



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

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## A Winter Solstice Message

Dear {SALUTATION\Friend},

This week, after the slaying of the innocents at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, children remind us why we celebrate this season.



Children are lights. They are gifts to whole communities. They are joy to the world. They motivate our work.

As we wrap up another successful year at WATER, we turn our thoughts to children and share with you a candle lighting prayer, "Peace for the Children." Stand with us against gun violence.

This season of peace, we ask you to renew your commitment to WATER. We have big programs planned for 2013. Your [financial support](#) will help us make a difference for the next few generations.

Together, we use feminist religious values to bring peace on earth this season and in years to come.

With a blessing of peace and healing for you, your family, and the children,

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## Peace for the Children Candle Lighting



This prayer is a candle lighting blessing for a holiday meal or special time of sharing. Use it with your family, community, or group of friends. Have a candle for each person.

### Light Candles

As we gather this holiday season, let us remember the children

## WATER Programs

[Your donation](#) will help fund WATER programs, including the following:

### Feminist Theology and Ministry

- Conversations with Feminists in Religion
- *Mujeres Cruzando Mundos* (Women Crossing Worlds)
- Networking and Empowering Lesbian Feminist Catholics
- Feminist Liberation Theologians' Network

### Feminist Spirituality and Counseling

- Feminist rituals in eNewsletter, at WATER, and by phone

• Meditation circle at WATER and by phone

– the children of Newtown, the children who play in our neighborhood, and all children who need peace every day. Let us remember the parents, teachers, and adult friends who love children and risk everything to save them from violence, war, poverty, and injustice. Let us light a candle of commitment and say “I will pray and work for peace on earth.”

### Pray

Compassionate and comforting Holy One of Peace, as we celebrate this season, we pray for the children. Give them the gift of safety so that they may live and thrive. Give us the gift of moral courage so that we may pray and work for justice. Together, we will give the greatest gift of all: peace on earth. Amen. Blessed Be. Let It Be So.

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- meditation circle at WATER and by phone
- Psychotherapy and spiritual direction for individuals, couples, families, and groups

### Feminist Training and Collaboration

- Interns
- Visiting scholars and ministers
- Coalition work with justice groups

### Communication and Publication

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