

History's Heroines: American Indian Women Yesterday and Today A Discussion at Sojourners United Church of Christ

Date: Friday, June 19, 2009, 7 – 9 p.m. Location: Sojourners United Church of Christ, 1017 Elliott Avenue, Charlottesville (977-1481) Contact: Carolyn Cades or Karenne Wood, VFH, (434) 924-3296

This discussion features Rozina George and Rose Ann Abramson (Lemhi Shoshone), relatives of Sacajawea, and Karenne Wood (Monacan), Director of the Virginia Indian Heritage Program, in a conversation about the ways American Indian women have been portrayed in our history. Focusing especially on Sacajawea and Pocahontas, the talk will illuminate misconceptions and offer fresh insights about these two pivotal figures.

This event is sponsored by the Virginia Indian Heritage Program of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, and Sojourners' UCC. It is free and open to the public. Those committed to inclusive accounts of American history, as well as those interested in women's issues and American Indian experiences, will find the discussion engaging.

Sojourners United Church of Christ, an inclusive faith community committed to social justice, began in Charlottesville in 1992. For more information go to <u>www.sojourners-ucc.org</u>

The Virginia Foundation for the Humanities is a statewide organization begun in 1974 to enhance the civic, cultural, and intellectual life of the Commonwealth by creating learning opportunities for all Virginians. It operates the Virginia Indian Heritage Program, an effort to educate Virginians and visitors about Virginia Indians. For more information, go to http://www.virginiafoundation.org.

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