



# RE-IMAGINING A WORLD WITHOUT VIOLENCE

Saturday, January 27, 2018  
Plymouth Congregational Church  
[www.re-imaginingcommunity.org](http://www.re-imaginingcommunity.org)

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are pleased to announce a proposal request for **Re-Imagining A World Without Violence**, to take place Saturday, January 27, 2018, at Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This is one of many events affiliated with *Re-Imagining*, an ecumenical, radical, Christian movement which celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018.

### Mission Statement

We are an ecumenical, radical, Christian movement. Together we pursue creative and relevant ways of understanding Womanist, Feminist, *Mujerista*, and Asian Feminist theologies, opening space for dialogue with the church, diverse religious communities, and the world. We are impassioned to participate in Re-Imagining by our love and search for God, justice, and a challenging, empowering, and inclusive church.

### History

In November 1993, the first Re-Imagining Conference took place in Minneapolis. 2,000 people from around the world gathered to hear a variety of women theologians re-imagine God, Jesus, Creation and much more. Participants were challenged...created... laughed, sang and danced!

After the event there was a backlash. The right wing of some mainline denominations denounced presenters, organizers, and participants. They accused them of heresy and actively tried to silence their voices. Despite this, Re-Imagining continued holding conferences over the next ten years, publishing a magazine and maintaining a presence.

In 2013 Re-Imagining held a reunion, reincorporated and is moving forward. Previous events' recordings are being digitized, materials are being archived, a website and Facebook page have been set up (see below), and we are anticipating a variety of events celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary from November 2017-November 2018.

Participating organizations in the Minneapolis - St. Paul area include: Hennepin Ave. United Methodist Church, Plymouth Congregational Church, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Wisdom Ways and Hamline University.

## **Conference Structure**

A full day event (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at Plymouth Congregational Church (plymouth.org).

Each of the several hundred participants will have four 45-minute time slots available for Workshops: two morning and two afternoon sessions. Proposed Workshops should be designed to either be complete in 45 minutes, or possibly extend over the course of two, or three, or four 45-minute sessions.

## **Becoming a Workshop Presenter**

Those wishing to be Workshop Presenters should consider how we might embrace nonviolence in one or more of our three focus areas: **Self, Family, and Community**.

While Re-Imagining's roots are Christian, we encourage proposals exploring any single and/or interfaith communities and perspectives.

In addition to a traditional lecture format with Q & A, or small discussion groups, possible Presenters are encouraged to propose other types of interaction with Conference participants - which could involve art, music, spoken word or dance. We are looking for creativity in all aspects of this event!

Please describe your proposed presentation in **250 words or less**, including:

- A possible title for your presentation
- How many (45-minute) sessions would your Workshop ideally be? (1, 2, 3, 4) Are you willing to repeat your session?
- What percentage of the time will be presentation/participation/experiential?
- What would you consider an ideal number of participants? (*likely 20 maximum*)

## **Compensation**

An honorarium of \$100 per session will be paid to each Workshop Presenter. Attendance at all conference events will be free of charge, with complimentary lunch.

## **Timeline**

Open Submission Period:	August 1- September 9, 2017
Proposals Reviewed:	September 10 - 30, 2017
Notification emailed:	Early October, 2017

**Submit proposals to: [reimaginingcmt@gmail.com](mailto:reimaginingcmt@gmail.com)**

**Questions? Contact Mary Kay Sauter, 651-216-4172; [mksauter67@comcast.net](mailto:mksauter67@comcast.net)**

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**WORKSHOP PROPOSAL**  
(SUBMISSIONS DUE by 9/9/17)

**Today's Date:**

**Family Name, Given Name (Last,First):**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip Code:**

**Email Address:**

**Preferred Phone Number:**

**Proposed Workshop Title:**

**Workshop Description (in 250 words or less):**

**How many (45-minute) sessions would you like your Workshop offered:**

**What percentage of your Workshop will be: Participation, Presentation, Experiential  
(add to 100%)**

0%

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**What would you consider an ideal number of participants (It will likely be 20 persons max per session)?**

**Other Comments that would be helpful for the planners to know about you and/or the workshop content?**

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