

Women In Touch

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Editorial:

I am pleased to bring you our first local SWUW newsletter. My passion for women's growth and spiritual nourishment comes from being a deeply spiritual woman for the past fifty years of my life. My education and Road Scholar experiences, along with my expertise in the mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of women, are a plus in my role as editor.

I have officially been a UU woman for the past twenty-two years (although, honestly, I believe I've been a UU since birth!).

Our SWUW newsletter is dedicated to reaching anyone who identifies as a UU woman and encouraging the spirituality of every woman seeking community.

You are the newsletter. Join me and our board as we journey into the future together.

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Articles Due:

September - Fall
December - Winter
March - Spring
June - Summer

DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION:

**Every LAST MONDAY of the
month to:**
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Save The Date:

NEXT SWUWCon

NEW TIME OF THE YEAR: 

August 27-29, 2027

**Montserrat Jesuit Retreat Center
Lake Dallas, Texas.**

Mission:

We are a non-profit organization that supports women through worship, learning, leadership, community and social justice. SWUW addresses women's issues, explores feminist theology, promotes friendships and celebrates the diversities that make us unique women on our individual spiritual paths. SWUW is an organization open to all UU women.

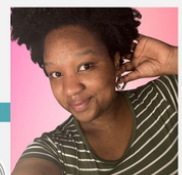


SWUW aligns itself with the spirit of Welcoming Congregations as depicted by the UUA. All who identify as women are welcome. Our definition of "women" is expansive and includes anyone who feels that they belong in this space, including those who identify as nonbinary.

UU Women & Religion Exclusive

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Reflections on SWUWCon 2026:

Another incredible SWUWCon is in the books!

Kudos to Conference Convener Jessica Trescher and her outstanding team from PathWays UU Church in Hurst, Texas, for organizing such a memorable event. Once again, SWUWCon was held at our beloved Camp Allen, whose beautiful wooded campus provided the perfect setting for this year's theme, Spirit of the Woods.

There were so many highlights throughout the conference. Our keynote speaker, Natalie Briscoe, Director of Congregational Life for the Unitarian Universalist Association, challenged and inspired us with her thoughtful message. The popular and talented Rev. Kiya Heartwood of the UU Church of the Brazos Valley in Bryan, Texas, served as both Chaplain and Conference Musician, bringing music, warmth, and spirit to the weekend. The workshop offerings were outstanding, making it difficult to choose among so many excellent sessions.

One delightful new addition this year was the peaceful Green Goddess Room, where attendees could create intention bottles as a quiet, reflective activity. And, of course, many of us danced the night away in costume at Saturday evening's Nature's Wild Child dance party!

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as SWUW President for 2025-2026. During the conference, I quite literally passed the baton to Gerry Carr as our incoming President for 2026-2027. I leave the role knowing SWUW is in very capable hands.

I'm also excited to continue serving SWUW as co-convenor for SWUWCon 2027, when we'll gather to celebrate SWUW's 40th anniversary. I can't wait to see what the next chapter holds!

Sincerely,

Donna Dier

SWUW Past President '25 - '26



Women Connections:

Though borders may separate us, our shared values, sisterhood, and spirit unite us. We are delighted to introduce a few of the wonderful organizations enriching the lives of Unitarian Universalist women around the United States. Check them out:

<https://uuwomensconnection.org/>

<https://www.auua.org/>

<http://uuwomenspirit.org/>

Reflections:

Father God, Healer of hearts, I come to you with gratitude.

You're compassion lifts me up, and I am healing.

My heart grows big with the generosity of your spirit.

May all who touch my

life, let them be touched by you.

You're creative, loving, caring, generous spirit
Inspires me.

Father let my love and creative spirit bring joy and
light to all I touch.

Thank you so much

For Birthing me.

Darcy Truehan, 2000

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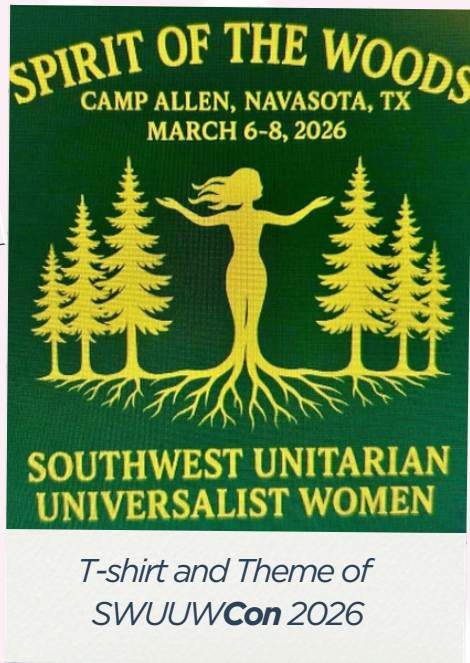
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Pictures from SWUWCon 2026



Keynote speaker: Natalie Briscoe



Rev. Kiya Heartwood
Chaplain and Music Leader



Faces of SWUW



Saturday Night party



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SWUW Board 2025-2026



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(L) Donna Dier - Past President '25 - '26
(R) Gerry Carr - President '26 - '27



"Dancing in the Spirit 2026"