

FEMINIST SPIRITUALITY AND ACTIVISM IN CHALLENGING TIMES

- an intergenerational conversation -



"Feminist Spirituality and Activism in Challenging Times."
An Intergenerational Conversation
Sponsored by Women-Church Convergence

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8th Day Center for Justice
205 W Monroe St # 500, Chicago, IL 60606

Mary E. Hunt, Ph.D., is a feminist theologian who is co-founder and co-director of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual (WATER) in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA. A Catholic active in the women-church movement and on LGBTIQ matters, she lectures and writes on theology and ethics with particular attention to liberation issues. She is an editor of *A Guide for Women in Religion: Making Your Way from A to Z* (Palgrave, 2004, 2014) and co-editor with Diann L. Neu of *New Feminist Christianity: Many Voices, Many Views* (SkyLight Paths, 2010).

Violet Ricker is a second year M.Div. student at McCormick Theological Seminary working toward ordination as a pastor in the United Methodist Church. She is passionate about mental health justice and is also studying health-care policy at Adler University. Violet has led her church Faith in Action Team through Community Renewal Society and organized programming with Seminarians for Justice through The People's Lobby, having been trained in community organizing and agitational accountability strategies. She previously served on the Young Adults Council of 8th Day Center for Justice and is an enthusiastic supporter of 8th Day's work.

Lauren Robinson is originally from Ohio and has lived in the Chicago area for nearly 13 years. Lauren will earn her Master of Divinity degree in May from McCormick Theological Seminary.

Lauren is currently a volunteer with Salvation Army's STOP-IT program, which is a program working to combat trafficking. Upon completion of her degree, Lauren hopes to participate in ministry that supports survivors of human trafficking.

Laura Singer has a masters in social work and focuses on homelessness and housing issues. She is an activist for reform in the Catholic church working with the Women's Ordination Conference and Call To Action for more than 20 years. She lives with her husband and 3 children on the northwest side of Chicago.

Sonja Spoo, Domestic Program Associate at Catholics for Choice (CFC), promotes CFC's US advocacy on the local, state and national levels, focusing on outreach, engagement, and relationship building with the organization's extensive network of activists and advocates. Sonja's organizing experience includes working with faith communities and secular agencies around issues of gender based violence and advocating for increase access to reproductive care in underserved communities through doula work and grassroots education. Sonja holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Swarthmore College, in Swarthmore PA

** The panel will be moderated by Erin Saiz Hanna, Co-Director of the Women's Ordination Conference and Co-Coordinator of Women-Church Convergence.*

Women-Church Convergence (W-CC) is a coalition of autonomous Catholic-rooted groups working to build just social and ecclesial structures with shared power for everyone, especially women and those whom church and society marginalize. View the event on Facebook: bit.ly/wccinchicago