

Call for Proposals for Edited Volume - "Valuing Lives, Healing Earth" (Sequel to Rosemary Radford Ruether's "Women Healing Earth," 1996)
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"We invite paper proposals for a book project entitled Valuing Lives, Healing Earth. This volume honors the legacy of Rosemary Radford Ruether, a profound visionary voice in religion, ecology, and justice for the 20th century and the dawning 21st century. Over two decades after Ruether edited Women Healing Earth (1996), this new proposed volume collects diverse voices, addressing intersectional issues of gender, race, ethnicity, class, and environment in global-local locations. These locations vary in agricultural methods and foodways, industrialization, moral practices, and religious meaning production. We seek essays (5000-7000 words) that represent leadership, demonstrate "best" practices, and cultivate understanding of community actions toward greater health and environmental wellbeing across global North-South divides and within complex landscapes. Like Ruether's 1996 work, this volume highlights common ground and themes through distinct perspectives and projects from diverse voices and locations, amplifying voices that may be marginal to dominant definitions of tradition, policy, or other institutionally significant frames of reference.

We seek paper proposals that acknowledge ecologically significant knowledge, including traditional ecological knowledge, particularly where such knowledge is applied by indigenous peoples, diverse women, subaltern, or marginalized others. We encourage papers that showcase how daily work connects with awareness of ecological wellness or degradation, highlighting local women's agency in addressing ecological problems encountered in daily life. Essays may provide examples, theoretical frameworks, and/or analysis of a particular community engaging in environmentally significant work with moral leadership emerging from women or other voices marginal to community decision making. Further, this volume highlights intersectional work in a varied landscape of North America and other global North locations, cultivating recognition of multiple communities of meaning and identity among the so-called 99% in the global North. We are interested in essays that envision and cultivate a renewed future, identifying integrated, intersectional work toward ecological and human community wholeness in specific, local landscapes with potentially larger, globally relevant meanings and implications. For this book project, the following themes have emerged to frame the work. Papers addressing intersections between and among these themes are also welcome."

1. Knowledge: Retrieving Indigenous Knowledges and the Three Pillars of Sustainability – Economic, Environmental, Social
2. Ritual: Women, Ecology, and Ritual
3. Activism: Empowerment and Grassroots Activism
4. Food: Food and Agriculture in Real Places of Solidarity

Confirmed contributors include esteemed writers from the 1996 volume, Ivone Gebara, foremost ecofeminist theologian from Brazil, and Aruna Gnanadason, feminist theologian