

Full text of letter from Lucile following her participation in a Rise Up Circle:

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Dear Liz,

Rise Up and Call Her Name sessions with Margaret Stewart and Donna Davis Morley ended last evening with much shared affection among the participants and appreciation for the leaders. Personally I felt warmly embraced by a group almost entirely strangers a few weeks ago.

My sacred bundle surprisingly resulted in a tangible summary of my life long connection with nature. My mask also became an earth, air, fire and water depiction of biogenesis (in my simple way) – I was certain it would be unique – but not so – others moved in that mode but more artfully.

How can one make a mask of a concept – nature, love, spirituality...?

Affirming the female, on this woman-honoring journey provided a backdrop in contrast to the denigration of women so basic to our patriarchal heritage.

I have many ideas of how we can build on this series to bring to feminist consciousness a more inclusive theology. It could well be a way to bring into focus the meaning and intent of the UUA Women and Religion Resolution of 1977 which has for 18 years been distorted and made to serve other purposes.

When can we plot?

Warmly, Lucile