



## SWUWCon 2017 Dallas, Texas

February 10-12, 2017

Magnolia Hotel Dallas Park Cities



Keynote speaker:  
**Helen Bond**  
Percussionist/  
Storyteller/  
Humanitarian



Entertainment:  
local band "Going Native"

Watch for announcements of dates for the  
SWUWCon 2018 in Austin TX!

### SWUW Officers 2016-17

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### Recent conferences:

2010 - Dallas: "In the Name of Love"

Keynote: **Gini Courter**, UUA Moderator through 2013. Moderator is the highest volunteer position in UUA.

2011 - Dallas: "Generation Nexxt"

Keynote: **Rev. Tamara Lebak**, Associate Minister of All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa.



2012 - Clear Lake City, Texas: "Exploring the UUniverse of Women's Spirituality"

Keynote: **Rev. Meg Barnhouse**, author and senior minister of First UU Church Austin TX.

2013 - Corpus Christi, Texas:

"Making Waves on a Sea of Change"

Keynote: **Kimberly Dark**, sociologist and performance artist working in artistic activism.

2014 - Tulsa, Oklahoma: "The Power of Story"

Keynote: **Kelli McLoud-Schingen**, specialist in Global Diversity, Healing Racism and Narrative Presentation.

2015 - San Marcos, Texas: "Our Sacred Springs"

Keynote: **Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker**, retired president of Starr King School for Ministry.



2016 - Lawton, OK:

"Mountain Refuge"

Poet **Lauren Zuniga**,  
Musicians **SJ Tucker**  
& **Emma's Revolution**



**Women Supporting Women**

Serving Women in the SWUUC District

[www.swuww.org](http://www.swuww.org)



*SWUW aligns itself with the spirit of  
Welcoming Congregations as depicted by  
the UUA. All who see themselves  
as women are welcome.*



# SWU UW



## SouthWest Unitarian Universalist Women

### SWU UW Mission Statement:

SWU UW is a non-profit organization that supports an annual conference to foster women's spiritual growth and leadership development.

To implement our Mission, SWU UW:

- Connects the women of the District to each other;
- Develops women leaders through conference planning and implementation;
- Empowers women through team building
- Educates women on the status of social justice issues which impact women;
- Deepens the spiritual life of the women and maidens of the Southwest District of the Southern Region of the UUA. empowerment of women leaders.



### SWU UW Values:

SWU UW promotes friendships and connections among UU women and celebrates our diversities and uniqueness.

### The SWU UW Vision:

To connect, develop, empower, educate, and spiritually deepen UU women.

### The SWU UW Board's Vision:

To be a voice for Unitarian Universalist Women in the Southwest District of the Southern Region of the UUA through our conference planning and empowerment of women leaders.

### What we do:

We have convened annual SWU UW women's conferences since 1987.

- We invite well-known national and international keynote speakers and musicians.
- We work with a variety of congregations.
- We support teams of women volunteers who plan and produce well-organized events.
- We select wide-ranging workshop topics.
- We support high quality products from local and national vendors.
- *We Generate Creative Energy!*
- We hold conferences in late February or early March each year.
- They are affordable week-end events spread across the SWU UW District area.
- We offer scholarships.
- Planners customize events to their local community.
- SWU UW Conferences bring 150 plus!



### How we help: Charitable Giving

SWU UW has donated thousands of dollars:

- Charities in our conference host cities  
2012 in Clear Lake City TX:  
Bay Area Turning Point  
2013 in Corpus Christi TX:  
Metro Ministries  
2014 in Tulsa OK:  
John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation  
2015 in San Marcos, TX:  
San Marcos River Foundation and  
New Braunfels Parks Foundation  
2016 in Lawton, OK:  
Family Promise of Lawton
- Heifer International
- Village Banking Group (sponsors micro-credit loans "Empowering Women to Transform Communities in Poverty")
- Chalice Lighters



### Connections

We connect with UU women's groups and congregations.

- UU Women's Federation
- UU Women and Religion
- International Conference of UU Women
- Southwest UU Conference (District)
- Cluster of North Texas UU Congregations (NTUUC)