

## American Clergy Leadership Conference

**Women In Ministry** 

"Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community and Renew the Nation and the World"

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"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren (sisters) to dwell together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

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Dear Women in Ministry,

August 24, 2007

Greetings from our nation's capitol, thank you all for the work you are doing in building God's kingdom.

We are pleased to inform you that Women in Ministry will host its first National Women's Retreat and Conference in Norfolk, Virginia from Nov 29 - Dec 1. The conference will focus on taking steps to bring reconciliation between women with Native American ancestry and women of Colonial descent together with women from all races. The theme is "Rebirth, Renewal, Reconciliation and Empowerment for a New Nation and World."

The year 2007 has been proclaimed a worldwide Jubilee year by Father and Mother Moon. Here in the United States we are observing the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginnings of this nation. In 1607 the first permanent settlement of Englishmen was established in Jamestown, Virginia.

As Women in Ministry who seek to be healers of our communities, nation and world, there is no time like this Jubilee year to seek deeper resolution for the sadder parts of our nation's history.

On Nov.30 conference participants will travel to Jamestown, a short distance from Norfolk, to offer prayers for the tragic history between our European and Native American ancestors. There, we will have a chance to learn a little about this era of our national history. The following day we will be joined by women of Native American ancestry and women of Colonial descent and other women of peace from many different backgrounds to cross a Bridge of Peace with the support of Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), Native American Leadership Alliance (NALA) and Universal Peace Federation (UPF). We will each meet one woman on that bridge who will become our sister beyond all barriers of race, religion, ethnicity, etc.

Even though this ceremony will be in many ways symbolic, it is a seed for a new beginning as we enter our fifth century as a nation comprised of all peoples.

Please join us for an unforgettable 3 days of inspiration, healing and peacemaking.

Sincerely Yours,

Women In Ministry

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