a student of Gandhian nonviolence, is presently working on the National Conference on Nonviolence, is a feminist member of the Brookings' (South Dakota) Women's Center, is a member of United Ministries community, and is a coordinator for the Easter Lily Peace Project.

The Aftermath of Abortion

Mary Krech

DISCUSSION: Discussion of how the post-abortion trauma has affected both women and men, and how the spiritual life may be disrupted by guilt, anger, and feelings of being unforgiveable.

Mary Krech is coordinating the post-abortion counseling program, "The Marian Project", for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Healing Self Love

Carol Diana L'Heureuse

EXPERIENTIAL: We'll use an assortment of healing tools - tarot, stones and crystals, discussion, guided meditation and ritual - to open our awareness of how precious and lovable each of us is, and to let this into our hearts.

Carol Diana L'Heureuse works as a psychic healing channel, teaching love through readings and counseling sessions since early 1986.

Getting in Touch with your Power

Lucille Matousek

PAPER/DISCUSSION, RITUAL: Within you are a dozen and more sources of power that you can develop and use for yourself and the community.

Lucille Matousek is a powerless/powerful woman, searcher, believer, and member of a community of women religious.

Reconciling the Male/Female Within Us:
Journeying Toward Wholeness

Rev. Kit Reynolds

PAPER/DISCUSSION: Working from a Jungian perspective, we will explore how male and female energies are present in each of us, and how those energies need to be identified, accepted and utilized as a positive force in our spiritual journeys.

Kit Reynolds is an Episcopal priest, counselor in private practice, and consultant to the workplace specializing in human relationship issues, with special interest in how men and women can work together in a rapidly changing society.

We Draw From Many Cultures on Our Spiritual Path

Marian Rose

EXPERIENTIAL: Following a brief discussion, participants will create and play "The Lifepaths" game, identifying our goals and the strengths provided by different spiritual processes in meeting life's challenges; we will share titles and authors of books we have found most helpful.

Marian Rose has circled the planet in a spiritual sense, developing her spiritual expression by braiding the many-colored threads of Native American, Wiccan, Buddhist, Catholic and other Christian traditions with her own inner knowledge to create a strong cord of spirit, faith and joy.

Meditation on the Self

Mary Gail Sovik

EXPERIENTIAL: Relaxation and meditation on the center for love and devotion to draw in and direct all energy toward unveiling and revealing the joy of the self.

Mary Gail Sovik, MA in Counseling Psych., has studied and practiced meditation since 1973, has lived in an ashram for ten years, and is an administrator for the Center for Higher Consciousness.

Women and Worship

Jane W. Smith

PAPER/DISCUSSION: This workshop will clarify some issues of women working for equality in worship by discussing problems and possibilities of inclusive language, movement, and women in the common lectionary.

Jane W. Smith, Master in Ministry, Creighton University, 1985, is Associate Director of New Covenant Justice and Peace Center, member of the Liturgical Commission of the Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha, married, the mother of 6 daughters and 1 son, and teaches theology part time at the College of St. Mary, Omaha.

Jewish Tradition, Culture, and Experience
in the United States

Lilli A. Sprintz

ROUND TABLE: An opportunity to share information about Jewish culture and experience, develop trust, and celebrate our diversity.

Lilli A. Sprintz is a Jewish, working-class woman with Eastern-European roots; a deep, deep love for spirituality; a wild sense of humor; and a fond interest in Jewish/Christian dialogue.

The Minnesota Women's Christian Temperance Union
(W.C.T.U.) Yesterday (1877) and Today (1987):
110 Years of Women Working for Social Change

Judy Yaeger Jones

PAPER/DISCUSSION: After a brief informational slide presentation and short summary of Oral History Interviews with current W.C.T.U. members, participants will explore in a variety of ways their image of a "dead" and unknown "Women's group of mad ladies with axes chopping up saloons" to come to a broadened perspective on life-long activism and its costs and strengths for Women.

Judy Yaeger Jones, a Historian of Women, is Executive Director of Herstory, Unlimited, a consulting firm in women's history, and current coordinator of Minnesota Women's History Month, Inc. Most current W.C.T.U. members are 75-95 years of age.

WOMEN AND SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOPS
3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Clearing a Lifepath: Catholic Women Speak Out

Avis Allmaras, CSJ
Anne E. Patrick, SNJM

VIDEO/DISCUSSION: In March, 1985, Catholic women gathered in Washington, D.C. to present testimony for the U.S. bishops who contemplate writing a pastoral letter on women. Anne E. Patrick, one of the seventeen women testifying, will introduce a videotape summarizing the hearings. She and Avis Allmaras will lead a discussion on the issues.

Avis Allmaras, CSJ, a specialist in counseling and social justice ministry, is on the pastoral staff of St. Albert the Great parish in Minneapolis.

Anne E. Patrick, SNJM, a Catholic feminist theologian, chairs the Religion Department of Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Following the Path of Spiritual Energy -
The Journey of an Artist

Julia Barkley

SLIDE PRESENTATION: Artist Julia Barkley will trace her spiritual and artistic journey through images of her art work, including the energy of jazz music, The Energy of Miracles Series, The Energy of the Witch Trials and Nuclear War and her interpretation of Native American stories.

Julia Barkley's art work has been shown internationally and is represented in the permanent Peace Museum Gallery at Hiroshima.

Lesbian Lifepaths: Celebrating Our Community

Diane Benjamin
Patti Christensen

EXPERIENTIAL: (At the request of the presenters, this workshop is intended for lesbians only, please.) This workshop will be a time for celebrating ourselves as lesbians, and for celebrating our similarities and differences through fun and creative sharing of stories, information, spirituality and culture.

Diane Benjamin and Patti Christensen are lesbians, workshop weavers, witches, artists, lovers, friends and ready to celebrate our community!

The Benefits and Dangers of White Women's
Participation in Native American Spirituality

Charlotte Black Elk
Lillian Rice

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: There is a some controversy in the Native American community about the proper passing/sharing of teachings and rituals with non-Native Americans. The source of the controversy lies in the long history of abuse and destruction of things sacred to the Native American people. Some say that those who wish to work with and learn from Native people need to understand and respect sacred teachings and practices. Others warn that the sacred teachings can not be bought or sold. Panelists and participants will engage in a discussion of these issues.

Charlotte Black Elk, Ogalala - Conference Keynote Speaker

Lillian Rice, Potawatomi Chippewa, recently graduated from Hazelden, the first Native American to do so. She has worked in the Chemical Dependency field for nine years. She teaches Native American spiritual values and beliefs, and is one of the few who will not allow White women in sweat lodges.

At this printing other women are being sought for this roundtable. Vernell Wabesha and Charlotte Rice may also appear.

Dancing on the Fringes of Catholicism/
Birthing a Woman Church

Karla Braig

PAPER/DISCUSSION: Storytelling of the birth and growth of the Anawim Faith Community in Dubuque, Iowa - a Catholic group run by women, exploring our need for community and ritual as we walked further away from the institutional church.

Karla Braig is 40 years old, married, mother of three grown children, college English teacher, a founder of Anawim - a "cradle Catholic."

Rising from the Bonds: Honoring Ourselves

Linda Christensen

PAPER/DISCUSSION: This presentation will explore how a negative image of one's self can keep a woman stuck, how those negative images are formed, and how they can be corrected.

Dr. Linda Christensen has presented seminars nationwide on chemical dependency, prevention, parenting skills, stress management and adult children of alcoholics.

Vocal Practices for Empowerment and Self-Healing

Kenna del Sol

EXPERIENTIAL: In a sacred circle, we will explore the use of our voice to balance our energy and to express the songs of our hearts. This workshop is for those interested in using their voices as an instrument of creative expression and for healing themselves, especially those who don't consider themselves to be "singers".

Kenna del Sol is a (tall, skinny, libra) legislative attorney and single parent from Madison, Wisconsin, devoted to practicing and guiding others in the art of (sacred, cosmic, extraordinary) sound-making.

Menstruation: The Wise Wound

Ruthe Enstad

DISCUSSION/RITUAL/EXPERIENTIAL: This workshop will explore the presenter's personal spiritual journey with menstruation while looking at historical perspectives and present views.

Ruthe Enstad, a 42-year-old graduate student in Women's Studies at Mankato State University, is a Lutheran feminist with a strong spiritual background. She is a graduate of Metro State University and an interpreter at Murphy's Landing. She is married and has three sons - ages 20, 16 and 14.

How to Create Your Own Rituals

Mary Flaten
Marilyn Larson

RITUAL/EXPERIENTIAL/MOVEMENT: People will be guided in preparing a sacred space, declaring intention, and designing the various parts of a ritual.

Mary Flaten, M.A., formerly of Taos, New Mexico, has been involved with ceremonial dances for the past five years and has studied with Elizabeth Coghurn.

Marilyn Larson, visual artist, works with symbolic imagery in a variety of media and is currently creating experiential art pieces, some of which include ritual as art form.

Spiritual Values in China's Socialist Society

Jane A. Foster

PAPER/DISCUSSION: How does a society that is officially atheist and dedicated to materialist philosophy, deal with problems involving spiritual values?

Jane Foster has lived four of the last seven years teaching in China. During this time she has been able to make comparisons with the China she knew forty and fifty years ago.

Yoga: A Weaving of Body, Breath and Mind

Sharon Fruechte

EXPERIENTIAL: This workshop introduces the participant to the basics of yogic philosophy and includes gentle stretching exercises followed by a guided relaxation.

Sharon Fruechte has been a student of yoga for 12 years and has been teaching it for four years in various settings, including grade schools, retreat centers, and community education classes.

Alternatives to Spirituality:
The Neo-Pagan Movement

Linda L. Green

LECTURE/DISCUSSION: This workshop will examine the revival of Neo-Paganism, its attraction for women, and its affirmative perspective for spirituality.

Linda Green has a Ph.D. in sociology and is Assistant Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies at the College of St. Catherine and Normandale Community College.

Spiritual Psychic Development

Mary Hayes-Grieco

LECTURE/EXPERIENTIAL: A lecture and work with individuals on psychic development as a natural by-product of our spiritual journey. Mary will discuss our culturally generated misconceptions about the psychic faculty, and assist individuals in clearing out their particular blocks in order to establish an appropriate personal level of psychic awareness.

Mary Hayes-Grieco is a practicing psychic and spiritual counselor. She has done readings for the public and taught classes in spiritual development for six years in Minneapolis.

Peace Through Compassion

Margaret Hinton

PAPER/DISCUSSION: This workshop will examine thirteen characteristics of a compassionate person. If the participant embraces these characteristics, s/he will likely be qualified as a PEACEMAKER.

Margaret Hinton is a woman, wife, mother, sister, teacher, moving, stretching, searching, 40, alive!

Parents Have Power Too!

Janet Krocheski

DISCUSSION: This workshop will cover some techniques in parenting and child education which should enable parents and educators to help young people develop the traits and characteristics necessary to make good life decisions. The focus will be on transmitting both their values and their spirituality to children.

Janet Krocheski has developed and is currently implementing programs to affect teen sexual behavior as adolescent and AIDS prevention for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Spirituality & Mental Health

Joyce D. Manning

EXPERIENTIAL: This workshop will demonstrate that simple meditations can be the means for releasing fears and addictions and facilitating self-healing.

Joyce Manning is an Assistant Professor of Theology, St. Mary's College. She has an M.A. in Religious Studies from Loyola University, Chicago Illinois. She has taught and developed a new course at the College of St. Catherine called "Human Growth and Spirituality from 1975 - 1979." She is a religious Sister of 25 years.

Following a Calling to Mother

Kathleen McQuillan

DISCUSSION: Not wishing to define mothering (as that may limit its possibilities), this workshop hopes to produce a collective expression of the observations, experiences and visions of its participants who will acknowledge that mothering is, indeed, a spiritual lifepath.

Kathleen McQuillan has worked professionally with abuse victims and now continues to mother her two children along with other loved ones, the forty acres she and her family live on in Minnesota's northwoods, and her "global family" in whatever ways she feels called.

Making the Connections:
Self-Esteem and Women's Spirituality

Michelle Meyers
Kay O'Neil

EXPERIENTIAL: This workshop, grounded in women's experience, focuses on making connections between women's spirituality and self-esteem, and moves toward self-affirmation and mutual empowerment.

Michelle Meyers and Kay O'Neil have team taught courses on Women and Religion and on assertiveness and self-esteem since the early 70's. Both are Roman Catholic Sisters, committed Christian feminists, and 1987 graduates of the Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Herbs: Spiritual Significance and Symbolism

Paula Oliver

LECTURE/DISCUSSION/RITUAL: This workshop will explore herbal symbolism and use. Herbs used as incense, fragrances and teas for purification, protection and meditation will be discussed. Participants will construct herbal bouquets or wreaths.

Paula Oliver, the author of the Herb Gardener's Resource Guide is a gardener, writer, ritualist and presenter of herbal workshops and lectures.

The Goddess Voice -

Carol Orlock

Writing from our Spiritual Sources

DISCUSSION: Discussion about ways that women can turn to the goddess of ancient mythology as sources of inspiration and perhaps a short reading to illustrate how two goddesses inspired the presenter.

Carol Orlock is the author of The Goddess Letters, St. Martin's Press (1987), and of stories and poems which have appeared in Ms. Magazine, Calyx, and South Dakota Review. She is fiction editor of Crab Creek Review and works at the University of Washington, teaching writing and coordinating the Continuing Education Writing Program.

Spirituality of Women at Midlife

Sandy Parsons

OR - How to Grow up to be a Crone

Historically women over 40 have been considered "over the hill" - in this workshop we will explore this myth and an empowering spirituality. We will look at some of the writings of Starhawk, Merlin Stone, Sally Gearhart and Carol Christ. Then we will build the framework for a different view of the midlife woman. We will engage in a group discussion and learn to recognize that becoming a crone is a major celebratory event in our lives.

Sandy Parsons is a graduate of MSU and currently completing work on her M.A. in Counseling at the University of North Dakota. This past spring she moved onto a 20 acre farmstead to pursue a dream of a women's rural education center. She is self-defined as a "late-bloomer" and is completely enjoying her "crone-iarchy."

Alcoholic Women and Spirituality

Polly

Pam

VIDEO/DISCUSSION: This workshop will explore the limitless bounds of spirituality in sobriety using video taped interviews with recovering alcoholic women and discussion of spirituality through small and large groups.

Pam, a recovering alcoholic, has been active in a spiritual recovery program for over six years and has participated in a women's group that included women who were chemically dependent, alcoholic, or whose life partner was addicted.

Polly is a recovering alcoholic and drug addict who has been sober for 4 1/2 years, attended a spiritual recovery program for over five years, and is concerned about women suffering in their addictions.

The Way We Were: Using Past Life Regression Betty Scott
to Explore your Spirituality

EXPERIENTIAL: This workshop will focus on past (and future) life regression, not only as a means to access our deeper psychological levels, but also as a means to tap into our unlimited spiritual potential - be willing to explore the ways we were and the ways we might possibly be.

Betty Scott is a certified hypnotherapist that has given workshops nationally and internationally. Dr. Scott is also Professor of Music and Humanities and the University of Missouri - Columbia.

Women and Intimacy Katherine Speare

DISCUSSION: This workshop will look at the different kinds of intimacy (including spiritual intimacy) with a particular view towards the development of intimacy in women's lives.

Katherine Speare is a licensed consulting psychologist in private practice in Good Thunder, Minnesota.

The Karma of the 20th Century: Shirley Strasburg
The Spiritual Liberation of Women

PAPER/DISCUSSION: With knowledge comes power and karmic responsibility; there is no greater example of this today than in the need of women and for women to participate in the global community in a state of full spiritual liberation.

Shirley Strasburg, in her current incarnation, has spent the last thirteen years as an esoteric psychic, astrologer, numerologist, tarot card reader, teacher and lecturer dedicated to the liberation of consciousness and spirit.

Women Connecting with Nature Woodswomen, Inc.
Marcia Teal
Cindy Reuther

DISCUSSION: This workshop will focus on personal empowerment and the healing aspects of interacting with others in the wilderness.

Marcia Teal has a background in natural history and outdoor education with a B.S. from the University of Minnesota. She has guided outdoor trips for seven years (two for Woodswomen) doing extensive travel throughout the U.S. and Europe while experiencing the spiritual side of women and nature.

Cindy Reuther, a graduate of Bemidji State University where she became active in outdoor adventuring, integrates spiritual concepts and wilderness tripping in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Montana, Colorado and remote Alaskan villages while broadening her awareness of the limitless spiritual growth that takes place when we are given the opportunity to connect with the earth, winds, water and fire.

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Student Union Ballroom
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Ann Halloran, Najma Siddiqi, Eleanor Otterness, Sharon Jaffee

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"Samantha Rastles with Woman Question"
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A one-woman performance featuring Jane Curry as Samantha
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 17TH
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ABOUT SAMANTHA

Marietta Holley's literary creation, Samantha Smith Allen, was a philosopher of sound country stock whose ideas are grounded in an affection for common sense and faith in its applicability to problems. Through her 19th-century brand of horse sense American humor, she challenges the status quo of social norms regarding women's issues and plants herself squarely on the side of sensible women's rights. She "rastles" with questions concerning history's treatment of women, rights denied by the church, women's powerlessness before the law, social status and role assumptions and more.

Samantha appeared in over twenty books written by Holley between 1873 and 1914, among them My Opinions and Betsey Bobbet's, Samantha at the World's Fair, Samantha Among the Brethren, Samantha at Saratoga, and Samantha and the Woman Question. Holley's books were enormously popular when they were published; Samantha Allen was said by one critic to have entertained as many people as had Mark Twain. Holley received large advances from her publishers, her works were dramatized by popular comedian Neil Burgess, and sales of at least one of her books -- Samantha at Saratoga -- put her on the better-seller list for the decade of 1880-1889.

Marietta Holley was born on the family farm in Jefferson County, New York, in 1836. She ended her formal education at age fourteen and made a modest living thereafter teaching piano to local students. Always scribbling verses on whatever scraps of paper she could find, Holley first introduced Samantha in "Peterson's Magazine" in 1869 and subsequently never lacked for a publisher. Though she eventually became famous and financially comfortable, Holley lived in or near her ancestral home until her death in 1926.

ABOUT JANE CURRY

A native Hoosier, Jane Curry received her B.A. in English from Hanover College (Indiana) and first discovered Holley's Samantha while studying at the University of Michigan, from which she earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in American Culture. She has edited a critical anthology also titled Samantha Rastles the Woman Question (University of Illinois Press). A former teacher at Lafayette College (Pennsylvania) and sometimes cruise director of the steamer DELTA QUEEN, she is the author of The River's in My Blood: Riverboat Pilots Tell Their Stories (University of Nebraska Press). Curry began performing as Samantha with the Minnesota Chautauqua in 1981 and since has taken her show on tour throughout the United States and to Israel. She lives in Minneapolis with her husband, two cats, and a snowblower.

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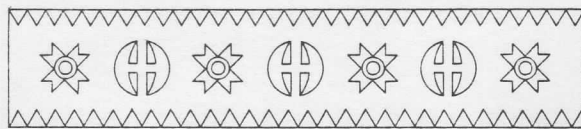
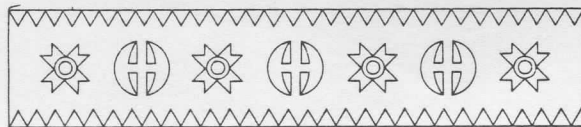


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Valerie Russell is President of the City Mission Society of Boston (CMS). She is the first woman and the first layperson to head the society. Founded in 1816, CMS is the second oldest voluntary social service agency in the United States. An Urban affairs specialist with particular interest in the application of religion to social issues, Ms. Russell has lectured on theology at the Union Theological Seminary, Yale Divinity School and Harvard Divinity School. She served as Assistant to the President of the United Church of Christ and headed two major programs related to urban ministry at the Riverside Church in New York City. Ms. Russell is also a corporation member of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Minister of Metro Mission in Boston.

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