



The Saskatchewan Christian Feminist Network

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Greetings to the women of the Saskatchewan Feminist Network:

I received this email as I was beginning to compile this letter and it may be familiar, but it resonated with me this morning

“May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you were meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us”

COG met in Saskatoon on the long weekend in May. We meet at St. Andrew’s College because Laura Balas is there. She will soon be saying goodbye to St. A’s so we will meet in Regina in the fall.

The November event (being held on October 15 to 18 at Calling Lakes) planning is underway. Laura Balas, Sharon Hurd and Karen Mundt are the planning team. The theme will be around Women’s Spirituality with R-time planned. R-Time could be relax, read, revive, recreate, renew, rejuvenate, reacquaint, or any other R-word that fits. More information will follow.

We had further conversation about the name and the logo. Our decision was to continue with same logo and name at this time.

COG is planning to provide a comfortable women’s space at the Saskatchewan Conference of the United Church in North Battleford from May 27-30, 2009.

Our fall meeting will be in Regina. We are planning a Potluck for all interested women on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009. Please email info@saskatchewanfeminist.net for more information. Please bring a potluck dish and your own plate, cup and cutlery. Beverages will be provided, if you would like other than tea, coffee or punch, BYOB.

We did some visioning by reviewing our previous thoughts which were generated following the November Event 2008. We discussed communication and how happenings of joy and sorrow might be shared. Particular events which would be of interest to COG and the Network can be forwarded to a member of COG or Conference Office to be shared. We also discussed whether our purpose has changed – we are getting older and are not attracting younger women. These issues will be further discussed during the COG time at the November Event (in October)

If you have forgotten to renew your membership in the Network, a registration form is included with the letter. Please consider renewing and pass the information on to other interested women.

We pass along this invitation to interested folks: Will you join us, The Sisters of the Sacred Web, in the Elm Dance on Thursday June 4th at 7:00. We will gather just outside of the Regina Public Consultation Meeting on the Future of Uranium Development.

The Elm Dance began in the small city of Novozybkov, 100 miles east of Chernobyl, in the Bryansk region of Russia. Not knowing how to begin to heal the radioactive devastation of land, forest and water, people began to dance. This simple beautiful dance has now spread around the planet as people gather to work together for the healing of the world.

As citizens of this province who say NO to Saskatchewan Uranium Development and YES to renewables, we too will gather to learn the Elm Dance and to dance it on June 4, at 7:00p.m. at Western Christian College. For more information or to let us know you will be there contact Ruth Blaser at buffalowoman@accesscomm.ca

We have just received an invitation to the Prairie Lily Feminist Society membership meeting. It is Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 at the CUPE office. 3731E Eastgate Drive. Agenda items will include a working group on childcare, and a partnership with Sister in Spirit. Unfortunately this conflicts with the Elm Dance gathering – Are there any Regina women or others who could attend the Prairie Lily Feminist Society meeting?

We continue to communicate with other organizations doing women's work by letter or meeting whenever possible.

Let us all hope for warmer weather and enjoy time in the sun.

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For COG

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