

Unbeaten Paths Editorial March, 2007

Dear Sisters,

Spring is well on its way as we write this, and a change of seasons is in the air. We have gained a new source of articles for *Unbeaten Paths*, and we have lost one. This issue introduces *Geez: Holy Mischief in an Age of Fast Faith*. Jayne discovered it at the November Event. We love the editors' description of this Winnipeg publication:

"*Geez* is your story of experiments with truth. Because it's time we untangle the narrative of faith from the fundamentalists, pious self-helpers and religio-profiteers. And let's do it with holy mischief rather than ideological firepower.

We'll explore the point at which word, action and image intersect and then ignite. So let's blaspheme the gods of super-powerdom, instigate spiritual action campaigns and revamp that old Picture Bible.

We've set up camp in the outback of the spiritual commons. A bustling spot for the over-churched, out-churched, un-churched and maybe even the un-churchable. A location just beyond boring bitterness.

A place for wannabe contemplatives, front-line world-changers and restless cranks. A place where the moon shines quiet, instinct runs mythic and belief rides a bike (or at least sits on the couch entertaining the possibility.)"

Doesn't that sound intriguing? We are invited to throw our own stories, photos or ideas into the *Geez* hopper by emailing them to editor@geezmagazine.org. A subscription costs \$25 for four issues. Make checks payable to *Geez Magazine*, and mail them to 264 Home Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3G 1X3.

And sadly, this issue marks the end of contributions from our old friend the *Catholic New Times*. After thirty years, CNT decided that with a decline in subscriptions and in advertising over the past several years, it was necessary to cease publication in December 2006. Three last articles from *Catholic New Times* are included in this issue, one in the Feminist Theology section, one in Close to Home, and one in Feminist Thought. We are sorry to see it go.

At this point, your two remaining editors of *Unbeaten Paths* are concerned about our own publication's future. Brenda MacLauchlan has retired, and Jayne and Meredith have assembled this issue on their own. We think we can do two more without help, if necessary. We are committed to producing issues in June 2007 and in November 2007. But without a third editor, we don't think we can go beyond that. This is sad and difficult for us. Please. If you wish to nominate someone who you think would make a good co-editor, please email that person's name and contact information to one of us, and we will get in touch to ask them. Or if you yourself have any interest at all, and just a few hours each month to spare, please consider joining us on the editorial team. If you would like more information, or simply want to discuss the possibility, please email either up@saskatchewanfeminist.net.

Finally, we want to thank Charlotte Caron for contributing her reflections on the November Event for this issue, and invite everyone else who reads *Unbeaten Paths* to send us your own reflections or reports on special events. We would love to publish them in these pages.

Wishing you all the warmth and hope of spring time, Meredith and Jayne