WATER’s Commitment for 35 Years and Forward!

Our Mission is to use feminist religious values to create social and religious change.

We affirm that all of WATER’s efforts are focused on changing the cultural and intellectual assumptions that ground discrimination, exclusion, and destruction. We gather in service of a very different vision—inclusion, equality, and justice. All are welcome to participate in the steady sustaining of our vision in the many ways it unfolds around the world.

Thank YOU!

As we reflect on 35 years of WATER, we are so grateful for YOU.

YOUR commitment to WATER’s work inspires us and makes a difference for future generations.

YOUR generosity sustains WATER’s communications, resources, programming, and networks for the WATER community and for the broader world of religious feminists and allies.

YOU ensure that WATER’s much-needed work for social and religious justice will continue in the next generations of feminists in religion.

Introducing Our Newest WATERdocumentary!

We are excited to announce that we have a new WATERdocumentary, Celebrating 35 Years of WATER and Forward! produced by WATER’s former staff member Hannah Dorfman. The video chronicles the work and impact of WATER. It highlights how WATER started by gathering together 13 women across denominations and cultures and how it has grown into a worldwide, intergenerational Alliance.

Catch a glimpse into “everyday” life in the office, the passion behind ritual, WATERtalks from the best and brightest in the field, and the unparalleled hospitality that is shown to endless guests are what stand out as signal moments. WATER places on hospitality. Coffee, lunch, tea at the table with endless guests are what stand out as signal moments.

Some of us who started WATER might have thought that we would accomplish our original mission—the inclusion of women in religion and culture. Two realities prevented that.

First, our original mission was far too limited. It is not simply gender female persons who are marginalized. Rather, living in peril are people of color, LGBTQIA persons, those who are living with disabling conditions, people made poor, indeed Earth itself. These voices and spirits need to be included in any feminist religious efforts.

Second, we seriously misjudged just how hard it would be to accomplish even our original goals, much less change the interstructured forms of oppression that we now face. We did not factor in adequately the virulent backlash, the powerful negation of persons and groups by those who hold power. Present the political debates—for example, the implosion of the Roman Catholic Church due to clergy sexual abuse and episcopal cover up, and the moral morass that is the Trump Administration—are ample evidence that racism and sexism, xenophobia and homophobia, greed, and entitlement are on the rise.

It is as if WATER were created to deal with today’s morally hideous reality bringing thirty-five years of experience to bear. Those years have flown by. History will judge the benefits and deficits of WATER. We stay focused on our mission, rejoicing in the interstructured forms of oppression that we now face.

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Who We Are

WATER is a global network, an educational and spiritual space, a center for dialogue on feminism, faith, and justice. We connect activists, religious leaders, students, scholars, and allies who are using feminist religious values to create social change. Founded in 1983 by Mary E. Hunt and Diann L. Neu, we have been empowering people to address structural violence for thirty-five years—making WATER one of the oldest feminist religious non-profit organizations in the world.

Join the WATER community as we work toward inclusive theologies and rituals, push for social change, and collaborate from inclusive perspectives. To learn more about what we do, visit us at www.waterwomensalliance.org.

Mary E. Hunt, Diann L. Neu: Co-directors  |  Melissa Cedillo, Emily Neuflord: Staff Associates  |  John Scinto: Volunteer

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Welcome to our 35th anniversary celebration! To toast 35 years of commitment and progress, we invite you to join us in raising a glass to the women who have paved the way for justice and equality. As we reflect on the past and look to the future, let us celebrate the strength and resilience of our community.

In 2018, we welcomed guests from around the world to our events, including conversations on the role of mysticism, feminist theologies, and the importance of justice and peace. Our speakers, such as Nami Kim of Spelman College, shared insights on the politics of gender and reproduction rights. Mary E. Hunt, a key figure in feminist theology, spoke about the power of silence in the work of justice and the need for rest as a healthy practice.

We are grateful to our donors and supporters who have been a part of WATER's journey since 1985. To honor the memory of our longtime editor and colleague, Carol Murdock Scinto, we raise a glass to her dedication and legacy. Let us continue to serve as a beacon of hope and justice for generations to come.

Join us in celebrating WATER's 35th anniversary and the progress we have made together. Cheers to 35 more years of feminist activism and transformation!