

## Our Presenters

**Beth Damsgaard-Rodriguez**—Executive Director, Faith Beyond Walls/Interfaith Partnership, Member of Pilgrim UCC, St. Louis

Beth has worked for Interfaith Partnership/Faith Beyond Walls for almost seven years. Prior to serving as the Executive Director in 2008, Beth was the Director of Service Projects and Learning. She has worked for several non-profit organizations focusing on youth and community improvement. She has a BA from University of Tennessee in Human Services. She also spent three years working in Costa Rica as a Peace Corps Volunteer as a Community Education Volunteer. Because of this, she speaks both English and Spanish. Beth was raised in the UCC and is an active member of Pilgrim UCC in St. Louis. One of her favorite quotes is "We must be the change we want to see in the world" (Mahatma Gandhi). Her best IP/FBW memory is rehabbing apartments in Kinloch for Katrina Evacuees. The experience of residents in an underserved community having the opportunity to give back to others in need and working side-by-side with interfaith volunteers of all ages was powerful. This is the true meaning of IP/FBW.

**Nancy Rimmert**—Past Cabinet Member, Interfaith Partnership, Member of Immanuel UCC, Ferguson

Until her retirement Nancy was employed as the Executive Assistant for PAKT Community Resource Center, a Christian social service agency serving north St. Louis County. She has served as a General Synod delegate, as well as congregation delegate to Association and Conference meetings. Nancy served as the secretary for the St. Louis Association Church and Ministry Committee for six years as well as serving as the St. Louis Association's representative to Interfaith Partnership Board of Directors. Since 1984 she has been a member of Women's Interfaith Conference Steering Committee and is presently serving as Chair of the 2010 Conference. She has been a participant in Interfaith Dialogue groups. Nancy is currently moderating an Interfaith Dialogue Group in North St. Louis County. She has served on the Board of Directors for Interfaith Partnership/Faith Beyond Walls and while serving as President of Church Women United held a seat on the IP/FBW Cabinet. She is a charter member of the Writing Academy, a Christian Writers' group. In January, 2009 she was designated as a Valiant Woman by Church Women United in Metropolitan St. Louis, an award given through the Church Women United National Office.

**Saturday's Panel:** Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism

## Musicians

Rev. Susan Drake  
Rev. Julie Jennings

Registration  
Deadline  
April 1, 2010



Southwood UCC  
7901 Raytown Road  
Raytown, MO 64138



Annual Spring  
Women's Retreat  
Missouri Mid-South Conference UCC  
April 30—May 2, 2010

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from the  
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Southwood, Raytown  
Zion, St. Joseph

Retreat Held at  
Camp Mo-Val  
Union, MO

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Kansas City, MO  
Permit No. 6355

# 2010 Women's Retreat

The sponsoring churches are planning an exciting retreat that will provide opportunities for spiritual renewal, fellowship, singing, and gaining knowledge of other faiths about their traditions. Come join us for a weekend at Camp Mo-Val.

## Program

"THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU." John 15:12.

It is our hope that through learning and sharing we will be inspired to reach out to all faiths with open hearts and minds. According to the Interfaith Partnership, it is through the sharing of different faith traditions that relationships and connections are made. By finding common ground we aspire to "...promote peace, respect and understanding among people of all faiths." Our panelists will be sharing the precepts of Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism.

## Planned Activities

Worship, fellowship activities including crafts, Bible study, shopping at our non-profit booths, a service project, hayrides, campfires, sing-a-longs, and time to get to know all your sisters of faith.

## Deadline

Return the completed Registration Form with full payment by **Thursday, April 1, 2010**. Space is limited to 120 registrants. Sign-up early and reserve your space now.

## Registration Information

- Space is limited to 120
- No pets
- Must be 18 years or older to attend
- Registration begins at 5:00 pm Friday—Please **NO** early arrivals.
- Dinner on Friday is **NOT** provided.
- The event will end by 11:30 am on Sunday
- Please notify us of any dietary or special needs when registering.

Upon receipt of your registration, a description of the workshops, directions to Camp Mo-Val, and a list of materials to bring with you will be either mailed or emailed to you.

## Payment

Please make checks payable to: **MMS-UCC** and mail the completed Registration Form with payment to:

Southwood UCC  
Women's Retreat/Mo-Val  
7901 Raytown Road  
Raytown, MO 64138

If you need more information or confirmation of registration contact the Women's Retreat Planning Committee by email at [dkduffee@live.com](mailto:dkduffee@live.com) or by phone at 816-453-2628 or 816-868-1814.

This brochure is available on the conference website at [www.mmsucc.org](http://www.mmsucc.org).

Please feel free to copy this brochure and share with a friend.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU JOIN US!**

## ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT April 30—May 2, 2010

- \$85 payment due with completed registration, payable by check or money order
- Full and partial scholarships are available.

### \*\* REGISTRATION FORM \*\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church City & State \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact/Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Count me in for the following meals:

- Saturday Breakfast     Saturday Dinner  
 Saturday Lunch         Sunday Breakfast

If you would like to order a **T-SHIRT**, please indicate the size below and include the payment. **No extra T-shirts will be available.**

SIZE:  S    M    L    XL    XX    XXX

- Retreat Registration                \$85  
 T-Shirt                                        \$10

TOTAL Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (dietary restrictions, and/or accessibility issues)

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Unable to sleep in an upper bunk

I would like to share a room with:

\_\_\_\_\_

(This will be honored as best we can.)