WATER Invites Internship and Visiting Scholar/Minister Applications

WATER welcomes students and visiting scholars/ministers from seminaries, universities, colleges, and congregations worldwide to apply for a summer or year-long internship. The program includes work such as event planning, writing and editing projects, non-profit fundraising, community outreach, and website/social media maintenance.

Summer internships typically begin in May and end in July, but there is some flexibility; a minimum of six weeks is required. The application deadline is March 25. Year-long internships typically begin in September and end in July.

Visiting scholars/ministers work on their own projects and come on their own schedule. To apply, visit www.waterwomensalliance.org or call 301.589.2509.

WATER Makes Friends in Cuba

By Mary E. Hunt

I had the privilege of teaching a masters course on Contemporary Theological Ethics in Cuba in February. Students included Anglican priests, ministers from the Seventh Day Adventist Church (including two from Angola), Baptist and Presbyterian ministers, and a U.S. woman from the Disciples of Christ. This lively group focused on ethical discourse in an evolving Cuba.

We used liberation theological approaches, especially feminist/womanist/mujerista and postcolonial, to develop an ethical method adequate to contain the voices and visions that populate Cuba today. It was an exercise in challenging pedagogy as well as cross-cultural sharing that I have been invited to repeat at SET in 2017. I learned much from these committed colleagues in the classroom who brought their ministerial experiences to the table for real-life ethical discourse.

A major ethical concern was growing economic disparities as some Cubans move in an entrepreneurial direction as the economy opens up. Another issue was how the family is changing with so many young people going abroad and the resultant aging population staying in Cuba.

It was thrilling to see people set their own agenda and reconfigure the tools of ethical reflection according to their needs and those of their communities.

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The (FLTN) Feminist Liberation Theologians’ Network met in Atlanta on Friday, November 20, 2015, at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature to look at feminist liberation theologies and the arts.

The Ritutuals

Monthly communal ritual series to raise up wise women. Thursdays, 7:30PM ET with Diann L. Neu and Mallory Naale.

April 21: Earth Day: Women Care-Sharers of Earth
May 19: Sally Ride: Reaching for the Stars
June 16: TBA

Earth Day Prayer for April 22
By Diann L. Neu

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I was privileged to be able to share the work of Cuban American mujerista theologian the late Ada María Isasi-Díaz. Her concept, to contribute, daily life, was a rich source of our ethical reflections.

Korean professor, Yoo Jin Choi, who is affiliated with the Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary in Seoul, offered a course on feminist theology the same week as mine. Students could see how theo-ethical connections work and how global conversations in feminist studies in religion are unfolding.

Ofelia Ortega, Rector (president) of SET from 1996-2004, is celebrating her 80th birthday this season. WATER wishes her a happy, healthy future and thanks her for her important contribution to theological education and global networking.

Colleagues like Clara and Ofelia prompt us to continue WATER’s commitment to an ongoing Mujeres Cruzando Mundos (Women Crossing Worlds) relationship with our colleagues in Cuba.

We will continue to share books, personnel, and friendship in the years ahead with Cuban colleagues.

We are grateful to WATER’s many donors whose generosity makes this sharing possible.

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