

Unbeaten Paths
Editorial –December, 2007

Dear Sisters,

Here is a December surprise for you: Your November issue of *Unbeaten Paths*! We apologize for its late arrival. Our fall commitments have overwhelmed us this year. But when your continuing editors (Jayne Whyte and Meredith Cherland) were finally able to get going on this issue, we were delighted to welcome a new member to the editorial team: Marja Hordern. Marja (pronounced Mar-yah) works in Christian Education at All Saints Anglican Church in Regina. She is young (not yet thirty), and interested in many of the things that have sustained the Saskatchewan Christian Feminist Network and *Unbeaten Paths* through the years (feminism, feminist and liberation theologies, and global justice issues).

As we enter the new year with a new editor, we want to restate the mission of *Unbeaten Paths* for you and for ourselves: We will publish articles written by women from a feminist perspective which center on women's spirituality and faith, women's issues around the globe, and women's lives and ideas (especially those who are close to home). We will report on the painful realities of women's lives, but also include the positive and the hopeful. Please send us anything you would like us to publish!

This year's November Event on "The Third Wave of Feminism" has come and gone, and Jayne has been reflecting on the new themes that are of interest to the changing membership of our Network. Next year's theme for the November Event may well be "Creating a Culture of Peace", and center on the work of the women of Afghanistan and Iran. We see these themes in the feminist press, and this issue of *Unbeaten Paths* contains two new sections related to them: "Healing from War/Working for Peace" and "In Solidarity with Muslim Women." Jayne also points out that new trends in parenting may be of interest to our Network in the near future. Once again, as it was 25 years ago, more of our SCFN members are in the mother stages of their lives.

We were sad to receive our last issue of *Women's Concerns* this fall. It has been a strong publication, and a rich resource for *Unbeaten Paths*. We think its demise reflects the changes in the structures and priorities of the General Council of the United Church of Canada. We will miss it.

In our last issue of the year, we remember again the women who have been persecuted and executed as witches through the ages for speaking their minds and acting against patriarchy. And as the darkest days of the year come closer, we want to wish you all the blessings of Christmas, and peace in the new year.

Jayne, Meredith and Marja