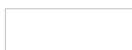


Contemplative Prayer at WATER

Monday, November 7, 2011



WATER offers a regular contemplative prayer opportunity each month. Join us on Monday, November 7, 2011, at 7:30 PM. This will be a communal meditation, a time of silence and reflection followed by a short discussion. We are delighted that Cheryl Nichols will lead our session this time.

The office will be open at 7 PM for a cup of tea and conversation. Silence will commence promptly at 7:30 PM, so please be here by then. We will finish and be on our way by 8:30 PM. You can also join us by telephone.

RSVP by Friday, November 4, 2011, to waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org or 301.589.2509 so that we can expect you. If you wish to join by phone, please indicate that so we can send you the phone-in number and other information. The phone option is increasingly popular and seems to work quite well so feel free to try it! Still another option is Skype. So when you RSVP, please indicate which mode you will use, and we will advise accordingly. Thanks!

Donations are always welcome.

Parking is free in the garage behind the office after 7 PM. The front door of the building has a phone entry system; find "WATER" and dial the office to be buzzed in.

All are welcome. Some of us have been involved in the Engaging Impasse process (www.engagingimpasse.org), which combines meditation with community dialogue. No experience required! Just come with a contemplative spirit. Your presence will enrich us all.

The next WATER meditation will be on Monday, December 5, 2011, at 7:30 PM.



WATER's Feminist Conversations in Religion Series Presents

**"Beyond Slavery: Overcoming Its
Religious and Sexual Legacies"**

An hour-long teleconference with
Dr. Bernadette Brooten

Wednesday, November 9th, 2011
1 pm - 2 pm EST



HOW TO REGISTER

Email the words "register me" to waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org by November 7th and you will receive dial-in information.

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WATER is thrilled to present [Professor Bernadette Brooten](#)! She is a Professor of Christian Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Classical Studies, and Religious Studies at Brandeis University, and is founder and director of the Brandeis [Feminist Sexual Ethics Project](#). The team of scholars, activists, artists, and policy analysts involved in this project are disentangling the nexus of slavery, religion, women, and sexuality. Bernadette has also authored numerous books and articles, including the well-known book *Love Between Women: Early Christian Responses to Female Homoeroticism*. Along with various other awards, she has been honored with a MacArthur Fellowship.

Bernadette will be speaking with us about the most recent book that she edited with the assistance of Jacqueline L. Hazelton, [Beyond Slavery: Overcoming Its Religious and Sexual Legacies](#). The book grew out of the [Feminist Sexual Ethics Project](#) and is a product of the joint efforts (initiated by Bernadette) of a multi-racial group of scholars, activists, and artists. The discussion will encompass an historical analysis of slavery; the joining of religion, sexuality, and slavery; and the role that slavery continues to play in shaping our social institutions.

If you wish to do some preparatory reading, you can find the introduction of *Beyond Slavery* [here](#).

Gather your friends and colleagues for lunch and join or listen in to the conversation. This is a great opportunity for students as well as for scholars, ministers, and others interested in new insights in the field of women and religion. It is sure to be an engrossing session. This teleconference, accompanied by notes, will be available on WATER's website soon after it concludes. To download past teleconferences, please [visit our website](#).

To register, email the words "register me" to waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org by November 7th and you will receive dial-in information.

Please save the date for our next teleconference:

Maureen Fiedler will be with us on Wednesday, December 7th, 2011, to discuss her book entitled *Breaking Through the Stained Glass Ceiling: Women Religious Leaders in Their Own Words*.

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