



Vessels of Peace

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OUR NEW MOTTO: A CRYSTALLIZATION OF OUR INTENTION

Most of you have checked out the new Vessels of Peace logo on our "Coming Soon" webpage (<http://www.vesselsofpeace.com>) and so know that it is beautiful and evokes for us, what we are about. But if someone is seeing it for the first time, not knowing anything about Vessels of Peace, our identity may not be so clear. They may think we just make pretty pottery!

With our visibility now expanding (see NEWS & UPDATES for details), I wanted to incorporate a slogan into the logo that captures the essence of who we are. So I chose 11 VoP women at random from the email list and asked for their input and suggestions. We had a lively exchange of emails over a couple of days, then I took what had been offered into meditation. Afterwards, as I shared the most popular themes with my husband, this synthesis emerged:

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As soon as I saw it written on the page in this tiered arrangement, I knew it was right. It encompasses the main aspects of Vessels of Peace who we are, the source of our inspiration, what we do and it summarizes our intention.

Women Embodying Peace ...

We are women who have chosen to go a step further than being "for" peace and believing "in" peace; we have chosen to BECOME peace to manifest it within our own being and then carry it, as one woman said, "as a sacred loving act," through all parts of our lives.

Inspired by the Sacred Feminine ...

We are inspired to embody peace by the qualities and example of the Sacred Feminine, however we each envision her to be. We open to her guidance and energy, and we believe that acknowledging her Presence, in us and in the world, is essential to creating lasting peace.

Serving Divinity, Humanity, Earth

Through the inspiration of the Sacred Feminine, we embody peace in order to serve: first, Divinity the totality of the Sacred that is beyond gender, form, words; second, Humanity its individual and collective transformation and evolving; and third, our Earth the source of our sustenance and our wonder at the beauty of Divine creative expression.

So, to summarize: we are peace-full women who are inspired to serve!

Over the coming months, we will explore each element of this new motto in greater depth. For now, I hope this crystallization of intention helps you to better describe the Vessels of Peace mission to others, and provides a useful focus for your own contemplation. As always, I am eager for your feedback and sharings.

NEWS & UPDATES FOR MARCH

VESSELS OF PEACE TO BE AT JAMES TWYMAN CONFERENCE IN FLORIDA, APRIL 2-4!

Noted spiritual peacemaker, author and singer James Twyman and his organization, The Beloved Community, will be holding a conference in Orlando, Fla., April 2-4, "Indigo, Mary Magdalene and the Children" and I have been invited to attend, present a workshop and lead the Sunday morning meditation!

My workshop will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, the 2nd, and is titled: "Connecting with the Divine Feminine: The Sacred Energy at the Heart of Peace," (same as my book manuscript title). The workshop will explore: 1) how cultivating a personal relationship with the Feminine aspects of Divinity enhances and deepens our experience and practice of peace, and 2) how this relationship between the Divine Feminine and peace is central to manifesting lasting peace in the world. The guided meditation will be at 7 a.m. on the 4th. Vessels of Peace also will have a vendor's table at the conference where people can sign up for the email list, find out more about VoP, buy a copy of the Vessels of Peace guided meditation CD, and more. Needless to say, it's a wonderful opportunity to get the VoP message out to more women and network with others doing this work.

I have followed Twyman's work for some time and last fall, had some contact with him and his staff regarding their new spiritual peacemaking seminary program. One of the women I spoke with asked to be placed on the VoP email

list, and found the emails helpful to her own peace practice hence the seeds for this opportunity were sown.

I will, of course, provide a full report on the experience in the next newsletter. To find out more about the conference or Twyman's work, go to his website at <http://www.emissaryoflight.com> . If you decide to attend the conference - or know of friends or family who will please do let me know!

VoP WEBSITE GOING LIVE SUNDAY!

I am happy to announce that the Vessels of Peace website will go live on Sunday, March 7th! California VoP Leigh Sanford has done a wonderful job designing the site, and we will be adding more features in the coming months. Please do check it out and give us your feedback and suggestions. I envision the site as our virtual VoP community, where we will have online gatherings via message board/chat, online and teleconference classes, and more. Please do pass the word on to others about the site and if you have a website, please put us as a link: <http://www.vesselofpeace.com>

UPCOMING VoP EVENTS

SPRING 2004 GATHERING HEALING THE VESSEL: RECLAIMING OUR WHOLENESS THROUGH WOMEN'S WAYS

Sunday, April 18th, 1:30 5:30 p.m., Harrisburg

In order to embody peace, we have to be a sturdy vessel, capable of holding our peaceful state no matter what. To be a sturdy vessel, we have to heal those wounds that keep us from both embracing and surrendering to peace. Women have long known the power and value of doing that healing, of reclaiming their sacred wholeness, through communal rituals and ways of relating. These ways are so powerful because they invoke the Sacred Feminine energy within and without. She then partners with us in our healing process.

In the spring gathering, we will explore these ways in which the Sacred Feminine becomes present to us in our healing journeys. Our springboard for discussion will be a viewing of the documentary, "Eve's Fire," about the work of Sheila Foster and The School for Women Healers. A couple of Vessels of Peace women who have worked with Sheila in the school will be present to share their experiences. All women are welcome. Bring a healthy snack to share, if you wish. There is no fee but donations are gratefully accepted. To RSVP or for more info: Lynda Terry, 717-651-1528 or lyndaht@superpa.net

MEDITATION GROUPS INFO/UPDATES

SPECIAL "GATHER THE WOMEN" WEEK MEDITATION IN HARRISBURG

Monday, March 8th, 7 p.m.
AlmaTerraCom Center
161 Hiddenwood Drive, Harrisburg 717-651-1405

March 8-13th will be the 2nd Annual Gather the Women Week. During this week, women all over the world hold events to bring awareness of how women gathering together can manifest peace and positive change in the world. (For more information, go to <http://www.gatherthewomen.org>). On March 8th, I

encourage you to spend some time in silent meditation and prayerful awareness as a sacred beginning to the week. Here in Harrisburg, you are welcome to join me and other area women at the AlmaTerraCom Center for a special meditation. (For directions, call the Center or me at 717-651-1528.)

HARRISBURG VESSELS OF PEACE MEDITATION GROUP

Monthly, First Tuesday, 7:15 p.m., Harrisburg (Lynda's place)
Dates for Spring/Summer: May 4, June 1, July 6, & August 3
For more info: Lynda Terry, 717-651-1528

GETTYSBURG AREA VESSELS OF PEACE MEDITATION GROUP

Third Tuesday, Monthly, 7 p.m., Carroll Valley
Date for March: the 16th
For more info: Peggy Fitzpatrick, 717-642-6760

GREAT FEMININE BEING FOR MARCH 2004: VERONICA

VoP Lynn Milo, from South Carolina, offers her choice for Great Feminine Being this month:

"I had a thought about another Great Feminine Being to honor and acknowledge: Veronica who wiped the face of Jesus as he was dying. Was she not the most compassionate of beings? Did her simple action not show the power of a loving touch and compassionate action? The small acts are more significant than we can imagine. Do we not all need to find our place of service to the world? I often think of all the nurses in the world when I think of Veronica."

Note: In each newsletter, we honor a Great Feminine Being - either a Vessels of Peace woman or any woman whose life and/or work resonates strongly with what we are about. She can be a woman who is well-known and/or a woman no longer with us in form. Who would you like to see recognized and why? Send nominations to lyndaht@superpa.net

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 me at lyndaht@superpa.net

EMAIL SHARINGS:

Also from Lynn Milo, South Carolina: "My connection to you and VOP has given me such inner strength coupled with peacefulness and new vision. I will find my place of service in the world ..."

What has YOUR connection to Vessels of Peace meant to you? Send me your responses to share in the next newsletter. - LT

INSPIRING QUOTES

"Peace is always present, though it is sometimes hidden."

- James Twyman, from the book "Praying Peace"

"Because we are all seamlessly connected, going within to find more harmony is never selfish or self-centered - it delivers much-needed peace to the world."

- Susan Skog, from the book "Embracing Our Essence"

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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