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We come from Seoul and from Rochester, from Seattle and from Atlanta. We are women in our twenties and in our fifties. We call ourselves Roman Catholic, United Methodist, Unitarian, and unaffiliated. We are an ecumenical gathering of women of diverse racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds engaged in an intensive nine-month program of study, reflection and action.....



Study/Action Participants, 83-84

where women's experience is critical

where women - students and staff - together are co-learners raising the questions which shape the program

where women sharpen their understanding, articulation and response

where women are challenged to listen to people of different perspectives

where women actively combat racism and classism within themselves and in societal structures

where women engage in social transformation at field sites addressing justice/survival concerns

where social justice is the basis for understanding faith and mission

where women work toward a new world, recognizing the interconnectedness of all creation, which respects and empowers us in our own diversities and commonalities

"As I think about our program, I realize more and more how it gave me new vision....I realized that Study/Action are one, not two distinct realities. I think that in the past, I studied/reflected on mostly the written word and then 'marched off to cure the ills of the world'. Now I know that an integral part of the study is reflecting always on who I am/what I am about. Because of Study/Action I was able to hear/heed so many diverse experiences of life; those who are so busy surviving in a physical sense were not kept out of the classroom. They became vital contributors to our spirituality, theology, our lives."

--Ann Brumbach, S/A 83-84



WTC Board Members

The WTC is a women's space to explore in depth the realm of our connectedness."

--Maud Blass, S/A 83-84

"...the only theological setting I know of where women struggle with issues of racism, sexism and classism."

--Letty Russell, WTC Board

WTC is a place to be challenged and a place to be accepted and valued as we are. It is a place to be listened into being and a place to learn new ways of seeing, of looking beyond conventional reality through shared experience, critical social analysis, and ritual...It is a place where you weave a new unity of spirituality and action.

--Carrie Bail, S/A 83-84

I came to WTC to learn something through my own experience. I don't want to have a domesticated education any more. I wanted education as praxis of liberation. WTC gave me the opportunity to study me - myself - and the world around me. So it is an education from myself to the world and back again. So I learn to transform the world and my self."

--Hyun Kyung Chung, S/A 83-84



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"I knew when I came here that my commitment was to working with women who were battered, homeless, poor. I also knew and know that religion/church/theology is and can be a powerful force in either maintaining or overcoming what keeps us battered, homeless, poor. WTC has both broadened and deepened the who, the what, and the why of that commitment...Being here as a single parent with two children and very little money has been very difficult. But what I've found here in terms of WTC, the Boston Theological Institute, and the Boston community are spaces for learning, living, teaching and working that seem to begin to make possible new possibilities.

--Paula Kowalke, S/A 84-85

"It's a place where Black and other women of color can explore their personal and cultural and political issues of feminism, faith and living out the struggle."

--Joan Martin, WTC Board



Study/Action, 84-85

"The Study/Action program helped me to find and recognize some spiritual resources within myself, a deep connection to nature and its rhythms and patterns. I stopped being so angry at my own church for not filling the void and looked for other resources..."

--Gay Harter, S/A 83-84

"...a reciprocal dynamic - where I find the theory of study integrally applied to the experiences of action. The results leave me moved, changed, and more whole."

--Lorry Villemare, S/A 84-85