



Longing & Belonging

Spring Gathering of Women

Sponsored by the Regional Women's Ministries of the Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada (DOC) for all Disciple and UCC Women



Saturday, March 10, 2012

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Registration begins after 8:00 am



Mills Grove Christian Church

5410 Fleming Avenue, Oakland

\$25 registration

(includes program and lunch)

At Spring Gathering 2012 we will explore our own longing for God and God's desire for belonging in our lives. Your own Northern Californian Katy Valentine and Global Ministries missionary Betty Franks (UCC) will share about the longings of the women of Turkey and the dynamic ways that Turkish women create belonging in their communities. We will listen to the wisdom of ancient Christians in Turkey, where early Jesus followers longed for God and felt belonging as they came together in prayer and worship. Hear the inspiring stories of Christians in Turkey today, the warming interfaith Muslim-Christian dialogue, and the vibrant presence of Global Ministries in the country. Listen to the longing of women who face abuse and families who live under the radar, and the creative solutions they find to belong. Open yourself up to the longing in your own life and the ways God calls you to deeper belonging.

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Speakers

Katy Valentine is a PhD Candidate at the Graduate Theological Union and a recent participant in the Woman to Woman program which took her to Turkey, where she met Betty. Betty Frank is a missionary who lived in Turkey for 30 years, and has recently relocated to Southern California. She and her husband, Ken Frank, worked with Global Ministries in Turkey where they lived in Izmir and Istanbul, serving as General Secretary of the American Board and as members of the board of the Istanbul Interparish Migrant Program (IIMP).



Workshops

- * Hear Betty Frank talk about her 30 years living and working in Turkey.
- * Craft something to send to the migrants at IIMP in Istanbul.
- * Learn about the issues of immigration here and around the world.
- * Assemble welcome kits for women and children trying to escape an unsafe environment.
- * Get educated about human trafficking here in your region and what you can do to combat it.
- * Discuss the practices of prayer and contemplation in your daily lives.
- * Talk about what the ideas of longing and belonging mean to you.

What to bring

We will be assembling welcome kits for A Safe Place Shelter for Women and Children in Oakland. Items needed are: Toothbrush, Tube of Toothpaste, Bar of Soap, Stick of Deodorant, Bottle of Shampoo, Bottle of Conditioner, Bath Towel, Washcloth, Hairbrush or Comb, and Toiletry Bag. (Full-sized are better than travel-sized as the women and children could be at the shelter for weeks) Cash and gift cards will also be accepted to help the shelter with the purchase of diapers and feminine hygiene products.

An offering will be collected to benefit the Istanbul Interparish Migrant Program and the CCNC-N Women's Ministries Scholarship Fund.

There will be a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to a future Women's Ministries event, like the Fall Retreat at Mission Springs.

Parking is on the street, so please carpool, if you are able to.

For more information call Paula Pociecha at 925-556-9900 or Nancy Garrett at 916-771-8071

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I prefer to be contacted by: _____ Email _____ Regular Mail

Home Congregation/City _____

_____ I am requesting a vegetarian meal

_____ I need childcare (ages 5 and under) at a cost of \$5 per child.

(All children must be pre-registered.)

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

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You may wish to bring a sack lunch for your child, as there will be no special child's menu, or you may order a meal for your child here:

I will need # _____ extra meals at \$5.00 per child (please add to reg. fee)

I would like to make an optional donation to the
Women's Ministries Scholarship fund in the amount of \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Registration Deadline (for meal count) **is March 2, 2012!**

Cost for the day: \$25 per person, lunch included.

Please make checks payable to CCNC-N and mark it for "Gathering" and
mail to CCNC-N, 9260 Alcosta Blvd, Suite C-18, San Ramon CA 94583

(If you are paying for more than one person, please list all names on the memo line and submit a separate registration form for each individual)

Amount Paid: _____ Number of people: _____ Check # _____

Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Billing address, if different from above: _____

Signature: _____

Cancellation Policy: Full refund through March 2, 2012. Non-refundable on March 3, 2012.

Refund requests must be submitted in writing to the CCNC-N Office at the address above.

In lieu of a refund, you may request that your \$25 be donated to the Women's Ministries Scholarship fund.

Please direct all registration questions or special needs requests to Lou Ann Hughes at 916-773-6599 or louloui@hotmail.com