



February 12, 2009

Dear Friend,

Each year we observe **International Women's Day** in Washington, DC to encourage women to become peacemakers in their homes, societies, and the world. This year's program will be held on **March 12, 5:00 - 7:30 pm, on Capitol Hill**, Rayburn House Office Building, B339, Independence Ave. and South Capitol St. SW, Washington, DC, 20515.

Please join us in celebrating this great day recognized by the U.N. Charter: "No enduring solution to society's most threatening social, economic and political problems can be found without the full participation, and the full empowerment, of the world's women."

The "**Women as Peacemakers**" Fifth Annual International Women's Day program is co-sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), Peace X Peace, and Women's Federation for World Peace, USA (WFWP).

The program will bring insights into the essential role women play in the peacemaking process. Speakers include H.E. Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, Croatian Ambassador, Patricia Smith Melton, Peace X Peace Founder and Board Chair, and two key members of Congress. Last year's event was graciously sponsored by the Embassy of Tunisia. This year we are at the home of our lawmakers, inviting staffers from the Hill and women from the NGO, civic, religious, diplomatic and international arenas.

The program also includes the *Bridge of Peace Ceremony* where guests can create a *Partnership for Peace* with someone from a different race, religion, or culture. We welcome participants to wear their traditional national dress.

Register online soon at: www.womenaspeacemakers.com

With warmest regards,

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