

# UUA Womyn's Community

## 2018 Annual Report

**On October 28, 2017** a new Womyn's Community was born, to be led by a new Womyn's Council. **In just our first six months**, a sustainable team structure has been installed, with **leaders bringing life to a number of activities, goals and priorities:**

- The **welcoming and inclusive mission statement begins:** "The UUA Womyn's Council provides structure and leadership to coordinate events, activities, educational programming and pastoral support for all who identify as women in the FUUCA community."
- **Our logo** honors the wisdom and history of past generations of women, and hints at the whimsical vitality in our present and future. We spell WOMYN with the non-traditional Y to take the visual and psychological focus off of the word "men" in the logo. This choice declares that we are part of the movement of women who refuse to be defined by men.
- **Our growing email contact list** already includes nearly 300 UUA women.
- **A colorful monthly newsletter** tells about upcoming events and pastoral care needs, and offers UUA's only "personal ads" section.
- An easy path helps those interested to join **new Women's Circles** of 10-12 people.
- We regularly provide **communication assistance and support for our pastoral care team.**
- **Our monthly Women's Breakfast** attendance has tripled since October, even when competing with horrible winter weather.
- New **monthly evening gatherings called Sisterhood Socials** are hosted by individual women in their homes or other location of the host's choice.
- **Coordinated participation in advocacy of and education about women's issues** is progressing. Several dozen women of all ages attended the Ann Arbor March for our Lives, and were featured in the photo essay in MLive. A Womyn's Health Conference is being planned for Fall 2018, and a potluck followed by Singing in Sacred Circle is in the works for Spring 2019.
- **Our first weekend Women's Retreat since 2009** was held April 20-22, 2018, attended by approximately 50 women.

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