

Ann we have lost a great champion for peace and justice as well as a **wonderful** friend.

I am Sue Miele and standing here next to me are Lib Register, Varnell Lewis, Barbara Klein, and Roberta White. We are the faithful remnant of the House Church who met for 40+ years in each others' homes – once a month for dinner and “check-in” .

The House Church first gathered as a women's group on the brink of the 2nd wave of feminism in the late 60's. We quickly realized that changes in our relationships could only occur if the men were invited too. So the House Church was born with 12 couples. In those early years we tried to define new roles and confront stumbling blocks in our marriage relationships. Later we shared issues related to raising growing children, then on to marriages of those children,

followed by the births of our grandchildren. We shared responsibilities and sadness as our own parents aged out. At that time we were the “Sandwich Generation” stuck in the middle of two other generations. In recent years we became the “outer piece of bread” in that sandwich, and confronted our own aging, health, and loss of spouses. It has truly been a life journey that we have traveled together. Together, we lived a novel!

In my own life, Ann, along with Lib and Grace Moore were life changing trailblazers. Today I walk the trails that they blazed. In my early 20’s, naïve, & a girl from the countryside of PA, Ann engaged me in anti Vietnam War activities – Introduced me to CALC (Clergy & Laity Concerned); took me to meetings of the Indo-China Peace Campaign at Jane Fonda’s house, enlisted me in building the infamous “tiger cages”, and led me into activities related to immigration policies and the Caesar Chavez Farmworkers Movement.

At the same time she, along with Lib, was a leader in this church and the So California Conference of the UCC in addressing inequities for women in the church hierarchy and society in general. We got LA Times coverage when we nailed our 9.9 thesis to the front door of this church. Because of these activities, the National UCC sent representatives to meet with us about sexism in Church School Curriculum, Inclusive Language, Ordination of women, & Images on bulletin covers. We literally changed the Church and our denomination. Ann gave me a lifelong passion for these issues and her bright light will continue to shine through the legacy she has left us.

Ann was tireless in her efforts for peace and justice, and yet she always amused us with her amazing wit and intelligence. She had a real sense of style, was an avid gardener, a wonderful cook, and she adored her family above all! We are ever grateful for the good times shared and the gifts she gave us... we miss her very much. (*Introduce Roberta*)