



Publishing for Peace

“Wouldn’t it be great if all women’s religious publications observed the International Day of Peace?” Nancy Goldberger, former editor of *Lutheran Woman Today*, wondered aloud. A member of the *Horizons* editorial committee overheard the idea and shared it with the staff of *Horizons*, the magazine for Presbyterian Women. A few months and hundreds of phone calls, emails and invitations later, four women’s religious publications had committed to simultaneously publish shared articles that promote peace.

This issue is the result of the efforts of and ideas from staff members of four magazines—*Glad Tidings* (published by the Women’s Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada); *Horizons* (published by Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)); *Lutheran Woman Today* (published by Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America); and *Response* (published by United Methodist Women of the United Methodist Church).

Each of the above magazines will feature all or most of the same articles, depending on space available. Excerpts of the articles in this issue also appear in the July/August issue of *Timbrel* (published by Mennonite Women USA with support from Canadian Women in Mission of the Mennonite Church Canada).

The task of creating and publishing something for our myriad and distinct audiences was its own exercise in peace negotiations. The truly exciting part comes from knowing that our combined readership of more than 200,000 women will be touched by the same stories and inspired by the same ideas—just as we’re all moved by the same Spirit, regardless of where and how we worship.

Consider ways you can share and use the ideas in this magazine to celebrate the International Day of Peace, September 21, 2005. One suggestion is to coordinate an ecumenical dialogue between readers of each magazine involved in this interdenominational venture. Expand your circle to include women of all walks of faith. There is room (and work!) enough for all.

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