

RESTORING DIGNITY

Women of Faith Leadership Summit

On the Occasion of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

REGISTER TODAY! Registration is FREE open to the general public and Delegates to the UN CSW. To register, please complete the form attached by **February 19, 2010**. All questions can be directed to Erin McNamara at emcnamara@religionsforpeace.org (212) 687-2163.

Location: Salvation Army—International Social Justice Commission
(221 East 52nd Street; New York, New York 10022).

MONDAY, MARCH 1ST

9:00 am – 12:00 pm: SESSIONS AT UN CSW

As preferred by delegates.

*A separate registration process must be completed in advance for those wishing to attend any UN CSW session. Please contact Thu Cao (thucao7@yahoo.com) for assistance. Availability is limited; Register early.

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm: OPENING SESSION & LUNCH

WELCOME & Overview of *Religions for Peace*

Jacqueline Ogega – Director, Women’s Mobilization Program, *Religions for Peace*

Mehrezia Labidi-Maiza – Muslim Women’s Progress, France; Coordinator, Global Women of Faith Network

Dr. Mustafa Ali – Secretary General, African Council of Religious Leaders

BRIEF HISTORY of *Religions for Peace* North American Women of Faith Network

Ms. Salima Ebrahim – Canadian Council of Muslim Women

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm: RESTORING THE DIGNITY OF WOMEN & GIRLS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune – President, Faith Trust Institute

Other featured speakers

Katherine Marshal – Georgetown's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs; Senior Advisor for the World Bank

Rabbi Zari Weiss – Women's Rabbinic Network

Dr. Uma Mysorekar – Hindu Temple Society of North America

Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton – Canadian Council of Churches

Ms. Parker Diggory – Presbyterian Church in the USA; *Religions for Peace* Inter-Religious Youth Network Chair for North America

5:00pm –RECEPTION

Dr. Ines Aberdi – Executive Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) (Invited)

TUESDAY, MARCH 2ND

9:00 Am – 10:30 Am: SESSIONS AT UN CSW

As preferred by delegates*.

11:00 am – 1:00 pm: THE UNIQUE LEADERSHIP BY WOMEN OF FAITH

KEY SPEAKER & RESPONDENT

Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, President, Union Theological Seminary

Themes: poverty & inequality; health (maternal, HIV/AIDS); violence against women; Mobilization, networking & partnerships building;

Daisy Khan – American Society for Muslim Advancement– Founder of Women’s Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equity

Pastor Ann Tiemeyer – Women’s Ministry National Council of Churches of USA

Brenda Smith – World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women of North America

Sr. Janice McLaughlin – Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic

Ven. Miao Hong – Buddha’s Light International

Dr. Azza Karam – Senior Advisor for Culture, UNFPA

1:00 pm – 2:00pm – LUNCH

2:00 pm – 3: 00 pm – LAUNCH & MAINTAINING MOMENTUM

North American Women’s Coordinating Committee – Presentation of *Religions for Peace* North American Women of Faith Network Declaration & Plan of Action

KEY CONCLUDING REMARKS & LAUNCH CEREMONY

Canadian Speaker to be confirmed

3:00 – 6:00pm – WOMEN, FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (WFDA)

Ritu Sharma Fox – President, Women Thrive Worldwide

Jane Sloane – Breakthrough Asia Pacific

Suzanne Kindervatter – President, Strategic Impact; InterAction

Jean Duff – Executive Director; Center for Interfaith Action on Global Poverty

Rev. William Tolbert – Representative, WFDA Liberia; *Religions for Peace* Regional Director for West Africa

WFDA RECEPTION

H.E. Mary Robinson, President of Ireland and former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Invited)

Dr. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (Invited)

Closing Remarks: **Dr. William F. Vendley** – Secretary General, *Religions for Peace*