Honoring Women's Voices

Common Ground is an annual journal celebrating grassroots women's voices. Each year's theme is suggested by grassroots friends. A woman who has done organizing in her geographic or cultural area works as assistant editor. She gathers writings and interviews from other grassroots women to form the journal's content. We strive to present directly their wisdom, strength, and hope and seek each woman's final approval of her story before printing.

Since 1991, we have supplemented the journal with our biannual newsletter, *Groundings*, through which members of our network share accounts of nonviolent struggle.

"I Wanna See My People Free"

Farmworker women usually remain invisible. Our 1993 journal presents their poignant stories. Rising above sexual abuse, domestic violence, and economic and environmental injustices, these women realize their worth and look ahead with hopes of improving their lives.

"There is an inner power in owning your own story, in knowing that other people want to hear it, and in sharing it. You learn who you are and that you're beautiful."

Margarita Romo
Assistant Editor, 1993

Love, Justice, Truth, Spirituality

Indigenous women of North America share their struggles to save their ways of being and confront the dominant culture's interpretation of 1492. In our 1992 journal, their words resound with timely relevance as the Year of Indigenous Peoples (1993) unfolds.

"We speak of our love and faith in the midst of pain and struggle. It's an act of faith for each of us to speak and to believe that someone will hear us."

Rosalinda Catitonauh Ramirez
Assistant Editor, 1992

Growing Together

Become part of our network of women and men exploring women's spirituality and enacting justice. Order copies of the journals. Offer your friendship to Common Ground by selecting a stage of growth from our arbor of giving. Correspond with us. Send us your words and artwork for *Groundings*.

Our process brings about systemic change. We put the power of the press into the hands of grassroots women.

As we move more fully toward owning women's ways of being, we seek funding from people of faith. Your contributions are crucial for Common Ground to thrive and grow.

Financial restrictions threaten production of our next journals. We plan an issue honoring our friend Annie Smart, a Baton Rouge mother of thirteen who led the fight against poverty and the struggle for welfare rights in Louisiana and across the nation. Women in Appalachia are also eager to create a journal affirming their communities and their work for justice.

We need your friendship and financial support. Together we can weave a new reality honoring each person's freedom and dignity.

I Want to Hear My Sisters!

Single copies, 1992 or 1993 journal:
$10 ($8 plus $2 postage)
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Multiple copies, 1992 or 1993 journal:
$5 each plus postage ($8 for 15-20 journals, $15 for 21-34, $22 for 35-50)
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