



eNewsletter of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual

**WATER's Feminist Conversations in Religion Series Presents****A Feminist Conversation on Catholic Patriarchy: What the Papal Transition Means and What Feminists Can Do About It****An hour-long teleconference with Mary E. Hunt****\*\*MONDAY,\*\* March 4, 2013****1 pm - 2 pm EST****\*\*NOTE THIS SPECIAL TIME\*\*****RSVP by 10 AM Monday, March 4, 2013**

Mary E. Hunt will offer an overview of the papal transition as a classic example of patriarchy unfolding for the world to see live. She will explore the religious significance of elite, exclusionary approaches to governance. Dr. Hunt will look at the social implications of the world's largest Christian denomination modeling a monarchical way of being in an increasingly democratic world. She will suggest several feminist strategies for countering this approach and creating constructive new ways of being church that focus on participation, safety, and accountability.

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, she lectures and writes on theology and ethics with particular attention to social justice concerns.

Dr. Hunt was Adjunct Assistant Professor of Women's Studies at Georgetown University for five years. She has lectured and taught at numerous institutions worldwide including Iliff School of Theology in Denver; Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley; Lancaster Theological Seminary; ISEDET in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Catholic University in São Leopoldo, Brazil; and Centro Diego de Medellin in Santiago, Chile. For the 2000-2001 academic year she was at Harvard Divinity School as a Research Fellow at the Center for the Study of Values in Public Life.

**She is a co-editor with Diann L. Neu of *New***

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Email "Register Me Teleconference" to [waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org](mailto:waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org) by 10 AM Monday, March 4, 2013 in order to receive dial-in information.

Please consider making a [secure online donation](#) for your participation in this event. Thank you!


**Contemplative Prayer at WATER Monday, March 4, 2013**

WATER offers a regular contemplative prayer opportunity each month. This is a communal meditation, a time of silence and reflection followed by a short discussion. Janis Roihl will lead the meditation.

**RSVP by sending an email with the words "Register Me Contemplation" by Friday, March 1, 2013 to [waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org](mailto:waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org) or call 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.**

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. [Read more.](#)

**WATER Teleconference Survey**

Please take time to complete this brief survey on WATER's teleconferences. Your thoughts and suggestions are important to us.

**Feminist Christianity: Many Voices, Many Views** (SkyLight Paths Publishing, 2010). She is the editor of **A Guide for Women in Religion: Making Your Way from A to Z** (Palgrave, 2004) and co-editor, with Patricia Beattie Jung and Radhika Balakrishnan, of **Good Sex: Feminist Perspectives from the World's Religions** (Rutgers University Press, 2001). She is the author of **Fierce Tenderness** (Crossroad, 1980).

Among her many publications are articles in the *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, *Concilium*, *Conscience*, *Religion Dispatches*, and *Mandragora*. She has published chapters in books such as *Feminist Theologies: Legacy and Prospect* (ed. Rosemary Radford Ruether), *Heterosexism in Contemporary World Religion: Problem and Prospect* (ed. Marvin M. Ellison and Judith Plaskow), *God Forbid* (ed. Kathleen Sands) and many others.

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[The seven-question survey may be found here.](#)

We look forward to hearing from you!

### Upcoming Programs:

**March 4:** Contemplative Prayer, 7:30 PM EST

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**April 8:** Contemplative Prayer, 7:30 PM EST

**May 13:** Contemplative Prayer, 7:30 PM EST

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