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Dear UUA Ministers, DREs, Church Administrators, Board Members, and Women's Groups:

We are pleased to send you our most recent brochure for The International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women. This brochure will go to all UUA congregations in next month's packets.

The Convocation strives to create a worldwide learning community of U\*U women, dedicated to enriching women's lives, worshiping together and sharing our stories, and supporting emerging leaders among us.

Why this Convocation? Why now?

- UU Women have never met as a group internationally and have not met nationally in nearly 20 years.
- Learn about programs that support women here and around the world.
- Learn what we can do as individuals and as congregations.
- Celebrate through music and arts.

This gathering is open to all genders and focuses on women's issues through:

- Education
- Engagement
- Theological reflection
- Action and transformation

We are exceeding our goals for international participation—already 40 women from 13 countries outside the US and Canada want to attend. Many need financial help to do so.

Once again we ask for your help in sharing the good news about the Convocation.

- Attend the Convocation and invite others from your congregation to attend.
- Help us to raise funds through plate collections this fall to support the scholarship fund. There is information about how to do this including a sample flyer and instructions on our website.
- Share the good news about this convocation as you visit congregations throughout the U.S., speak at conferences, and informally to your friends and colleagues.

#### FACTS

- Website: [www.icuuw.com](http://www.icuuw.com)
- Dates: February 26 through March 1, 2009
- Place: Houston, Texas at Houston Hilton of the Americas
- Travel Discount: online reservations through Continental Airlines using our group code
- Registration is online. EARLY registration through August 31st: \$299 with a \$100 deposit (balance due by November 1, 2008); registration after August 31st \$350
- Additional \$50 rebate to the first 200 ministers and seminary students to register.
- More information: Mary Overton, president (Director@icuuw.com); Laura Nagel, administrator (admin@icuuw.com); Barbara Kres Beach, Advisory Committee Chair (chair@icuuw.com)
- Sponsors to date: Southwest UU Women, UUA, UUSC, ICUU, UU Women's Federation, UUPCC, UU-UNO, UU Women & Religion, International Judicatories and organizations from Transylvania, India, Philippines, New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa. Particular thanks to the UU Funding Panel for its early and continued support to the Convocation.

We look forward to seeing you in Houston!

Barbara Beach  
Chair, Advisory Committee