

Circling the UN 2014

March 10-13, 12 noon-1pm: ***Women's and Girls' Circle***

UN Cafeteria, back left area

Sit in Circle for a restful opportunity to: collect our wisdom, share information, get to know one another and our interests, plan for future connections. Sponsored by Millionth Circle, International Public Policy Institute and others. Everyone welcome!

Monday, March 10, 4:30 p.m.: “What Will It Take to have a UN Global Conference on Women?(5WCW)”
Y-Hall of the Armenian Convention Center (630 2nd Ave, NY)

Panelists: Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury, former Under Secretary-General, former Security Council President, Initiator of SC Resolution #1325; Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, President NGO Committee on the Status of Women--Geneva, General Secretary World YWCA: Jean Shinoda Bolen, MD, author, *The Millionth Circle*, 5WCW advocate. Moderator: Rosemary Williams, founder and CEO Women's Perspective. Sponsoring Organizations: Pathways To Peace, Women's World Summit Foundation, Earth Child Institute, International Public Policy Institute.

Monday, March 10 at 6:15 pm: ***It Takes a Village: Expanding our success in the fight against Human Trafficking***

Armenian Convention Center, Ballroom B, 630 2nd Avenue

Human Trafficking exists in every country in the world. This panel will address strategies to empower attendees to create movements to eradicate Human Trafficking in their own communities. Panelists will discuss education, policy, immigration, funding and collaboration.

Moderator: Sister/Dr. Anele Heiges; Panelists: Dr. AnnJanette Alejano-Steele, Sister Michele Morek and Dr. Sharon L. Sullivan. Sponsored by the International Public Policy Institute.

Monday, March 10, 6:15pm ***FEMME the Movie: Women Healing the World***

Y-Hall of the Armenian Convention Center (630 2nd Ave, NY)

Speakers: Emmanuel Itier, the director who envisioned and created this documentary, Jean Shinoda Bolen, advocate for 5WCW. Film narrated by actress Sharon Stone, features women around the world who are actively involved in transforming and healing global problems: Jean Houston, Marianne Williamson, Jean Shinoda Bolen, Riane Eisler, Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Shirin Ebadi and Maire Maguire, Rickie Lee Jones, Gloria Steinem, and many others. Influential women discuss religion, science, history, politics and entertainment - and the solutions to the multiple crisis we face throughout the world. *FEMME* focuses on utilizing a feminine approach with nurturing energy to inspire a new hope for the future..

<https://femmethemovie.com>

Tuesday, March 11, 5:30 – 8:00 pm. ***“Remembering the Sacred Heart of Your Activism: An Evening of Prayer, Reflection and Inspiration”***

The Hospitality Space - Episcopal Church Center - 815 2nd Avenue (between 43rd and 44th)

An evening of prayers from many faith traditions and circle dialogue affirming our commitment to the women and girls of the world. Sponsoring organizations: Women of Spirit and Faith, Women's Task Force at the Parliament of the World's Religions, Gather the Women Global Matrix, Millionth Circle, We Are Enough and others. **RSVP to womenofspiritandfaith@gmail.com**

Wednesday, March 12, 5-6 PM: **International Public Policy Institute WOMEN RISING *Silent Meditation***
Nigeria U.N. Mission, 21st Floor, 44th St. and 2nd Ave

Silent Meditation at Nigerian Embassy led by Anele Heiges, Pam Rajput of India and Rev. Lakeesha Walrond of Harlem, at the end of which each person can name a person, an event or an intention. Anele always speaks the intention to have a UN 5WCW. This is the IPPI regular Working Group that meets every month on the 2nd Wednesday-not a parallel event. Sponsored by the International Public Policy Institute.

Thursday, March 13, 10:30 am: ***Implementing Women and Girl's Circles: A tool to vitalize progress with the Millennium Development Goals***

Hardin Room, Church Center

Interactive workshop for individuals to share with each other their progress, problems and solutions. Circle experience and tools for taking home. Celebration of Women and Girls

Millionth Circle Parallel Event, sponsored by Earth Child Institute, co-sponsored by International Public Policy Institute, Women's World Summit Foundation, Millionth Circle, Circle Connections, We Are Enough, Gather The Women, Working Group on Girls, Women of Spirit and Faith.

Thursday, March 13, 4-6 pm: **Calling all Women and Girl Dreamers!**

Episcopal Church Center Chapel, 815 2nd Avenue, NY 10017, Between 43 and 44th Street

Come join us in the women's sacred circle where every voice is heard and supported. We will dream the great dream that we learn to live in harmony with nature and achieve gender equality so that every woman and girl lives in a healthy and sustainable environment.

Indigenous Grandmothers will call the circle co-creating with us a sacred place to voice our dreams.

Women and girls are encouraged to bring a symbol of their dream for the sacred center. We will conclude with a blessing of our dreams as we move forth with the support of one another.

Must RSVP to Susan Nolan, kensuz5@rap.midco.net. Phone (605) 415-1554

Circle Connections, We Are Enough, Millionth Circle, Earth Child Institute, International Public Policy Institute, Women's World Summit Foundation, Gather The Women, Working Group on Girls, Women of Spirit and Faith, Circles Work, Grandmothers Circle the Earth, and more.

Saturday March 15 at 12:30 p.m.: ***Resource Sharing: Encouragement and Support for Worldwide Women's Empowerment***

United Nations Chapel

Speakers: Rita Luthra, M.D. President Womens Health and Education Center "Making a Difference"; Getrude Matashe CEO Africa Alive Foundation for HIV Orphans in Zimbabwe "Empowering African Women Leaders for a New Vision of the Continents Health, Education, Wealth and Future;" Robin Korth "Technology for The birthing of effective Renegades;" Jeanne Cox "Helping women find their voice;" Louisa Wu "Corporate Cultures and Access to Support;" Miche Redhorse, Navajo Nation "The need for Developing Mentoring and leadership relationships in local communities, the challenge of tradition and fear;" Julie Hegle, LLD "Addressing the legal, emotional and political issues of violence against women."

This will be an opportunity to develop a worldwide virtual mentoring group for women's empowerment.

Sponsored by the International Public Policy Institute.

Saturday, March 15, 9-4: **Peace Symposium, "Weaving the Blanket of Peace"**

Saint Joseph of the Holy Family Church in Harlem, 405 W. 125th St.

Grandmothers and a Grandfather from the Four directions share personal stories of achieving the Millennium Development Goals, Songs, Ceremony, teachings from many people and places, acknowledging the ancestors and remembering the children of the seventh generation will remind us of our reason for our commitment to the future....There will be a pause in the afternoon for a lunch provided by the Grandmothers and Co-sponsors.

This will be a time for relaxed conversations around the circle. A \$20 donation warmly accepted. No one turned away. Sponsors: Grandmothers Circle the Earth, International Public Policy Institute, St Joseph of the Holy Family.