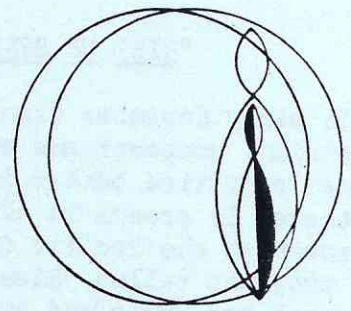


W&RTF NEWSLETTER

PCD



January, 1988

Volume I, No. 3

Co-Convener - Liz Fisher (415) 548-1619
 Co-Convener - Betty Ortez (408) 736-4816

Editor - Cathy Martin (408) 739-1602
 1058 Westchester Dr. S'vale 94087

**** **** **** **** **** **** **** ****

JANUARY W&RTF MEETING

! ! ! RETREAT ! ! !

Time: 11:00 A.M.
 Location: Aptos - U-U Fellowship of Santa Cruz Co.
 Address: 6401 Freedom Blvd. Aptos
 Phone: 408) 684-0506
 Lunch: Pot Luck - Bring something
 To get there: Take Freedom Blvd exit from Highway 1. The fellowship is one mile east.

The meeting rooms are fully accessible for handicap; restrooms are partially or by special arrangement

Come climb Mt Tam for the 11th Annual W&RTF retreat at the Ralston-White Retreat in Mill Valley.

THEME: CREATING SISTERHOOD
 HOW? Workshops, activities, programs, parties with other women in the PCD U-U
 WHEN? April 6 at 6 p.m. to April 10 at 1 p.m.

COST? \$95 (Scholarships available)

REGISTRATION? Use attached form

SEE YOU THERE! THIS WILL BE A HIGHLIGHT OF 1988 FOR W&RTF.

CHANGES IN 1988 MEETING SCHEDULE

AND HANDICAP ACCESS

		Meeting rooms	Rest rooms
February 20	San Francisco	F	S *
March 19	Berkeley Fellowship	S	S
April 8, 9, 10	Ralston-White Memorial Retreat	N	N
May 21	Humbolt-Arcata	F	N

F = Fully accessible N = Not accessible
 S = Partially or by special arrangement
 * = plans under way

Information is from the PCD Fall '87 Directory. Further information will be in future news letters.

Thanks to Lucile Lockhart for reminding me to give you this information.

PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

Feb. 28- 10:30 a.m. Stockton Church
Women in China presented by Meg Bowman, Charlotte Suskind, and Betty Ortez

March 20- 11:00 a.m. San Jose Church
Famous U-U Women presented by the women of the SJ Church for International Women's Day

CORRECTION

Marilyn Gentile is a member of the continental Women and Religion Committee appointed by the UUA Board. She is not appointed by PCD as their representative as reported in our last newsletter. She is also a member of the PCD's W&RTF.

W&RTF wishes to offer condolences to Alyce Sladic of the Stockton church on the death of her husband.

"RISE UP SINGING"

In early November Carolyn McDade, musician, composer and co-director of a women's justice center in Massachusetts gathered in groups in churches and homes throughout the Pacific Central District in programs called "Rise Up Singing". Through her music and stories Carolyn brings alive the struggles for justice among the people of Central America, Asia, Africa and North America. Carolyn's visit with us began with a women's week-end retreat co-sponsored by the PCD Women and Religion Task Force and Bay Community Ministries, the work of Rev. Jody Shipley and Marilyn Gentile, member of the continental Women and Religion Committee of the UUA Board. It was a remarkable week-end ~~and a healing opportunity to experience~~ ourselves as part of a global community.

Carolyn challenges us to move our feminism from an avenue for self development into a path to seek justice as our legacy. Her vision embraces the immediacy of our lives as we reach out to effect our world.

"Rise Up Singing" inspired a number of women to explore the possibilities of an ongoing connection in this ministry with Carolyn. It opens a new concept of congregation. Our definition now is a gathering of people in one geographic area creating community and bringing a vision of their faith. We explored the connections in a ministry as a congregation that has no geographic limits. Women who attended the week-end will gather again to decide how we can nurture and extend this justice seeking ministry.

Carolyn's co-director at Womencenter at Plainville is Chris Laughlin, a Dominican sister of Ky. She brings to Womencenter the support of her Catholic community sisters. Women at "Rise Up Singing" discussed ways in which we as Unitarian Universalist women can join this Catholic community in this common effort and extend a hand to our Catholic sisters to embrace a larger vision for all of us.

Jody Shipley is continuing to develop with Carolyn a return trip to the Pacific Central District and explore the possibility of similar visits to other parts of our U-U movement. If you are interested in programs for your area, get in touch with Jody at 1600 Curtis, Berkeley, CA 94702 - (415) 524-5653.

As Unitarian Universalist women we may come as Carolyn reminds us in her song, "As Rain Upon the Dry Land"...to nurture ourselves and our people.

Rev. Jody Shipley is a U-U minister working through Bay Area Community Ministries to educate U-U's about community ministry and to support the work of community ministers such as Carolyn.

Reprinted from an article
in Matrix; Fall 1987

Pacific Central District
Unitarian Universalist Assn.
2441 Le Conte Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94709

Non Profit Org. U. S. POSTAGE PAID Permit No. 604 Berkeley, Calif.

KAREN CRONEIS 3220 Duval Rd., Apt. 1905 Austin, TX 78759
--