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within a circle
with no beginning
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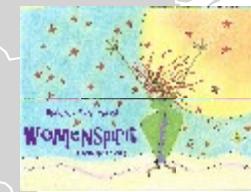
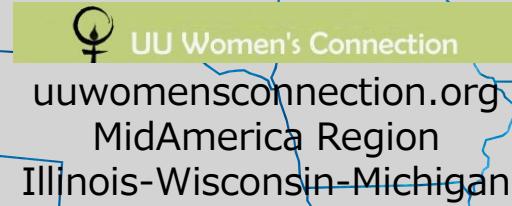


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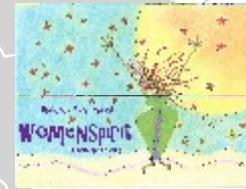
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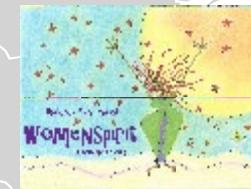
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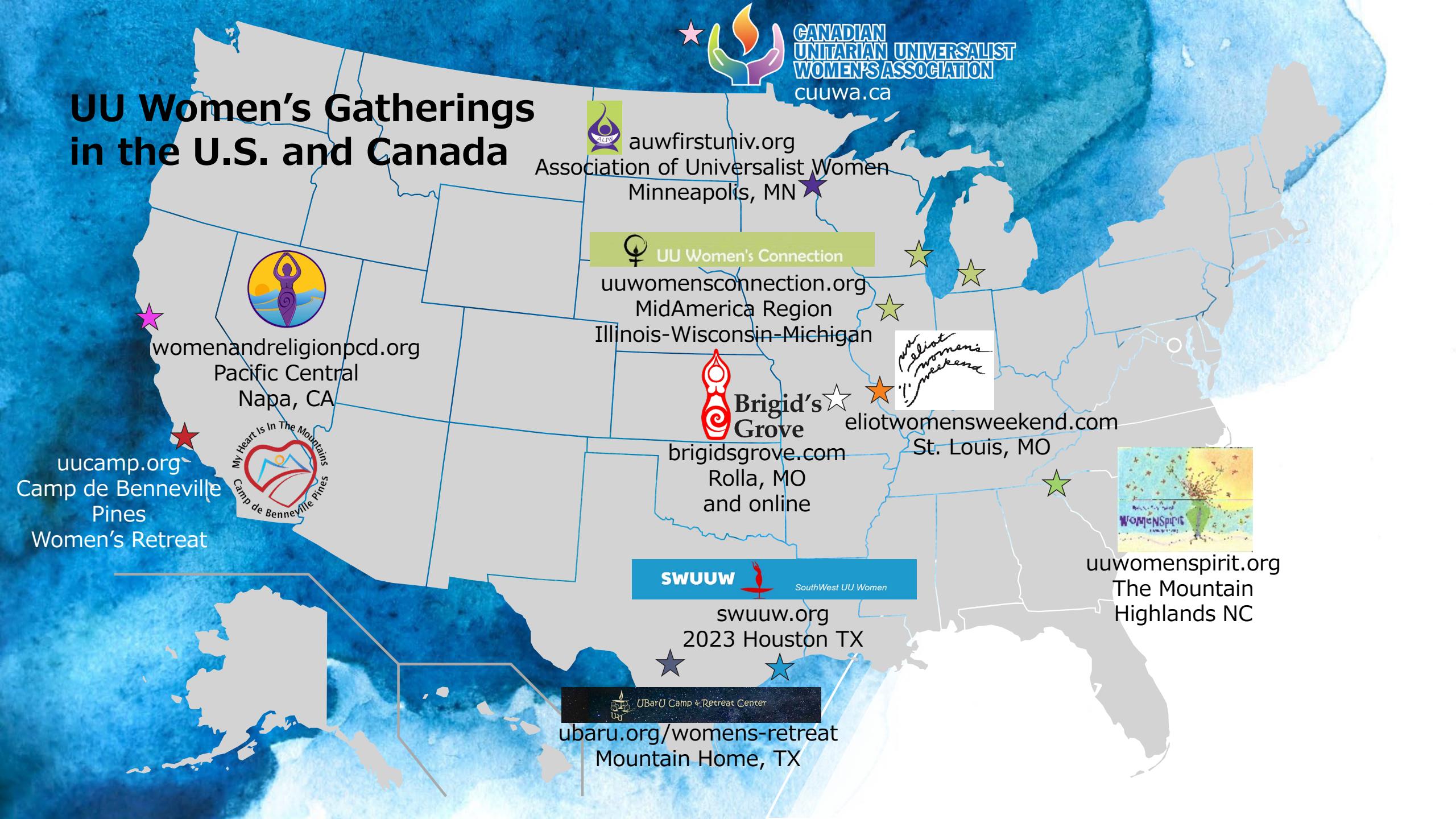


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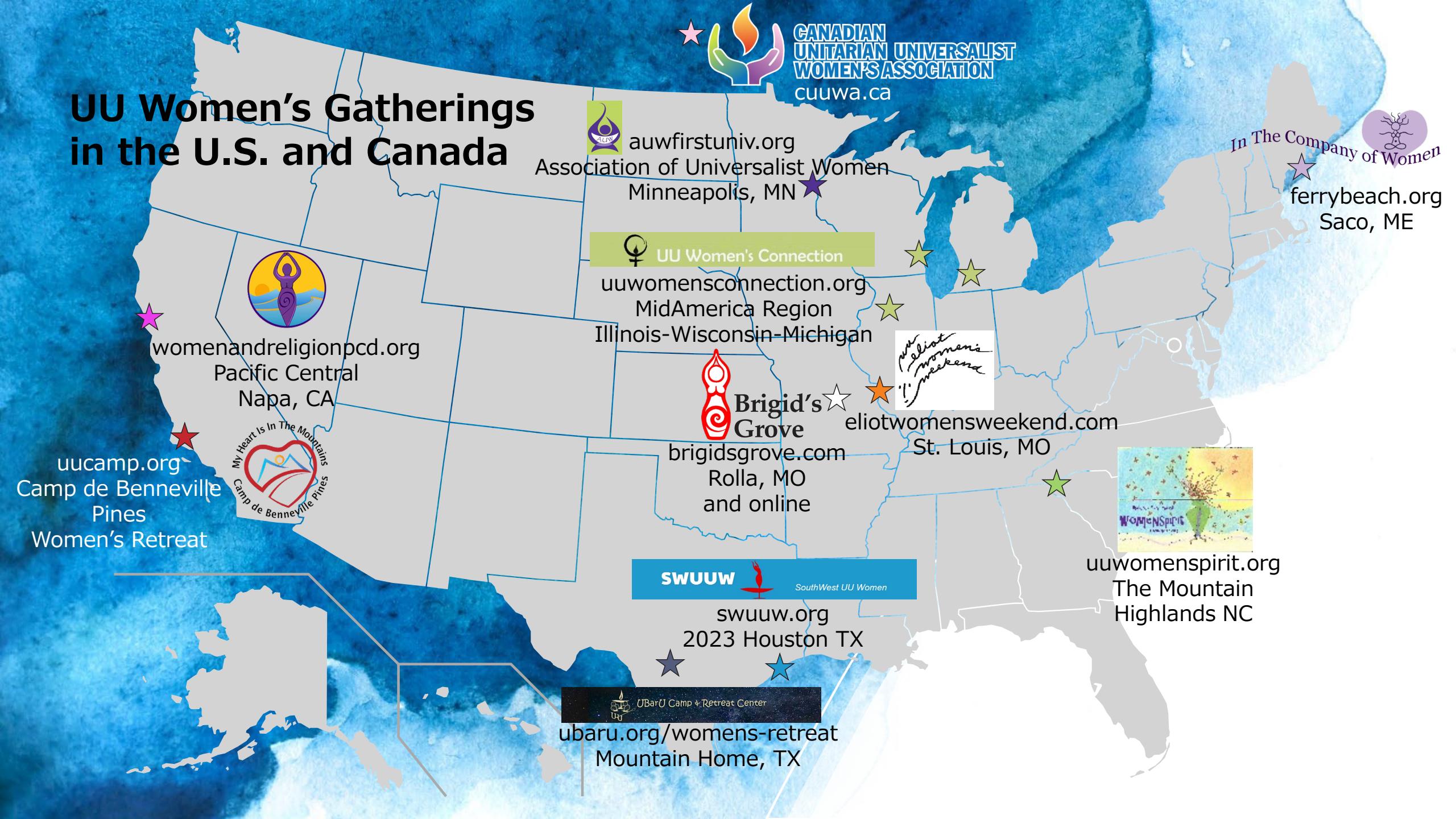
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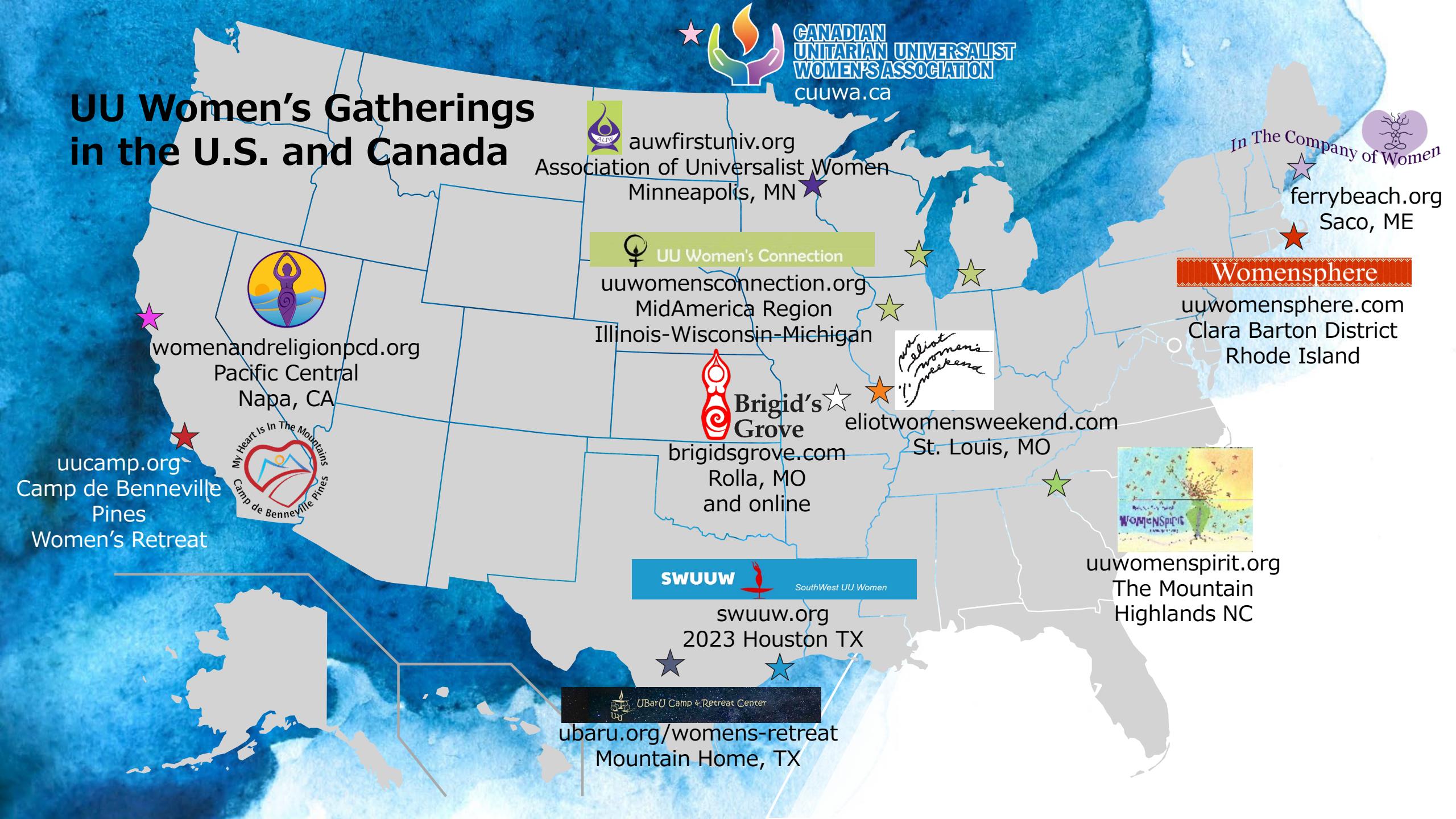
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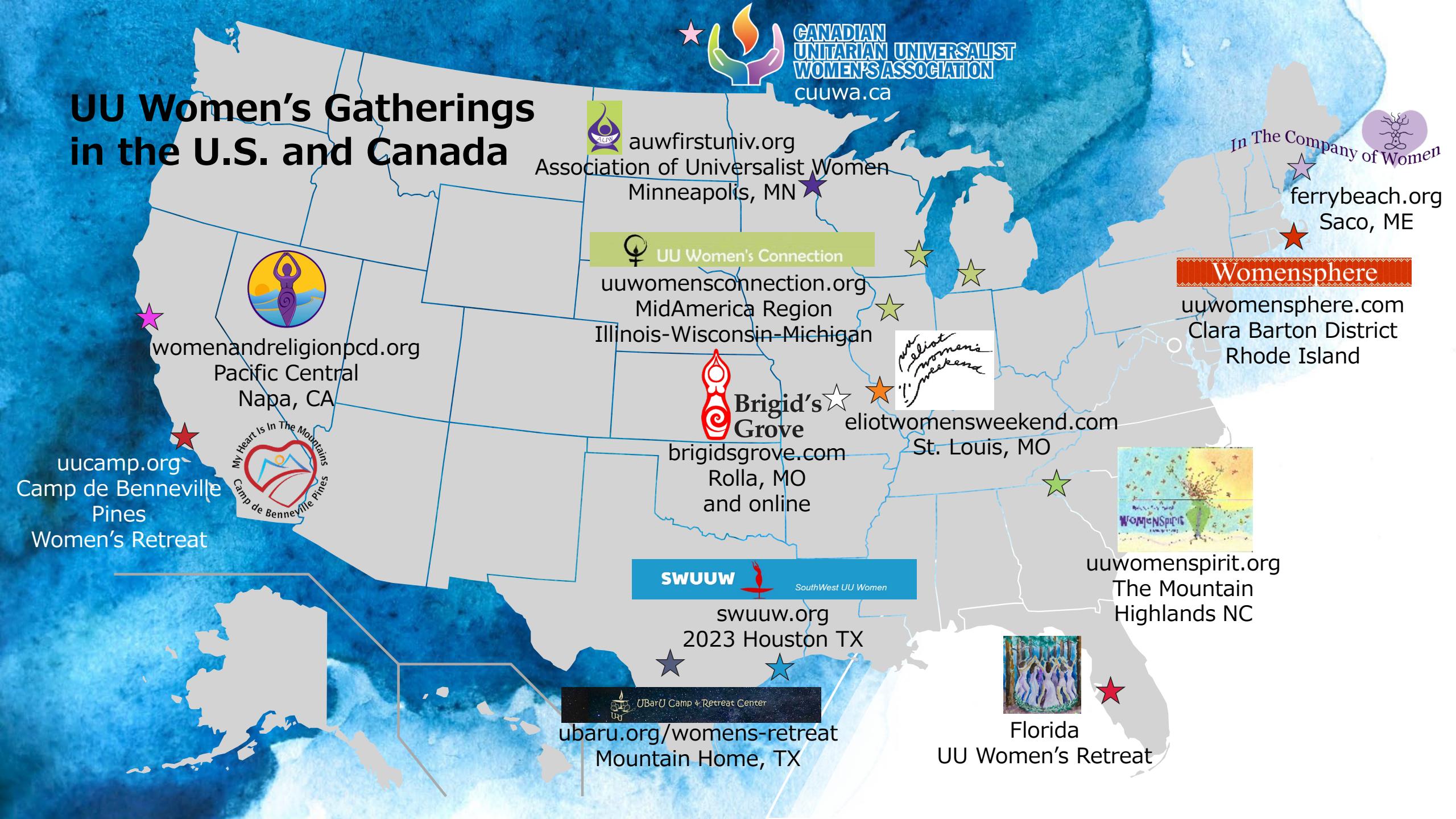
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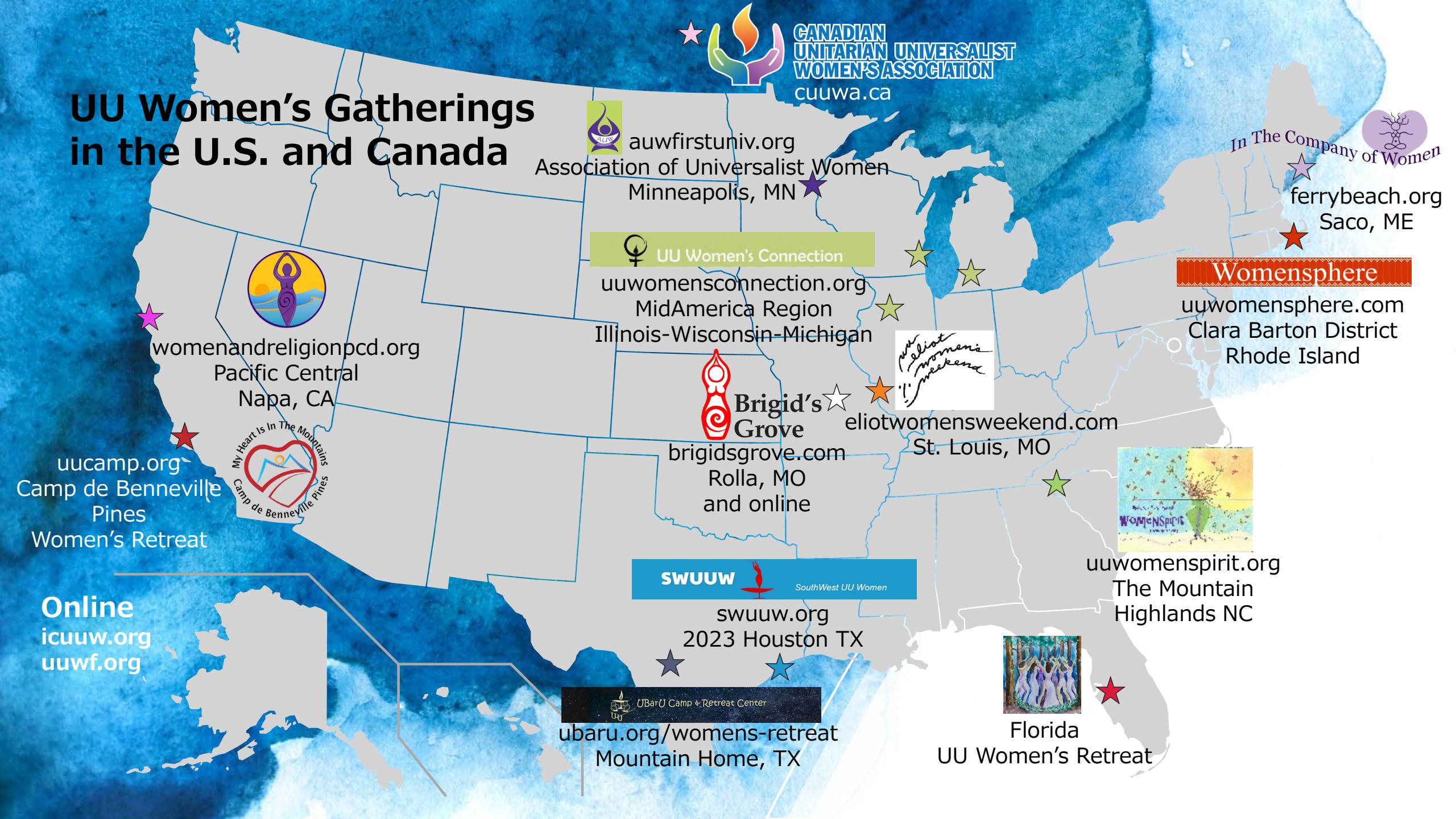
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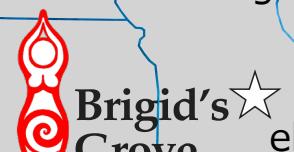
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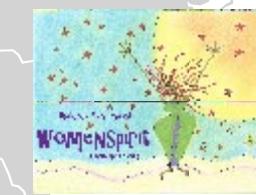
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Circle talk

Where are you connected
and what does that
mean to you?



International / Continental UU Women's Groups

A photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a red sari with a white border, sitting on a light-colored stone step. She is holding a young child in her lap. The child is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with red stripes, dark pants with a white polka-dot pattern, and a colorful, patterned knit cap. The woman is looking towards the camera. The background consists of large, light-colored stone blocks.

International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist **Women**



Partnering with women all over the globe

International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women



WHERE WE WORK

First International Women's Convocation

Houston, TX, February, 2009



First international gathering of U*U and Progressive Faith Women in the US

600 women participated from 38 U.S. states and 17 other countries

\$100,000 for scholarships to internationals, ministers and young adults

Proceeds of \$10,000

Special collection raised another \$10,000 for women and children in Africa

Online database of model initiatives

Online social networking system for 600 registrants

2010 ICUUW granted tax exempt certification as nonprofit



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Houston, TX, February, 2009



International Women's Day – March 8 Resources and Sunday Service packets





Join Our Tuesday Gatherings!

Image: Gathering participants striking a #BreakTheBias pose
March 8, 2022 International Women's Day

FOURTH
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AND PEOPLE OF PROGRESSIVE FAITHS

“Weaving a Tapestry of Peace
and New Perspectives”

Connect – Collaborate – Create

Cluj-Napoca/Kolozsvár, Transylvania, Romania

Save the Date!
5-8 September, 2024



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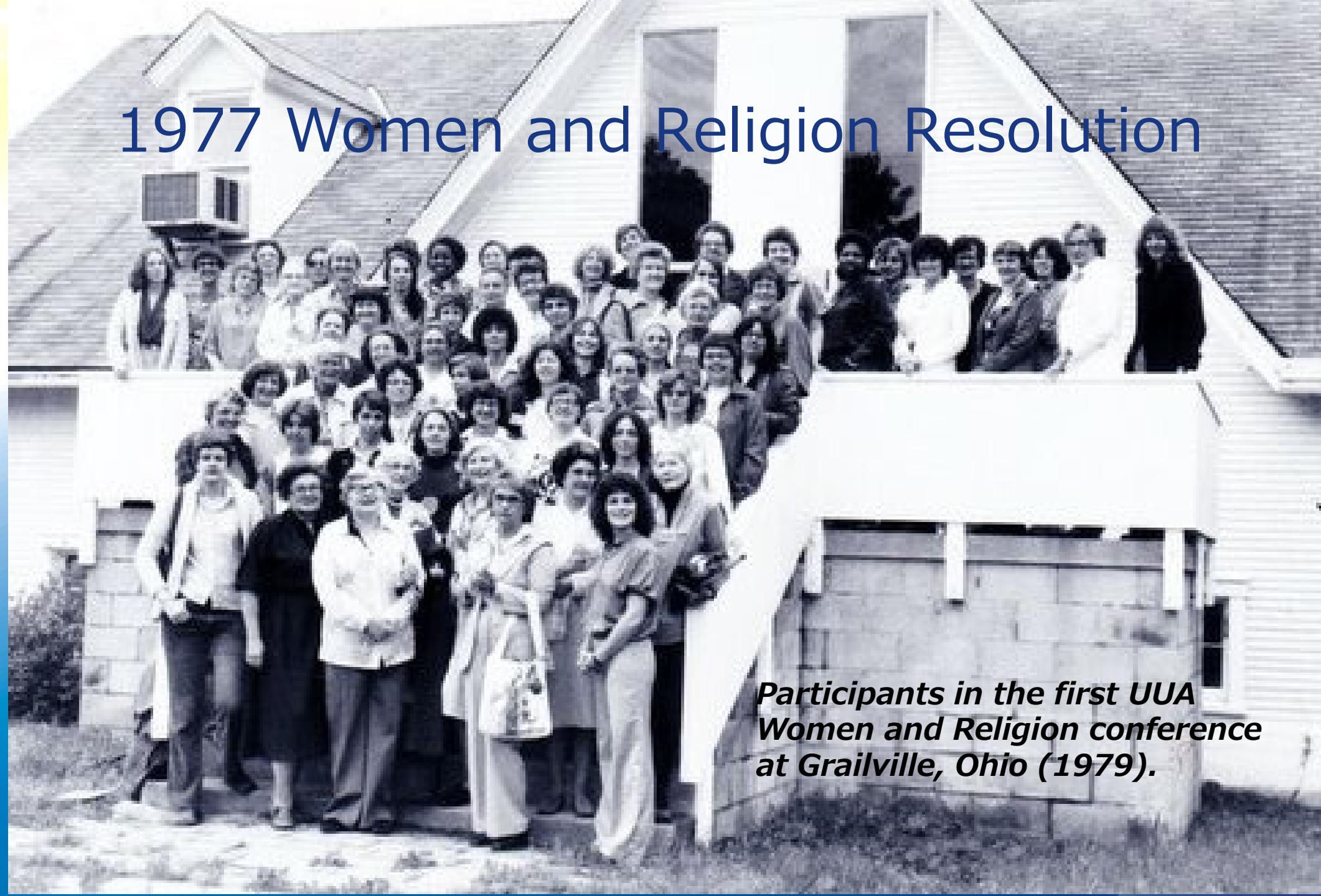




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Unitarian Universalist Women and Religion

1977 Women and Religion Resolution



*Participants in the first UUA
Women and Religion conference
at Grailville, Ohio (1979).*

1977 Women and Religion Resolution

WHEREAS, a principle of the Unitarian Universalist Association is to "affirm, defend, and promote the supreme worth and dignity of every human personality, and the use of the democratic method in human relationships"; and

WHEREAS, great strides have been taken to affirm this principle within our denomination; and

WHEREAS, some models of human relationships arising from religious myths, historical materials, and other teachings still create and perpetuate attitudes that cause women everywhere to be overlooked and undervalued; and

WHEREAS, children, youth and adults internalize and act on these cultural models, thereby tending to limit their sense of self-worth and dignity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1977 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association calls upon all Unitarian Universalists to examine carefully their own religious beliefs and the extent to which these beliefs influence sex-role stereotypes within their own families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the General Assembly urges the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association to encourage the Unitarian Universalist Association administrative officers and staff, the religious leaders within societies, the Unitarian Universalist theological schools, the directors of related organizations, and the planners of seminars and conferences, to make every effort to: (a) put traditional assumptions and language in perspective, and (b) avoid sexist assumptions and language in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the General Assembly urges the President of the Unitarian Universalist Association to send copies of this resolution to other denominations examining sexism inherent in religious literature and institutions and to the International Association of Liberal Religious Women and the IARF; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the General Assembly requests the Unitarian Universalist Association to: (a) join with those who are encouraging others in the society to examine the relationship between religious and cultural attitudes toward women, and (b) to send a representative and resource materials to associations appropriate to furthering the above goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the General Assembly requests the President of the UUA to report annually on progress in implementing this resolution.

LUCILE LONGVIEW CONCEIVED OF AND WROTE THE RESOLUTION



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Rise Up website

Women were prime movers and participants in this effort

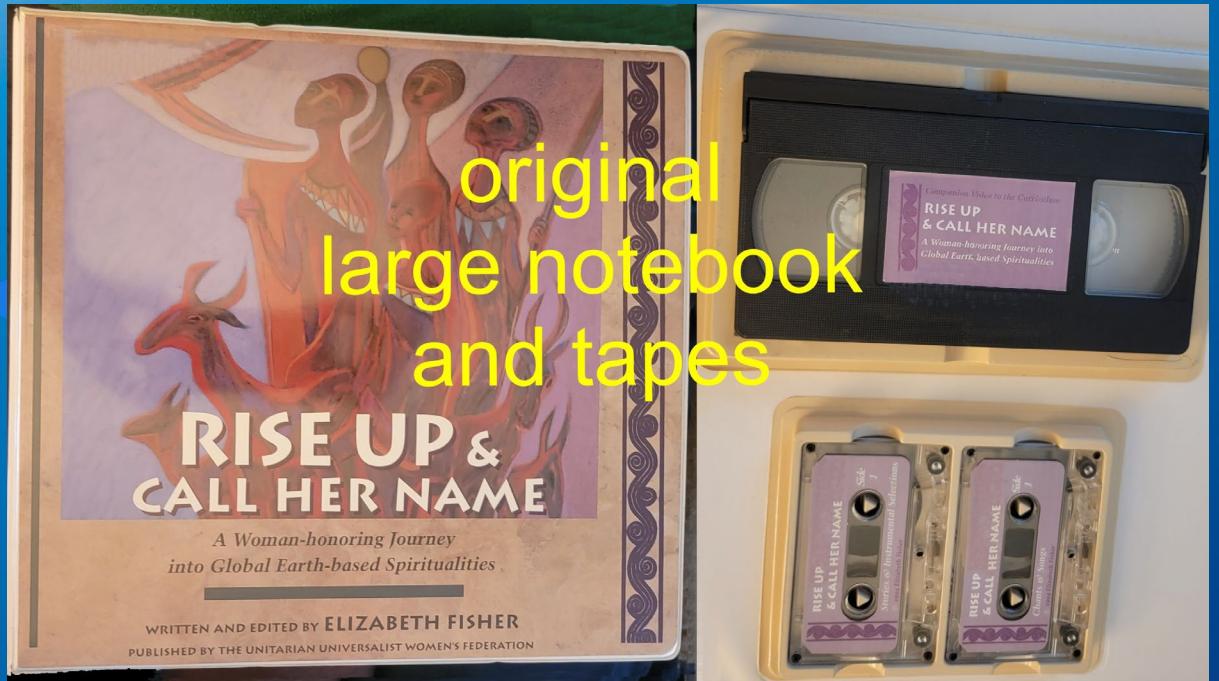
REVISION OF UU PRINCIPLES AND SOURCES

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Cakes for the Queen of Heaven completed in 1980, finally published by UUA in 1986. Author/editor Rev. Dr. Shirley A. Ranck. CAKES introduces participants to ancient Goddesses, weaving their stories together with major concerns of women today.

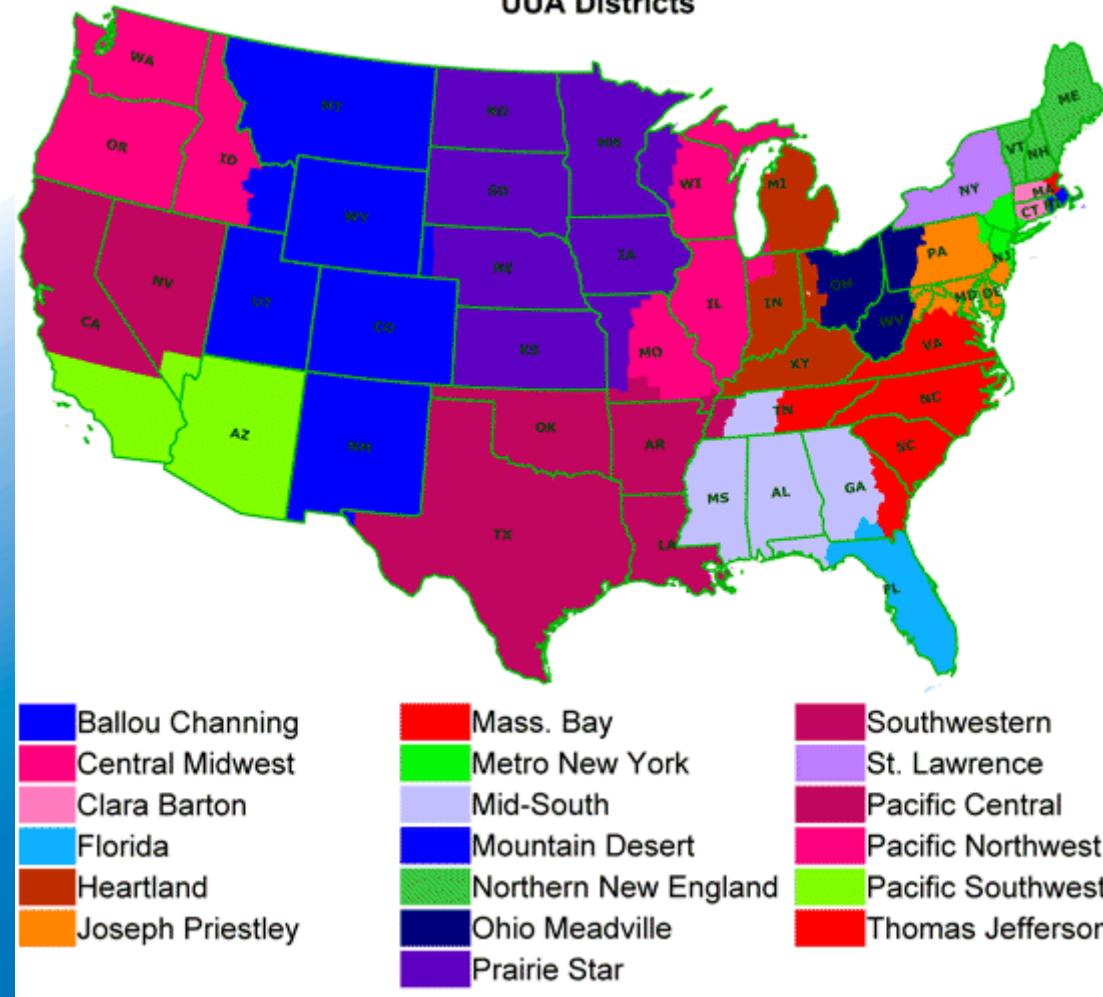
Rise up and Call Her Name originally published in 1995. Elizabeth Fisher (d.2020) was the author and editor. Sponsored by the UUWF and reissued in 2007 with updated components and format.



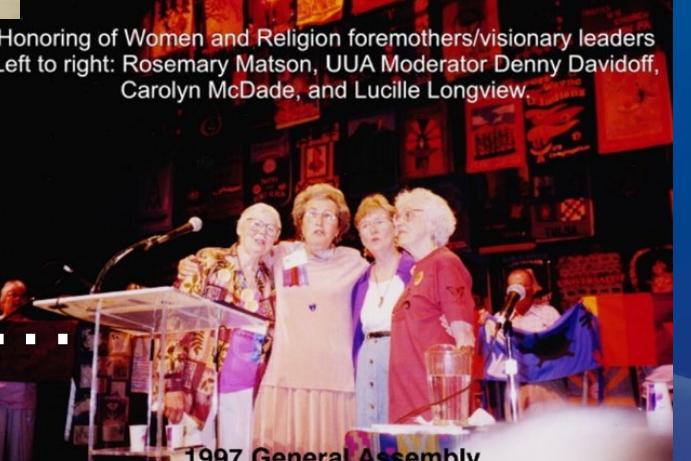
Women asked for feminist curricula

Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

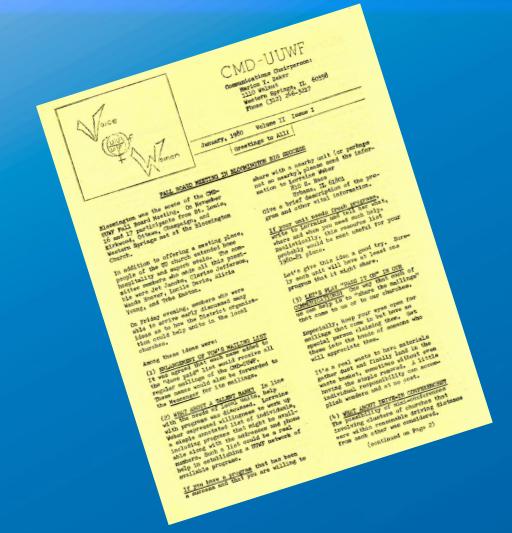
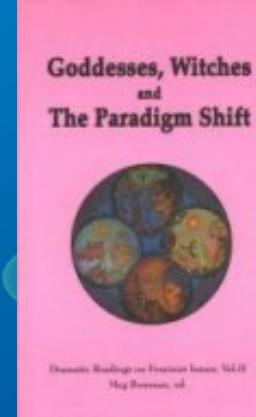
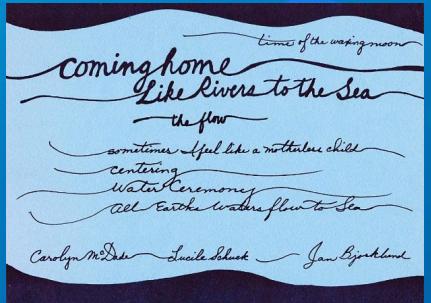
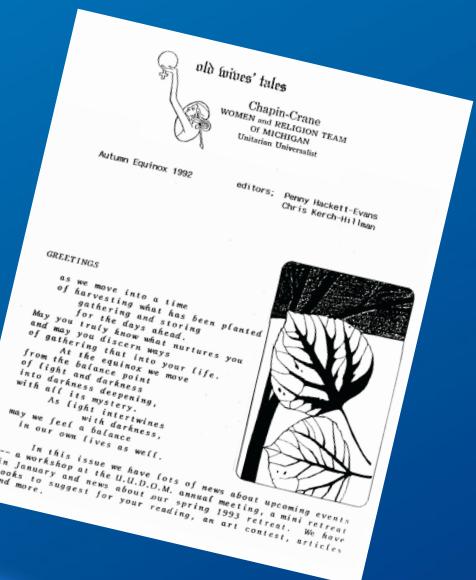
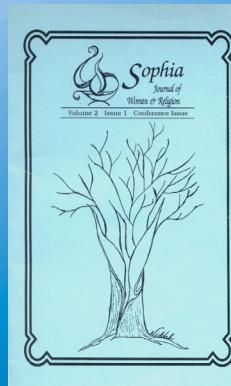
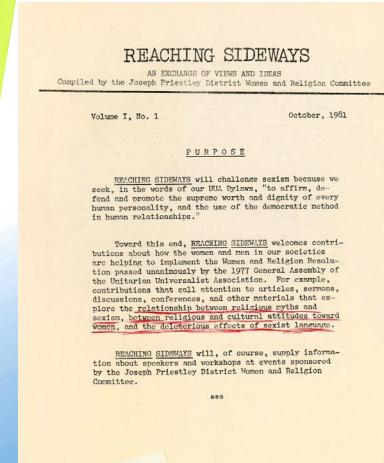
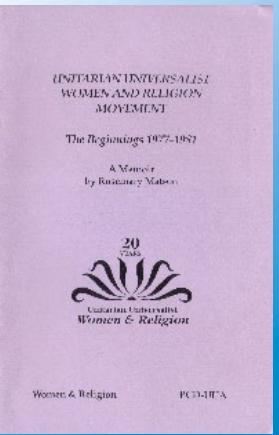
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W&R task force/committees in every district



W&R groups gathered...



And wrote and published



**1996 Women & Religion defunded by UUA.
District W&R groups look to Districts for help**

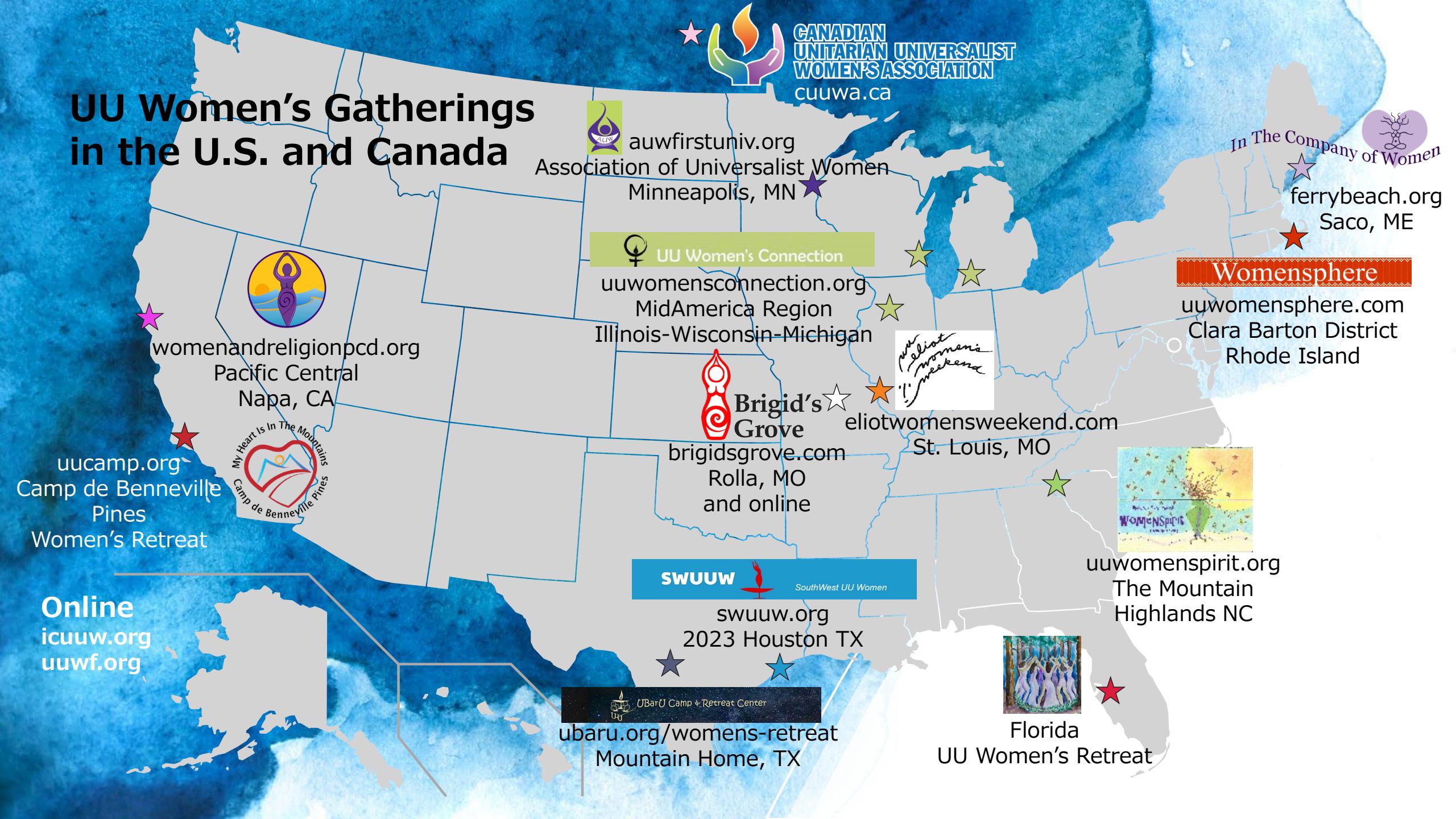
**2007 60+ groups Disaffiliated by UUA
Groups struggle; independence**

2024 still going...



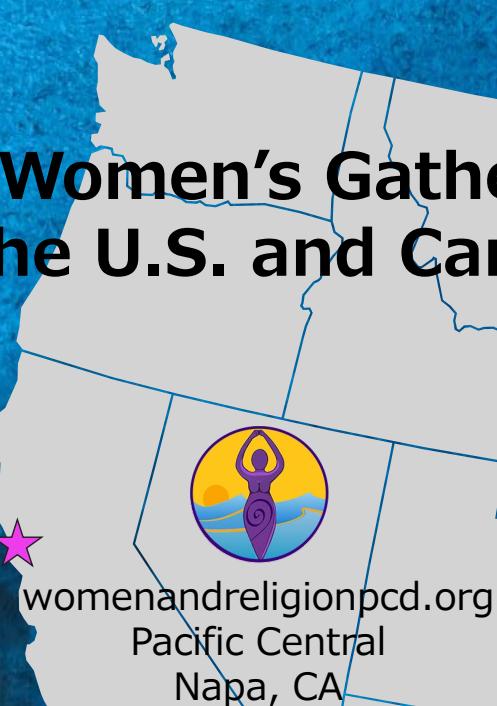
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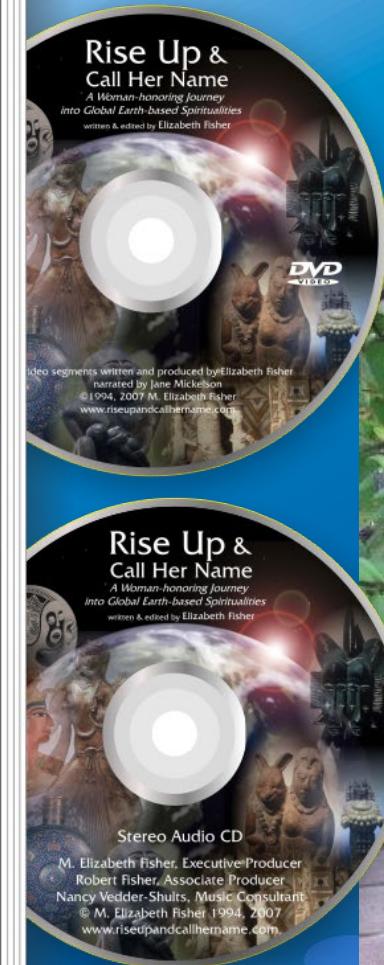
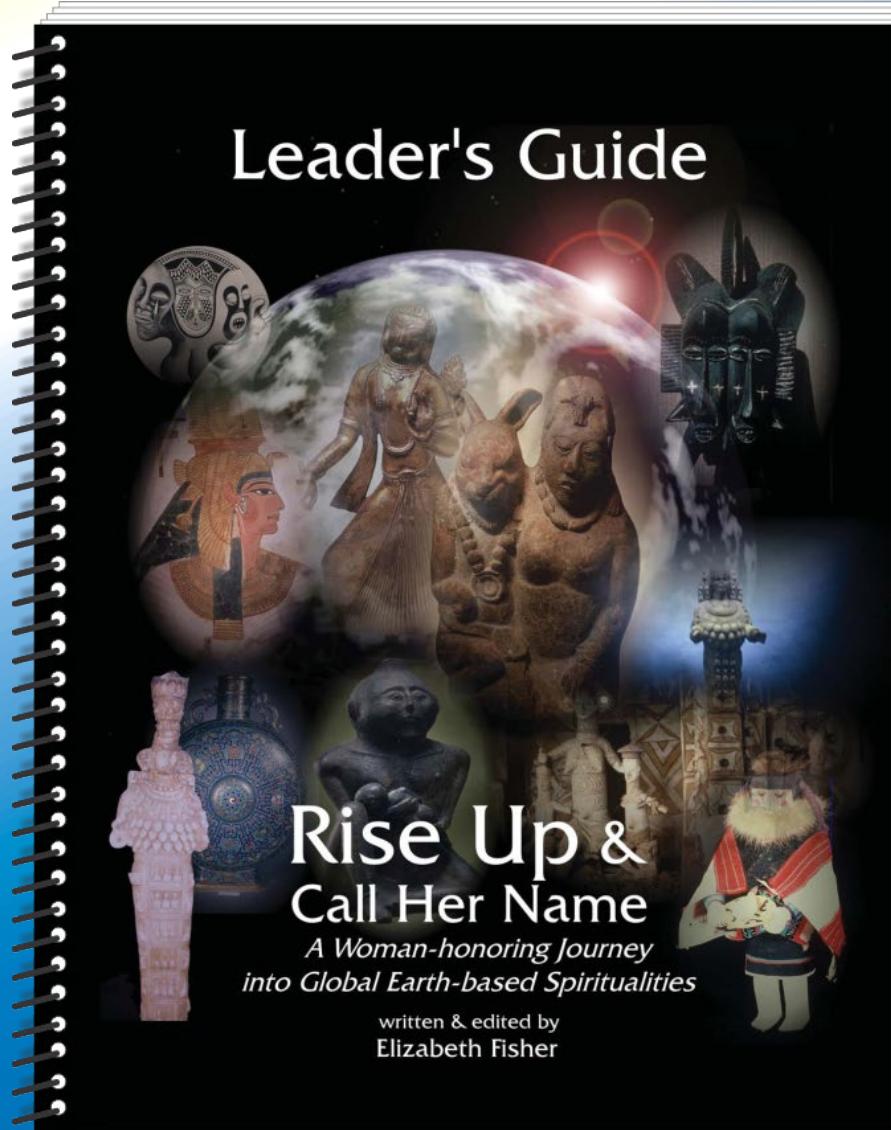
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began printing and selling
Cakes for the Queen of Heaven
... and then
printing/publishing/promoting
significant UU women's works

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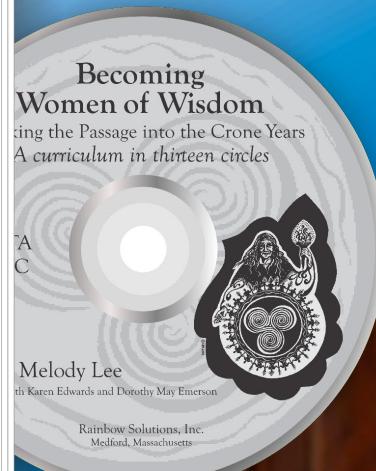
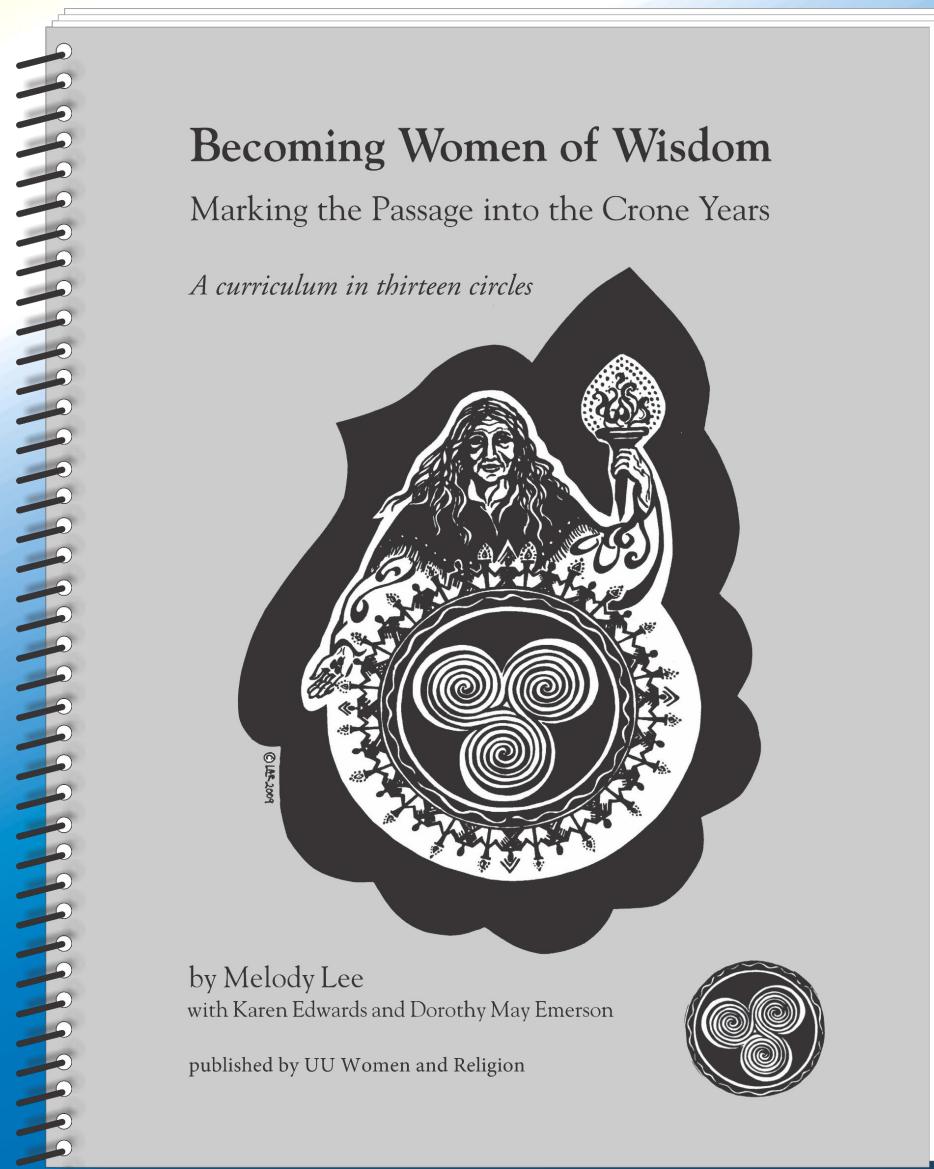


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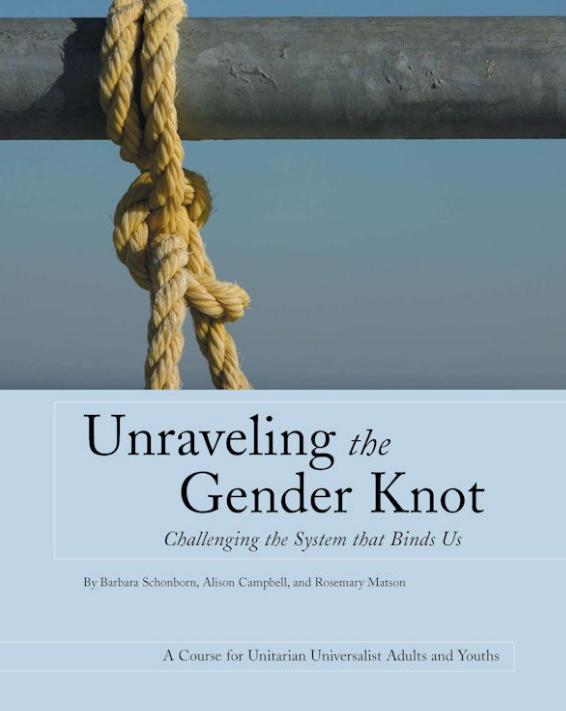
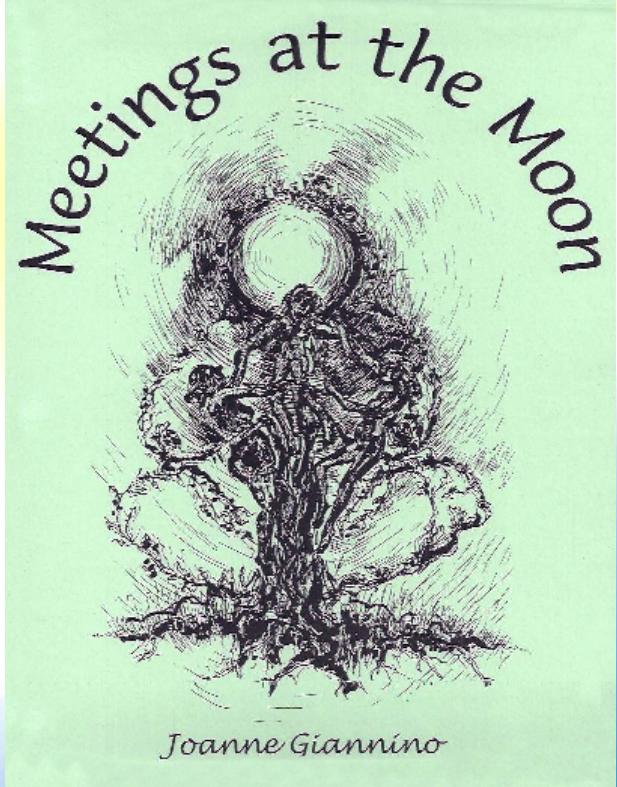
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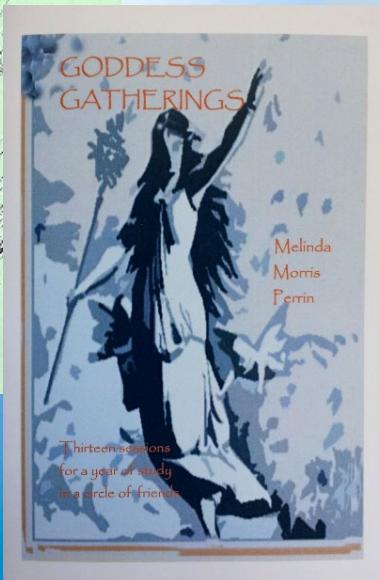
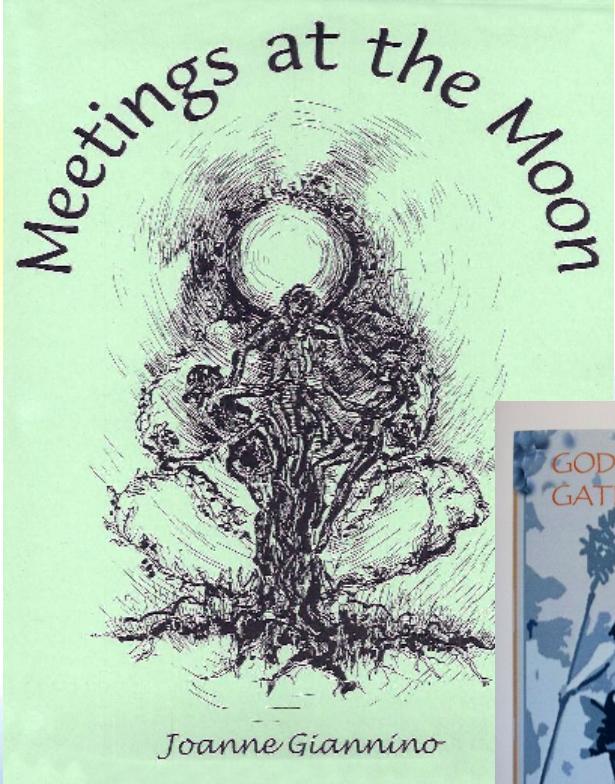


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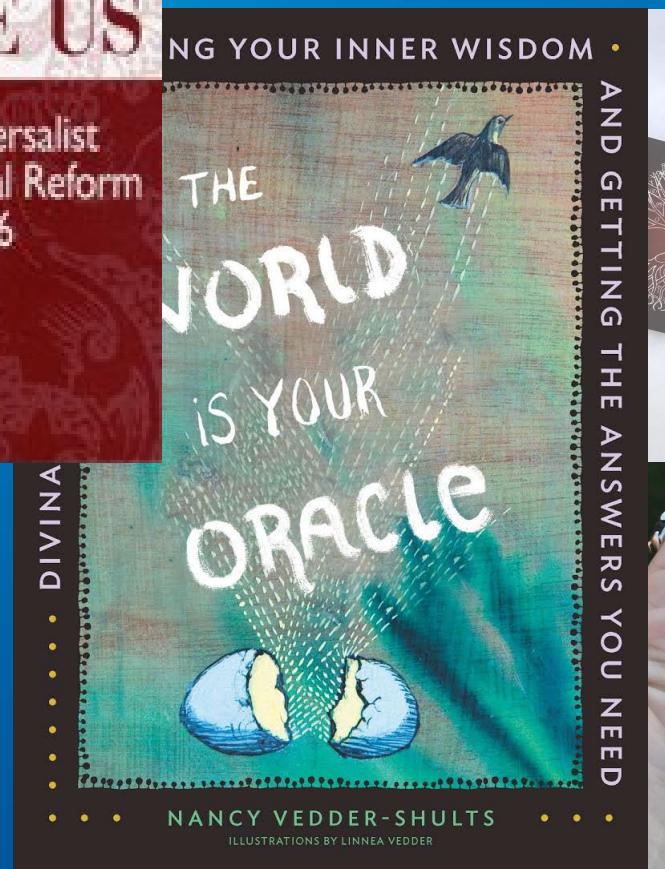
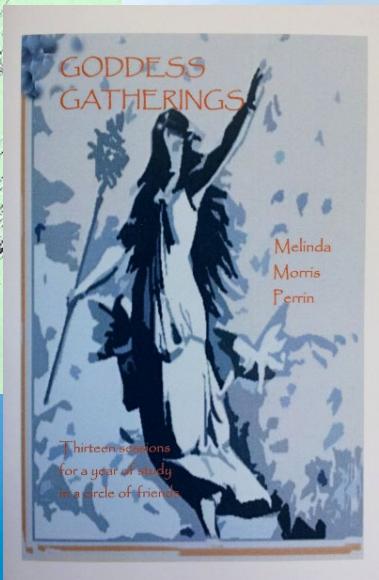
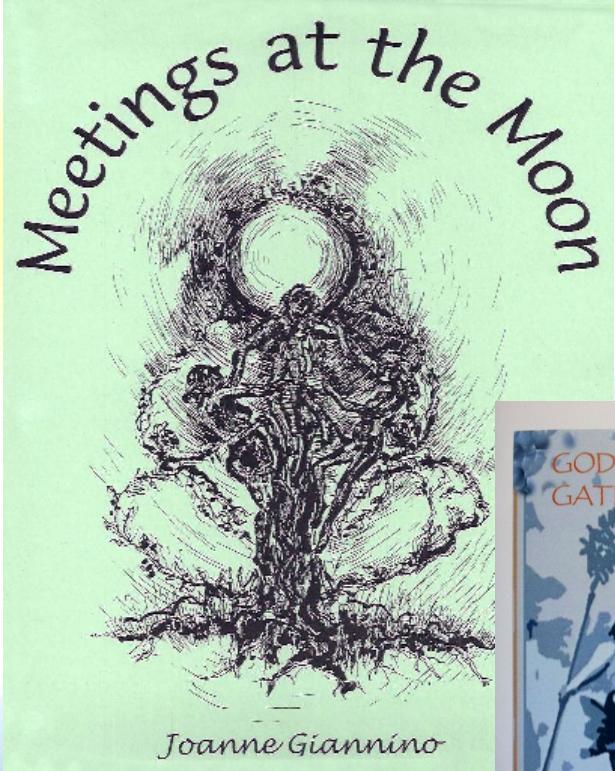
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Challenging the System that Binds Us

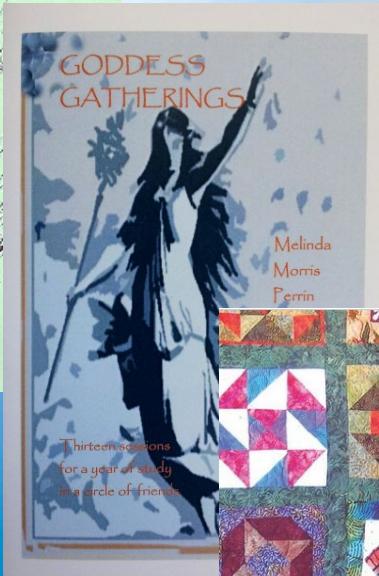
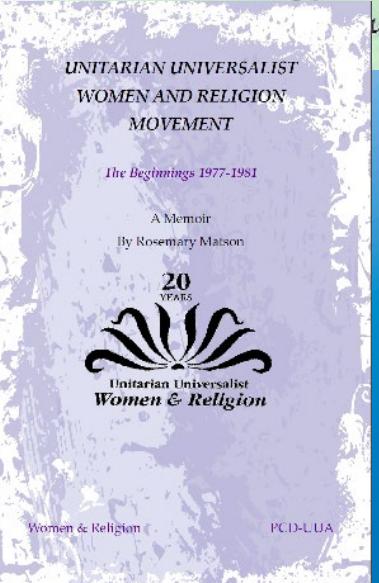
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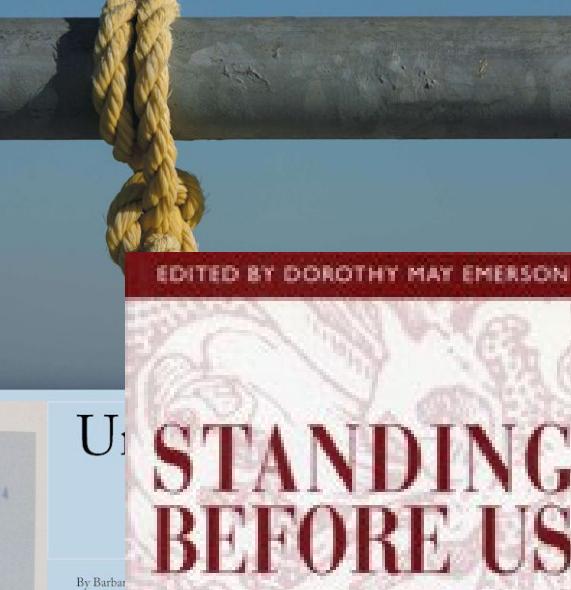
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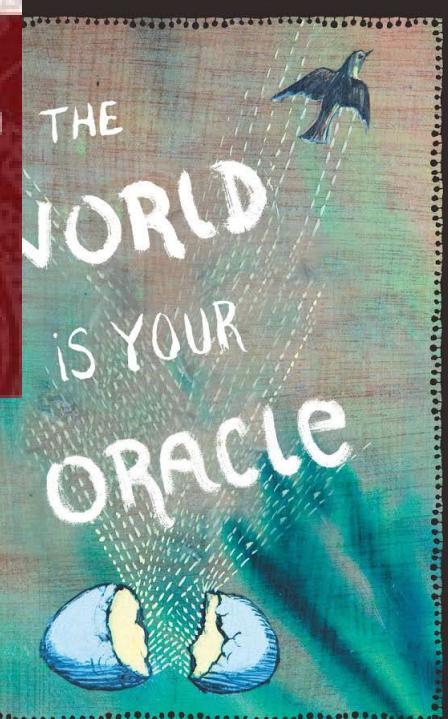
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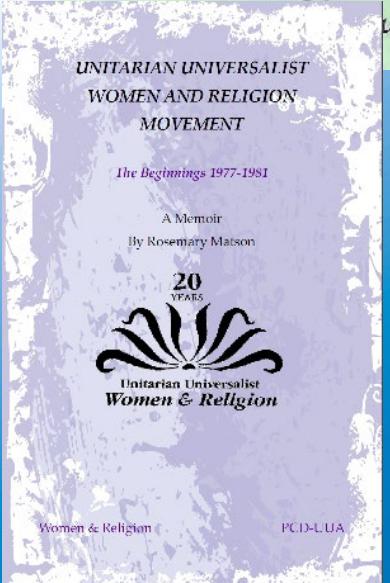
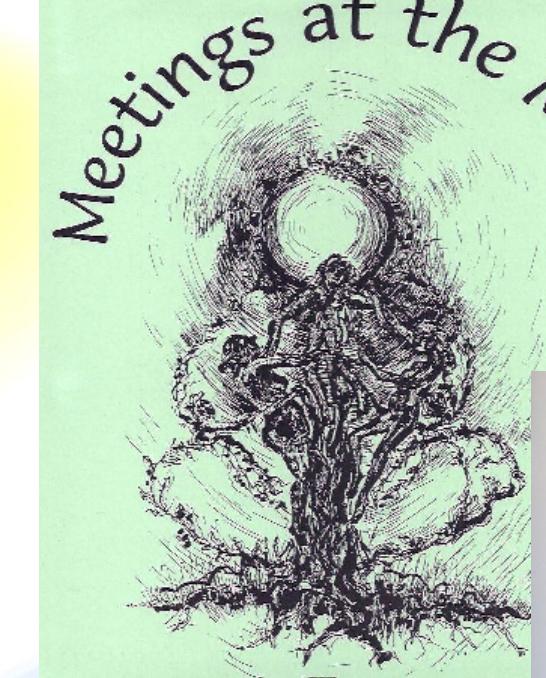
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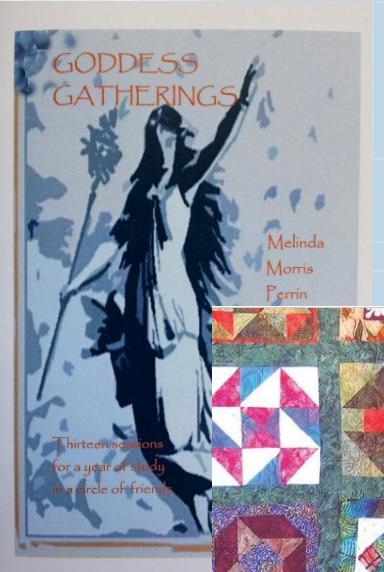
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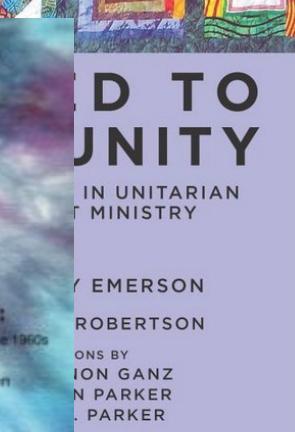
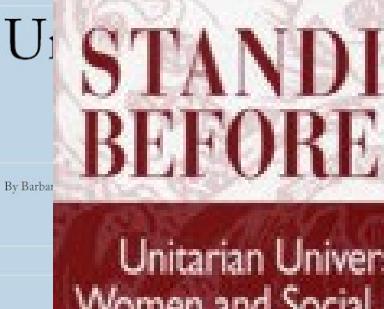
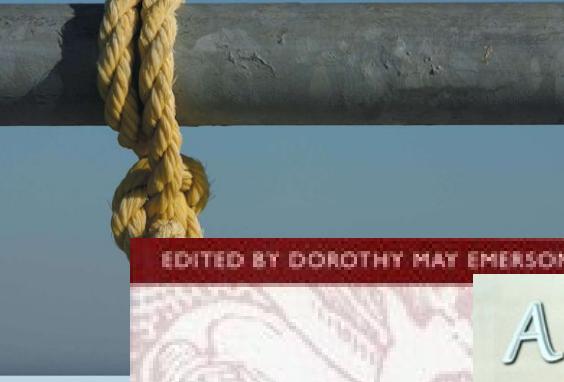
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for a year of study
in a circle of friends



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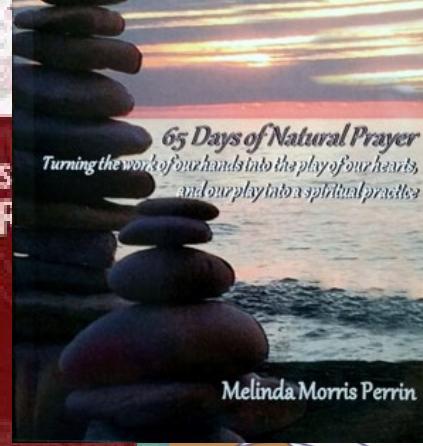
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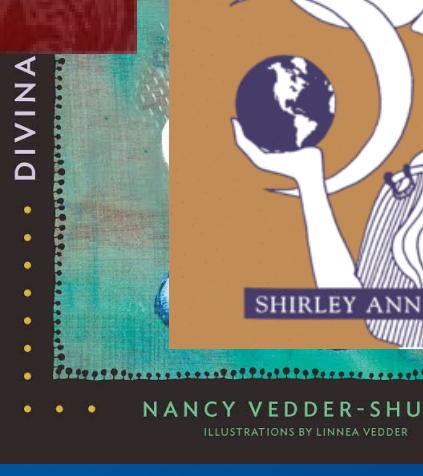


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65 Days of Natural Prayer
Turning the work of our hands into the play of our hearts,
and our play into a spiritual practice



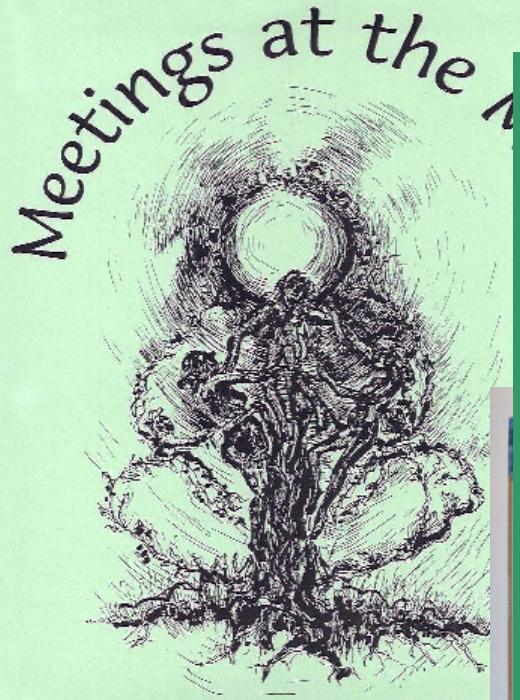
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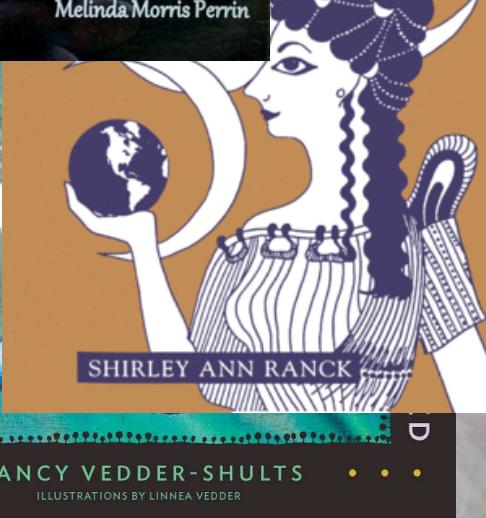
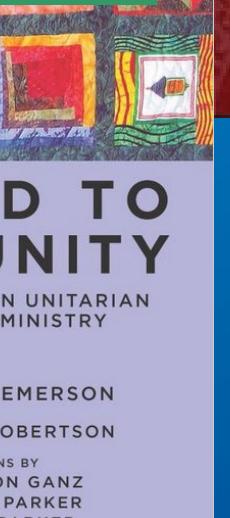
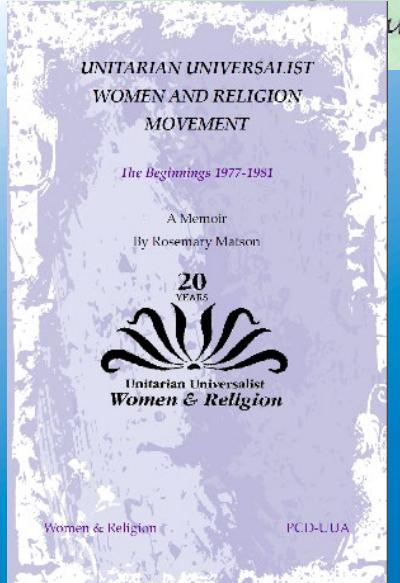
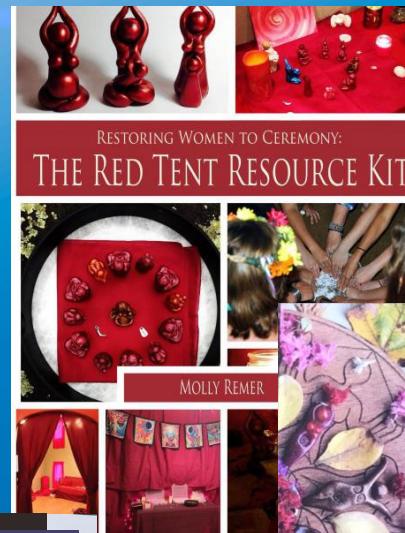
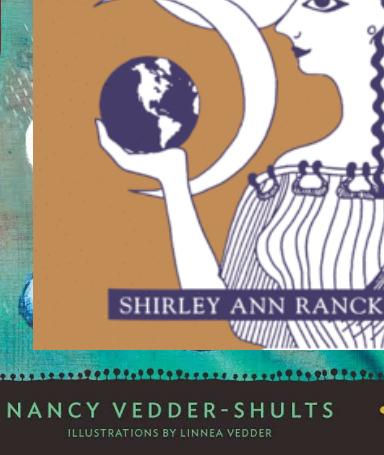
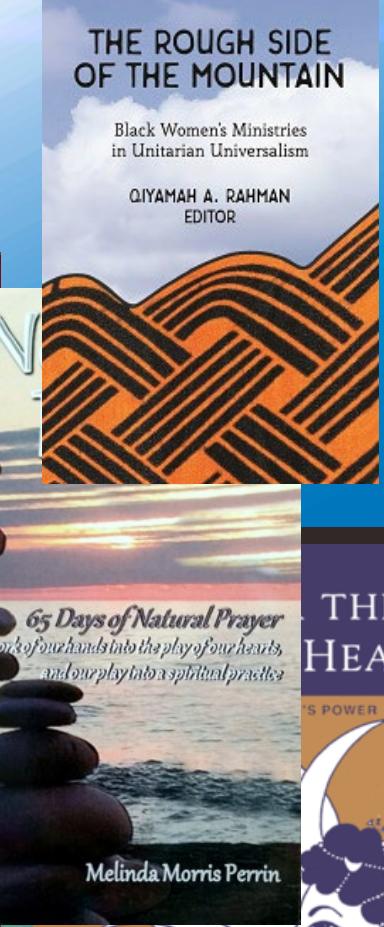
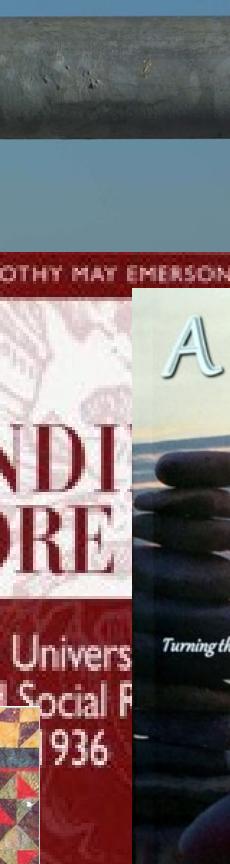


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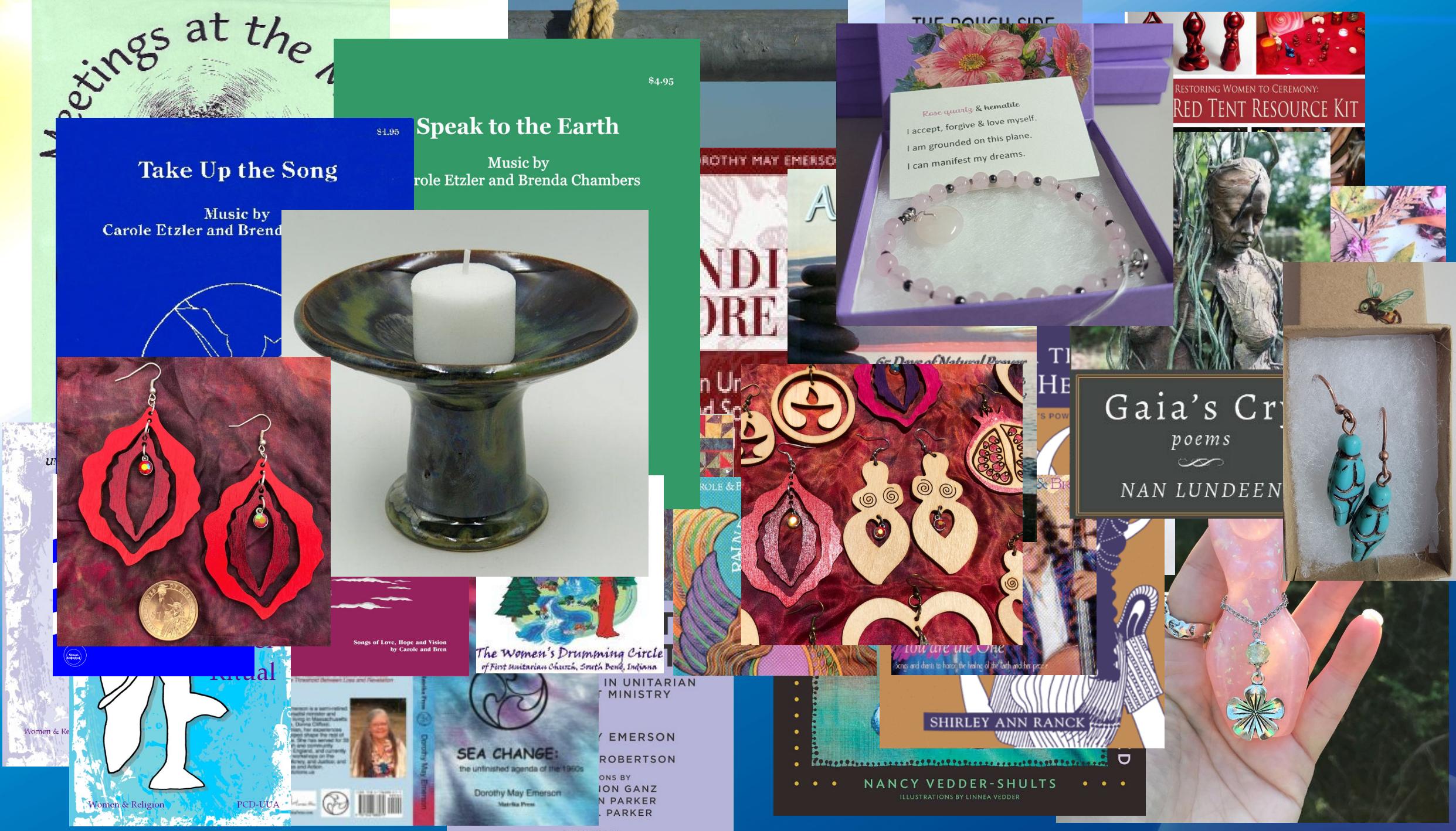
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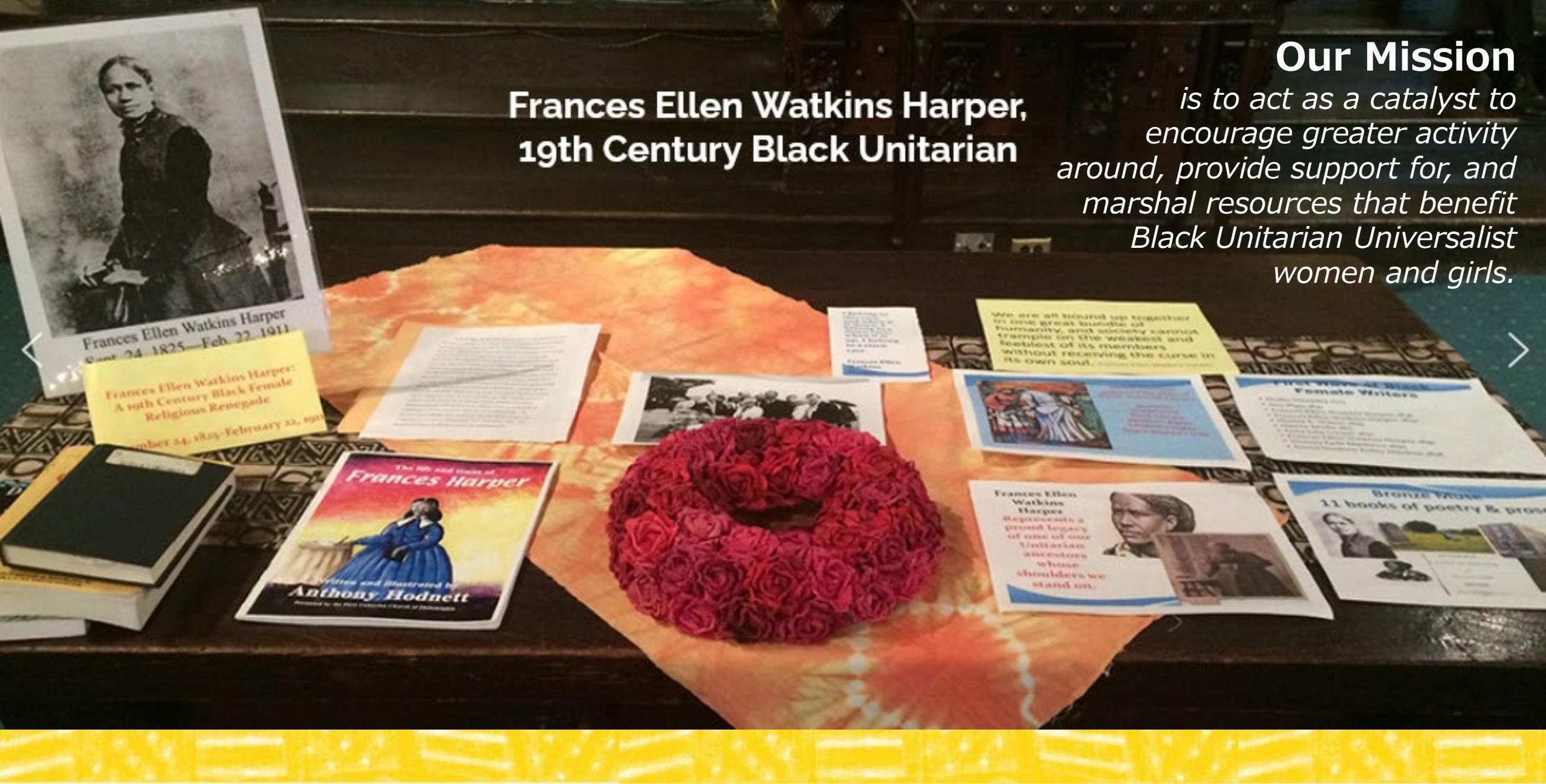
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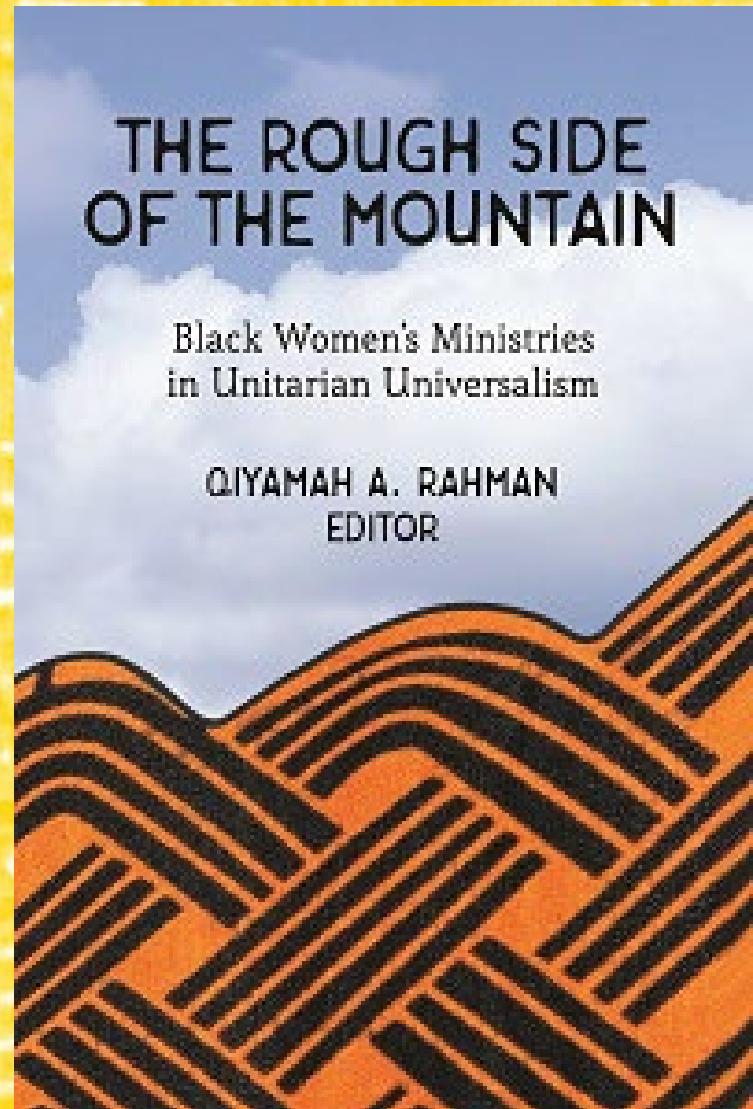
SisterSOUURCE was born out of Unitarian Universalist Black women and girls' needs and desires for a space, sanctified and made holy by our presence and devoted to our existence.

Our Mission

is to act as a catalyst to encourage greater activity around, provide support for, and marshal resources that benefit Black Unitarian Universalist women and girls.

Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, 19th Century Black Unitarian





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Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation



Early UUWF Herstory



Predecessor Organizations

Compiled in August 2007 by Ellen Spencer, UUWF Executive Administrator, and Phyllis Rickter, UUWF President 1987-91, with thanks to the Rev. Elinor Artman for permission to use excerpts from her Timeline.

1869



Universalist women form the Women's Aid and Centenary Association.

Between then and 1939, the organization undergoes restructuring and renaming four times before becoming the Association of Universalist Women (**AUW**).

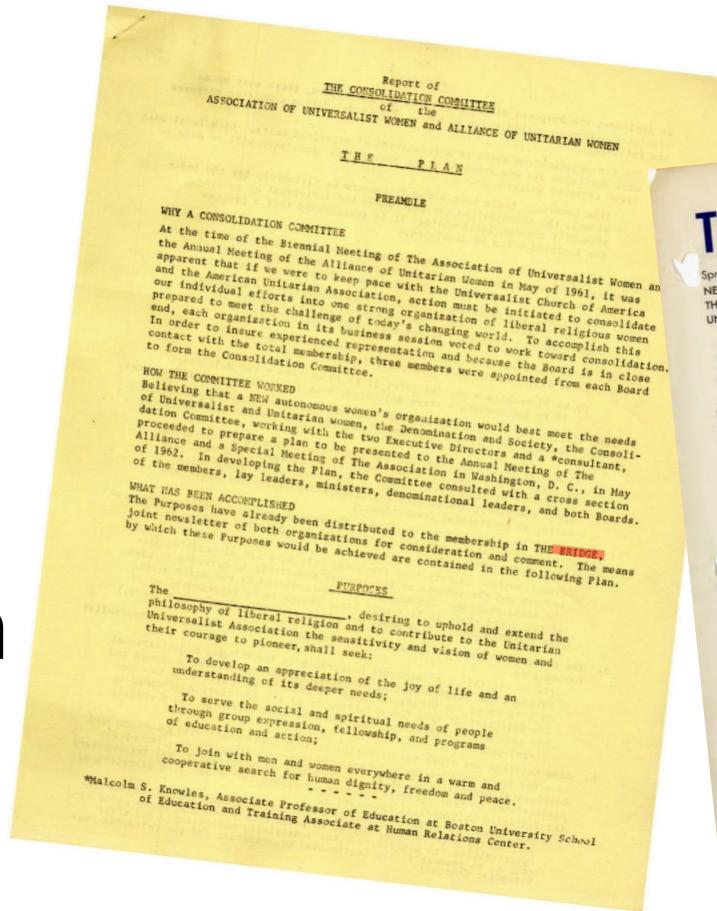
1880



Unitarian women form the Women's Auxiliary Conference. Between then and 1960, the organization undergoes restructuring and renaming five times before becoming the Alliance of Unitarian Women (the **Alliance**)

Late 1950s

AUW and the Alliance begin joint activities, including publication of *The Bridge*, and begin planning consolidation of their organizations.



The Bridge

Spring Issue March 15, 1962
NEWSLETTER OF
THE UNITARIAN AND
UNIVERSALIST WOMEN

On to Washington!

Just before the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Washington this spring, the Alliance of Universalist Women and the Association of Universalist Women will hold their own important meetings on May 22 and May 23.

In addition to the business meetings of the separate organizations, the two groups will meet together for some very special joint programs.

Monday, May 21

—Specially arranged bus tours of our nation's capital will be conducted, leaving from the Meridian Hill Hotel at 1:00. Please send your reservation and check to Mrs. Patricia Arnett, 9230 Villa Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814, later than May 16th, at \$2.00 each.

Tuesday afternoon, May 22

—Following separate

business meetings of the Alliance and The Association of Universal Women, a joint luncheon will be given at the Presidential Arms, Olive and K Street, Washington, D.C. The U.S. Committee for UNWCO will deliver the keynote address, "Architects of Our Future." Following the luncheon, the Plan for Consolidation (see below) will be presented to the delegates with discussion to follow.

Tuesday evening, May 22

—A special program for all



delegates and their friends will be conducted at All Soul's Church, 16th and Harvard Street, N.W.

Wednesday morning, May 23 — Following separate business meetings of the Alliance and Association of Universalist Women, all delegates will meet for a briefing by our State Department on "The Vital Concerns of Liberal Women in Today's Crisis."

Reminder — if you have any special arrangements at the Meridian Hill Hotel through Tues-

day, you should do so at once. If the Meridian Hill becomes filled, or if your husband wants you, you may contact the nearby Hos-

mer and Manger-Hamilton, 14th and K Streets, for reservations. We urge you to make your reservations as soon as possible.

Those wishing to move to the Statler for the Unitarian Universalist Association meetings from May 23 through May 27 should contact the Statler Hotel no later than May 8.

THE PLAN

where in a warm and cooperative search for human dignity, freedom, and peace.

THE STRUCTURE
A federation of organized units is proposed, with each local unit formulating its own requirements for membership, and determining through delegates to the continental convention, the organization's policy on matters of purposes, programs, patterns of organization and finance. The number of delegates will be determined by the size of the local unit, to give proportional representation.

A local unit not more than 25 members will be elected by the membership to carry out the policies adopted at the continental conventions.

Area meetings and other relationships between local units will be encouraged to serve their mutual needs and to further the program of the national organization.

1963



The AUW and Alliance consolidate into a non-profit membership organization incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, known as: **the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation.** They set up office at 25 Beacon Street.

<https://uufw.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Historical/History-I-UUWF-PredecessorOrgs.pdf>

UUWF Past Presidents

1963-65 Juliet L. Underwood, Cincinnati, OH*

1965-67 Dorothy Chapman, Silver Spring, MD

1967-69 Beatrice B. Carpenter, Greenville, RI*

1969-73 Alice H. Kimball, West Hartland, CT*

1973-77 Drusilla E. Cummins, Minneapolis, MN*

1977-81 Natalie Gulbrandsen, Wellesley Hills, MA*

1981-85 Denise T. Davidoff, Norwalk, CT*

1985-87 Clarise Jefferson, Normal, IL

1987-91 Phyllis C. Rickter, Arlington, MA*

1991-95 Kay Aler-Maida, Brooklyn, NY

1995-98 Arlene Johnson, Tulsa, OK

1998-01 Tina Jas, Eastham, MA

2001-04 Linda McAffrey, Ferguson, MO

2004-07 Nancy W. Van Dyke, Sea Cliff, NY

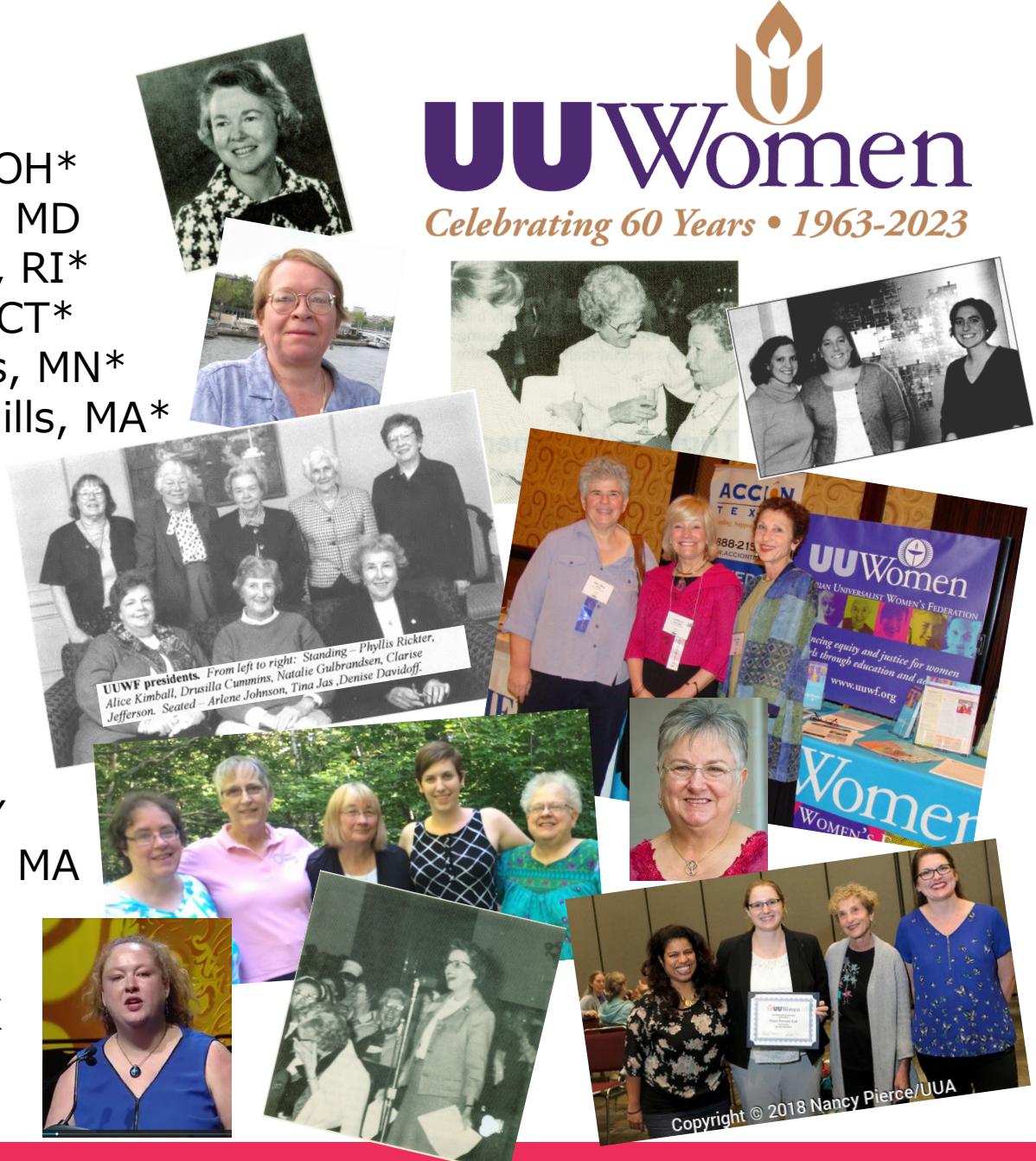
2007-10 Linda Lu Burciaga, Newburyport, MA

2010-13 Rev. Marti Keller, Decatur, GA

2013-16 Kirstie Lewis, Ph.D., Seattle, WA

2016-17 Justice Waidner Smith, Tulsa, OK

2017-22 Claire Sexton, Waco, TX



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The UUWF builds covenantal relationships amongst UU women that equip us all to be better co-conspirators and allies in the movement for collective liberation.



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Circle talk

Why and how are women's groups important?

UU women gathering



UUWF at a GA workshop:

The women of our congregations have been gathering since long before the formation of either the UUWF or the UUA. Seen at left are yesteryear's Ladies Sewing Society of the First Unitarian Church, Portland, OR, and at right, today's Women of Westminster Unitarian Church, East Greenwich, RI.



UU women gathering



We are sisters (siblings)
on a journey

Singing out as one

Remembering the ancient ones

The women and the wisdom

The women and the wisdom



Thank you!