

Circle Connections



"Our mission is to foster the empowerment and connection of women and girls to start, sustain and unite circles dedicated to take action for the greater good."

- Ann Smith, Rhonda Hull, Caroline Ravelo

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Welcome to Circle Connections Newsletter

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"Episcopal Women Gathering: A Call for Spiritual Activism"

Circle Story submitted by Ann Smith

(We invite you to submit your 300 word circle story for consideration to rhonda@circleconnections.com)

Episcopal women leaders from across the country representing a broad range of women's diversity gathered in a circle around the labyrinth in the chapel of Duncan Center in Florida recently to renew the transforming spirit that infuses the work they do worldwide. Our intention was to co-create an inclusive community that will be transformational not only to our Church, but our communities, and the world as well.

Spirit was obviously present among us and the power of circle reignited the enthusiasm that had united us during the early turbulent years of our struggle for social equality. Though women in many countries have come far in the struggle to make their voices heard, there is still much to be done- victims of violence and poverty continue to be overwhelmingly women. Circle is the ideal means to harvest our collective wisdom and fulfill our role as spiritual activists.

The Circle was opened by our united voices accompanied by the drumming of the Rev. Ginny Doctor who called the spirits of the Four Directions to deepen our sacred circle into a holy community of women, connected to God, ourselves, one another and Mother Earth. The strong Native American presence of elders and young women grounded us in authentic Native American Episcopal spirituality.

As part of our time together we shared in an interactive Bible study of Mary Magdalene was led by the Rev. Joy Mills, who used Circle Praxis to en-Courage each woman to offer her wisdom and insight. This set the stage for Katherine Tyler Scott's presentation, inviting women to assess their own transformative leadership style. The ability of Episcopal women and their other denominational counterparts to make a difference in the larger areas of social progress is handicapped by the changes and challenges evident in church structures. The challenge for women now is to embrace innovative ways to gather our collective intelligence, to research historical wisdom, and to use best practices to co-create solutions for transformation.

The circle process is the way to unite and activate our passion for positive change on all levels. Empowered by Circle we link arms in solidarity to transform all facets of the world.

For more information and to join the ever widening network of circles go to

www.circleconnections.com/episcopalwomensgathering

Circle Tips

submitted by Ann Smith

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Three Sacred Steps for co-creating successful circle gatherings:

1. Leave you ego outside the circle.

Circle Principles create a safe and sacred place for all to contribute.

Your ego is not needed and will only interfere in the co-creative process.

2. The most important people are the people in the circle gathering. Leave the past and future expectations behind staying fully present as a co-facilitator to everyone in the circle and to the process. This allows the synergy of the circle to enfold transforming "either or" dualism into "both and" and more, surpassing all expectations and co-creating the new.

3. Let go of control and let Spirit guide the process. Share the leadership with everyone as listeners and co-creators. Circle is the teacher, the guru.

Circle Connections Blog Talk Radio Show Schedule

Join us Monday...

12:30 p.m. Pacific/3:30 p.m. Eastern

For access information for live and archived shows, visit:

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/circleconnections/>

<http://circleconnections.com/blog-talk-radio-show/>

Guest: Mary Beth Campbell

April 25th, 2011

Like a Tree: How Trees, Women, and Tree People Can Save the Planet,

Guest: Jean Shinoda Bolen

May 2nd, 2011

**Sophia Rises: Changing the World Through Feminine Wisdom, Guest
Heather Plett**

April 18th, 2011

The Importance of Five Talents and Microcredit Programs

May 9th, 2011 - FINAL SHOW!!!!

**View from the Center of the Circle: Connecting on the Evolutionary
Edge, Guests: Ann Smith, Rhonda Hull, and other Circle Advocates**

Event's Diary

Compiled by Rosjke Hasseldine www.womenspowercircles.com

April 23 - Conscious Grandmothering Workshop

Muir Beach CA, US. Contact Yeshi Neumann

www.consciousgrandmothering.weebly.com

April 23, 4 - 6pm - Beautiful Women of Circle
Contact Collett Perry drselfish@yahoo.com
www.colleenperry.com

**April 28 - May 1 - The Alchemy of our Spiritual Leadership:
Women Redefining Power**
Hotel Sofitel San Francisco Bay, US
Contact womenofspiritandfaith@gmail.com
www.womenofspiritandfaith.org

May 1, 1.15 - 4.30pm Atlanta Millonth Circle Organizing Meeting
Five Forks Branch, Gwinnet County Library, 2780 Five Forks
Trickum Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30044-5865, US
Hosted by Diane Beal www.millonthcircle.org

7 May - Spiritual Laws of Prosperity Teacher Training course
starts in Birmingham, UK with Rev. Maggy Whitehouse
Contact Maggy on 44 (0)121 449 0344
mw@pureprosperity.com www.pureprosperity.com

May 9, 7.15pm (GMT) - Women's Power Circle starts
Nottingham, UK, Facilitated by Sue Daly
Cost £90 for the 6 week circle experience
Contact Sue on 44 (0)1636 52786
sue@resolutions-for-change.co.uk
www.resolutions-for-change.co.uk

May 11, 7.30 - 9pm (GMT) Women's Tele-Circle starts
Facilitated by Rosjke Hasseldine
Cost £140 or \$224 for the 6 week circle experience
Contact Rosjke on 44 (0)7975921232
rosjkehasseldine@googlemail.com
www.womenspowercircles.com

June 9, 6.15 - 9.30 - Jazzin' it up! with Footsteps to the Future
Electrifying Evening with Jazz Legend Ira Sullivan
2301 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, US
VIP tickets are \$50 or two for \$80 or general admission \$25 or two
for \$45. Students \$10
Contact Judie Woods (239) 281 7378
judiwoods2@earthlink.net
www.footstepstothefuture.org

September 24 -10, The Circlework Leadership Training
Ithaca New York with Jalaja Bonheim
Contact Jalaja icw@instituteforcirclework.com

If you have an event you would like included in our next newsletter, please email the follow details to Rosjke Hasseldine
rosjke@circleconnections.com

1. Date
2. Name of event
3. Where the event is
4. Cost
5. Web link and/or details of who to contact

Please send me **ONLY** the above information in an email and no fliers. Thanks! This makes the job so much easier.



April 22, Earth Day, 2011

submitted by Ann Smith

Earth Day was organized around A Billion Acts of Green®: Personal, organizational and corporate pledges to live and act sustainably. At over 100 million actions to date, A Billion Acts of Green® campaign - the largest environmental service campaign in the world - steadily built commitments by individuals, corporations, and governments in honor of Earth Day.

Jean Shinoda Bolen's

book,

Like a Tree: How Trees, Women, and Tree People Can Save the Planet

is a must read. Join us in making a difference.

*Remember, it is far more fun to stop running in circles
and become a part of one!*

*Wishing you powerful connections and joy-full
colaborations,*

The Co-Creators of Circle Connections