Honoring Lucile S. Longview

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In Copenhagen, at the Second United Nations World Conference on Women, 1980 Lucile writes: "Women must challenge the patriarchalism of global religions."

As the primary author of the 1977 Woman and Religion Resolution, Lucile was most concerned that we address the underlying sexist assumptions in Judeo-Christian theology, family structures, and the practices of religious institutions.

Her passion ignited my own. I introduced *Rise Up and Call Her Name, A Woman*honoring Journey into Global Earth-based Spiritualities with this:

> This curriculum is dedicated by the author to Lucile Longview Whose commitment to raising consciousness about the relation of women and religion inspires me; Whose encouragement to pursue my vision sustains me; and whose love of birds, mountains, and seasons touches me.

After participating in a *Rise Up* group soon after its publication, Lucile wrote me in 1995:

"Affirming the female on this woman-honoring journey provides a backdrop and contrast to the denigration of women so basic to our patriarchal heritage, bringing into focus the meaning and intent of the UUA Women and Religion Resolution of 1977."

Lucile will always be the willing ally for those who continue to unravel the tangle that has come to be called religion, and together reweave another tapestry that is truly eco-feminist.