

*Unitarian Universalist Women's Heritage Society  
General Assembly 2004  
Long Beach, CA*

**Workshop Session:  
Uncovering Your Church's  
History of Women**

Facilitated by Dr. Barbara Coeyman

Saturday June 26, 8:30-9:45 p.m., Room 305

Repeat: Monday June 28, 2:00-3:15 p.m., Room 203 A



## **"Uncovering Your Church's History of Women"**

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Have you ever wondered about those who came before you in your congregation? Whether you are part of a long established church, or a recent congregation, who were the earlier members? What was church life like for them? How did they contribute to congregational life and growth, and how can you both learn from them and celebrate them?

In particular, what did women do? Who were the women who came before you in your congregations, and how much do you know about them today? Does the written record present an accurate picture of their activities?

This workshop promotes the importance of preserving and writing congregational histories. Aimed at preserving women's stories, the workshop will include a group discussion of congregational history and the role of gender in historical evaluation. In small groups we will have a chance to tell one another stories of important women in our own congregations and how we can disseminate those stories through worship services, religious education classes, printed and electronic media, and more.

Come to the workshop and share the stories of UU women who have come before us.

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