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TRANSITIONING ...

My life is very much about transition now. I turn over our house keys to its new owner in less than three weeks and move into AlmaTerraCom, a multi-faith spiritual community where I teach and offer service. While there, I will be co-creating with the other core members, a vision for extending the energy and service of AlmaTerraCom into California. (For information about AlmaTerraCom, see their website: www.almaterracom.net.) In mid-August, one of the members and I will begin the two-plus-week trip to Santa Rosa, where my husband has been since May, offering support to his family. I am looking forward to our reunion at summer's end and to settling into our life together on the West Coast. I also am looking forward to discovering how my work and service unfolds there - and to how this new location affects the evolution of Vessels of Peace.

Being in transition means that I also am reflecting back on what has been, as I prepare to move forward. I was born, raised and have lived all but a couple years of my life in Pennsylvania. I am grateful for all I have experienced, received, given, and learned here - and am at peace with the inner guidance of the Divine, lovingly calling me to the next phase of my serving. I also recognize that "home," for me, no longer is a physical location; it's a state of heart. So in reality, I'm not going anywhere!

And so it is with Vessels of Peace. We are not a physical organization or institution; we are not a movement or a path. We have no headquarters. We are, as AlmaTerraCom likes to say, a "shared consciousness." A shared intention. A shared energy. All energy changes ... ebbs and flows ... transmutes ... and Vessels of Peace will do the same.

Very practically speaking, due to being without my computer for about six weeks, the monthly email newsletter goes on relocation hiatus; this will be the last issue until early October. Because of the timing of my townhouse sale and move, the summer retreat had to be cancelled. But beyond these practical considerations, my intuition tells me that with the Venus transit last month, Vessels of Peace completed the assignment first given to us in October of 2002. We prepared the ground, so to speak, for a greater concentration of Divine Feminine vibration to anchor on the planet and in human awareness. The seeds have been planted, and now we rest a bit before moving to the next phase.

In the meantime, please see the Vessels of Peace website as the place where we keep the seeds watered and nourished. While I won't be able to communicate with you en masse via the email lists, I will post updates, reflections, etc. in the Holding the Space and News & Updates section on the home page. I also will post on the message board and encourage you to do the same. And those of us who are participating in the PeacexPeace sister circle network will be able to do so through the special email address they have set up for us. Both my personal and my Vessels of Peace email addresses (lyndaht@superpa.net and lyndaterry@vesselsofpeace.com) remain the same, and I will be able to check them from any computer - so if you want to reach me one-on-one, you still can do so.

So ... thank you for your loving support and presence. Enjoy your summer (or whatever season you are in, if not in the U.S.). I will see you on the website - and of course, you are always in my heart!

With love, gratitude and peacefulness,

Lynda

EDITOR'S NOTE: *I am very grateful to VoP Michele Krichten, an educator and artist from Littlestown, Pa., for answering her inner call to become more involved in Vessels of Peace. She has offered to host or help coordinate Vessels of Peace meditations, retreats, gatherings, etc in the Gettysburg-Harrisburg area. Since the Gettysburg liaison, Peggy Fitzpatrick, and I are both moving from the area this summer, we needed someone locally who was willing to help keep the energy flowing here where Vessels of Peace began! Michele and I also are exploring other ways she might assist in extending the energy of Vessels of Peace -- and one of our discussions led to her writing the short essay below. In addition to writing about the goddesses, Michele was inspired to create artwork for each of them.. This is one of the ways these energies manifest in the world through us, of course - in our creative expression. I encourage you to surrender to this experience, if you feel so called, and share with us through the VoP website message board, what happens!*

PERSONALLY CONNECTING TO THE GODDESS ENERGY

By Michele Krichten

Quite by accident (or not) I have developed a personal and personalized relationship with each of the Vessels of Peace Goddesses. In response to Lynda's suggestion that I write something about each Goddess to possibly be used as part of her [book] manuscript, I began writing, not knowing where I was going with this or exactly what I was to write. In the process I discovered that the Goddess energy is part of my daily life. For example, when I am feeling low I've discovered that by asking Mary for her nurturing peaceful energy, she responds immediately. Or the wonderful feeling I experience when I walk in the door of my home is Hestia, reminding me of the peaceful sanctuary she has helped me to create in my home as a reflection of the peaceful sanctuary she has helped me to create in my heart.

Writing about the Goddesses has made their energy real to me and has invited them to be part of my everyday awareness. It seems that whatever is going on around me or inside of me can be related to the Goddess energy. I have learned to acknowledge their presence constantly by either thanking them for the peace I am experiencing or calling on one of them to help me return to that peaceful, loving place in my heart. Through this writing practice I have received a beautiful gift, and I invite you to experience this process as a way of meeting each Goddess at a deeper level.

NEWS & EVENTS - JULY

VOP CONNECTED WITH WOMEN'S CIRCLE IN INDIA

We are now connected with our sister circle in northern India, the Network of Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (NEED), located in the state of Uttar Pradesh. I sent an introductory email on June 29th, and am awaiting their reply.

So far, seven VoP women have asked to take part in the circle. They represent a variety of locations and backgrounds, with two of them from other countries: England and Argentina. PeacexPeace has assigned our two circles our own secured email address. Whenever a woman in one of the circles sends an email via that address, all women who have signed up to be part of the circle network will get a copy. Each woman is free to respond or not, as she feels guided. PeacexPeace does ask that we "nurture the connection with regular communication and attention." That is, of course, how our bond with one another will grow.

As our relationship with the women of NEED unfolds, I will share information and reflections via the Vessels of Peace website message board, so please do check the board often. Go to <http://www.vesselsofpeace.com> and click on the message board link on the right. If you would like to take part in this circle, please do email me asap at lyndaht@superpa.net, so I can have PeacexPeace add you to the list. For more information about PeacexPeace, check out their website at www.peacexpeace.org

VoP SUMMER RETREAT CANCELLED; FALL RETREAT A POSSIBILITY

Due to circumstances around my pending move to California, I had to cancel the VoP Summer Retreat scheduled for July 17th. However, it may be possible to offer a late fall retreat in California. I will keep you posted on that possibility via the website News & Events section on the home page: www.vesselsofpeace.com. If anyone in the Santa Rosa-Northern California area can suggest or offer a site for the retreat, please contact me at lyndaht@superpa.net.

MEDITATION GROUPS INFO/UPDATES

NOTE: After July 19th, all information and updates about meditation groups in any location will be posted at the News & Events section of the VoP website. If you are hosting a peace and/or women's meditation group in your area, please let me know and I will add it to the list.

HARRISBURG VESSELS OF PEACE MEDITATION GROUP

Cancelled for the summer. We are seeking someone who would be willing to host a monthly VoP meditation in the Harrisburg area. If you are willing, please email me at lyndaht@superpa.net.

GETTYSBURG AREA VESSELS OF PEACE MEDITATION GROUP

Cancelled for the summer. Michele Krichton has offered to host and/or alternate hosting for the Gettysburg Area group when it resumes in the fall. For more info, contact her at michelechina@yahoo.com or at 717-359-8774.

TENDING THE VESSEL: INSPIRATION, SHARINGS AND SUPPORT

This space is for sharing experiences, thoughts, favorite quotes, etc. that speak to our day-to-day intention to embody peace. Please send your contributions to lyndaterry@vesselsofpeace.com

EMAIL SHARINGS:

From Maria U., Argentina, regarding the Venus transit article in the last issue:

“Many Blessings and Venus, the Goddess of Light is in us! She is blessing Mother Earth, and we have a wonderful opportunity!”

PURCHASE VOP GUIDED MEDITATION CD!

The Vessels of Peace Guided Meditation CD is a wonderful way to do peace embodiment practice, to connect with the energy of the Sacred Feminine, and to connect with the collective energy of Vessels of Peace women everywhere! To order your copy, email me at lyndaht@superpa.net or call 717-651-1528. Cost: \$15.

PURCHASE LYNDA'S CD!

My guided meditation CD/tape, "Meditating for Life One: Breath Meditation," is available from me and also, at The Inner-Connection Bookstore, 308 Market St., New Cumberland, Pa. 17070. To purchase directly from me, see contact information above. For the Inner-Connection, stop in to purchase or you can call them at 717-774-4874 to order by mail. CD: \$15. Tape: \$10.

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