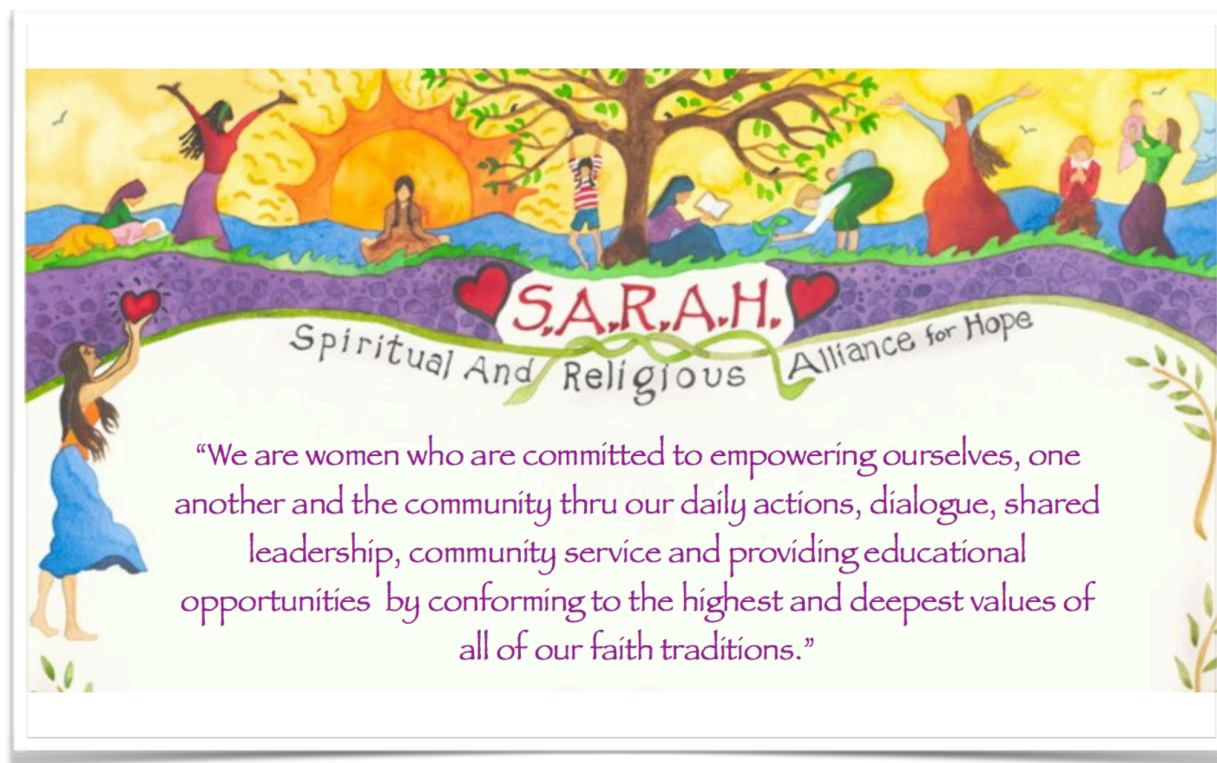


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# S.A.R.A.H

## The Spiritual And Religious Alliance For Hope



## 18 Years of Creating Measurable Lasting Enduring Peace

### Leading Core Values

Compassion | Collaboration | Hospitality | Care | Trust | Community | Generosity | Love

### Vision Statement

SARAH envisions a world where women's equality is fully realized to achieve a world of justice and peace.

**Mission Statement** S.A.R.A.H., women of diverse cultures, faiths and beliefs, is committed to making a positive and meaningful difference in the world by advancing solutions that end all forms of violence disproportionately impacting women and girls. To that end, our aim is to help women recognize self-awareness and personal agency through our programs and initiatives. We focus on cultural and systemic violence, and all of our practices promote circle principles which are rooted in our leading core values. We provide tools and skills to help and support women and girls through scholarship, education, mentoring, and a platform for their wisdom and voices to be heard.

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## Who We Are

**Founded** in 2002 on the sacred principles of circle, hospitality, security and reconciliation

**We Practice** rules of consultation based on ancient wisdom

**We Dialogue** and provide safe space for difficult dialogues, for better understanding of the other, inviting inspirational leaders, for celebrating our diversity, and giving voice to all women and girls.

**We Educate** online trainings, through panel discussions, events online, in community, homes, universities, places of worship and global conferences.

**We Collaborate** with small and global organizations

**We Raise Awareness**, dollars and action for our most vulnerable

**We Galvanize** thousands into service

**We Honor** others with our Annual Vision of Peace Award and Spotlight publications and webinars.

**We Community Build** by bridging alliance and cooperation among community and organizations to collaborate for the greater needs of humanity, especially our most vulnerable.



## Featured Reports

- Harvard University's Pluralism Project, The Women's Interfaith Movement Post 911 Initiative
- Ford Foundation's Difficult Dialogues



Circle Connections  
Circles Connecting for Peace and Justice



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# 2020 To Date Report

## Programs Events and Initiatives

- The Wisdom Masterclass Series
- Learning to Become An Ally to Address Racism
- The General Congress of Women
- SDG18 Promoting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals through recognizing our self awareness and personal agency
- CEDAW (UN Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (and Girls)).
- Online "Virtual Red Tent" gatherings
- Online conversations on Race, White Privilege, Addressing Fear and Polarization

## Global Alliances

- United Religions Initiative
- Charter For Compassion International
- Circle Connections
- One Global Family Foundation

## 2020-2021 Signature Programs

### The General Congress of Women

Inspired by the clarion call and 150th anniversary of The Mother's Day Proclamation, a General Congress of Women (GCW) is being called to address the greater needs of peace by addressing each of the themes of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) there will be a natural combining of some obvious and similar goals. This requires grassroots organizing, a task force, and efforts for outreach to like minded organizations, identifying and cultivating relationships. This is a North America initiative, yet we expect it to be embraced and modeled throughout the world.

This congress will serve to inform organizations, corporations, our social networks, social justice organizations educational institutions, and grassroots organizations on the greater needs of peace through the lens of it's impact directly on women and girls.

**"...In the name of womanhood** and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace."

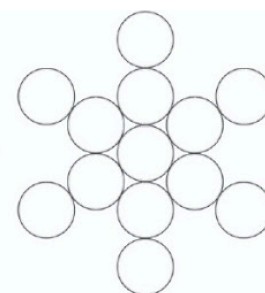
The Mother's Day Proclamation 1870

Founded on the principles of diversity and non-duality, the model is scalable and a methodology for all to embrace and engage with. We commit to the integrity of insuring our

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outcomes are good for everyone who wishes to create a more safe and harmonious world, without exception.

**Our General Congress of Women leadership** is structured on the model of The Fruit of Life, the DNA and universal and sacred geometry design found in every living organism on the planet. Furthermore, the Flower of Life will be our framework for how we expand our opportunities to all.



The Fruit of Life

### **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)**

By organizing the General Congress by the SDG's focuses of solutions, we are careful to address all timely needs present on our planet. We measure our success by our own identified targets modeled after those used at the UN.

Utilizing the principles of SDG18 (The Unofficial Sustainable Development Goal) of Self Awareness and Personal Agency, we are sensitive to promoting action and conversations through the lens of these two values.

### **Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action**

We are committed to advancing women's right's globally and the 12 critical areas of concern:

Poverty | Education | Health | Violence | Armed Conflict |  
Economic Power and Decision Making | Mechanisms For  
The Advancement of Women | Human Rights | Media |  
Women | Environment | Girl Child



### **2020 Plan**

- General Congress Task Force Development
- Scholarship offerings to girls and women at risk for education
- Identify Congress Members Utilizing The Fruit of Life
- Develop strategy for citizen diplomacy, operations and marketing
- Develop self sustainability model



## **Beijing+25**

### **2020 Some Identified Signature Events the GCW will leverage for programming**

- 9/21 International Day of Peace and Cease Fire and our Inaugural Launch
- 12/12 Global Women's Assembly
- 2/01 World Interfaith Harmony Week
- 3/21 Beijing +25 March

### **2021 Dates**

- World Harmony Interfaith Week
- International Women's Day and Commission on the Status of Women
- International Day of the Child



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## Utilizing Our Resources and Skills, We Raise Our Voice On Behalf Of:

- Gender Equality and the empowerment of women and girls
- Racial Justice
- Dismantling Patriarchy
- Environmental Sustainability
- Indigenous Rights
- Child Poverty
- Nuclear non-proliferation

## Wisdom Masterclass Series

*"Master": where expertise meets passion*

**W**e understand that these unprecedented times call for new solutions to old problems. We discovered that too many gifted, skilled and passionate people who conduct workshops for free, and have the curriculum and expertise, do not offer online workshops because they do not have:

- The notoriety, celebrity, massive contact list
- Funds for an online platform
- Technical know how

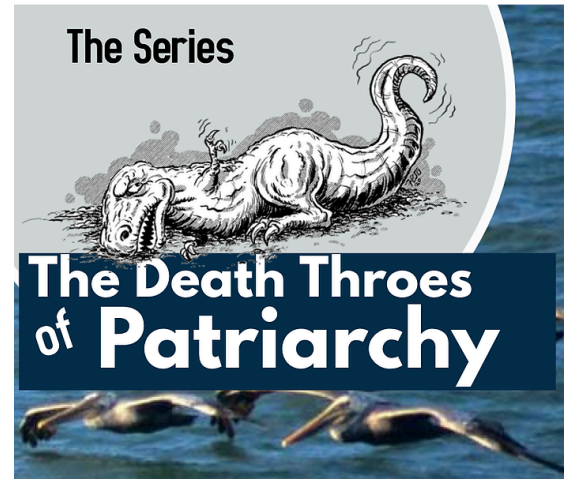
The **W**isdom Masterclass Series

The Wisdom Masterclass Series offers them a solution to all of those problems.

All workshops trainings adhere to SARAH's Vision and Mission Statement, are inclusive to all, and answer 4 important questions:

Is it good for the participant/student? Is it good for the presenter? Is it good for the world? Is it good for our world as laid out in the SDG's?

Our ultimate goal is to give voice to those whose wisdom must be heard, learned, and paid for.



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## The Virtual Red Tent Circles

Our first Circle was held on August 2002, and since then we have been meeting in living rooms and various locations monthly utilizing circle principles to better understand one another's faith and social perspectives, create together, laugh, cry, explore and listen in sacred new and old age manners.

Years before the current pandemic we had been hosting online meetings to expand our borders to all women around the country and the world, so when meeting in person was no longer possible, we were already comfortably gathering online.

It is in circle where solutions are found, ideas are heard and expanded on, fears are addressed, healing occurs, we respond spontaneously to the needs of our immediate communities and the world, and we conspire to use our collective voice for lasting and enduring solutions and peace for all living things on our planet.

As women, we are responding to our innate imperative to create life, protect all that we love, our family, our community, and our world for the next 7 generations.



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## 2021 Revenue | Expenses

We are seeking donations so that we can responsibly manage the increasing need for programming for women's leadership that is emerging in unprecedented ways.

We are committed to our 3 prong approach to accomplishing our goals of [The General Congress of Women](#), [The Wisdom Masterclass Series for online education](#), framed and through promotion of the U.N.'s 2 vital frameworks for change, The Sustainable Development Goals and The U.N. Platform for Change, while maintaining our most elegant and basic practice of coming together in circle in a sacred manner with our [Virtual Red Tents](#).

Funding will allow us to:

- Offer scholarships to women and girls at risk to take online workshops.
- Support mother's at risk with mentorship and micro - gifts.
- Support our efforts to develop The General Congress of Women.
- Grow our operations and sustainability responsibility.



We reach a critical mass of women and men who are otherwise left out of the equation when one thinks of who unknowingly contributes to the problem afflicting those areas.

Women make up 70-80% of all buying decisions in the home. Those buying decisions often keep women and girls shackled in poverty and inequality. Women and men alike make decisions and move through their day in manners that impact the systemic problems found in every one of the Sustainable Development Goals. By addressing these issues, framed in a manner of the SDG's and the Beijing+25 U.N. Platform For Change, through our 3 Signature Programs, we can reach a critical mass and see measurable and lasting change.

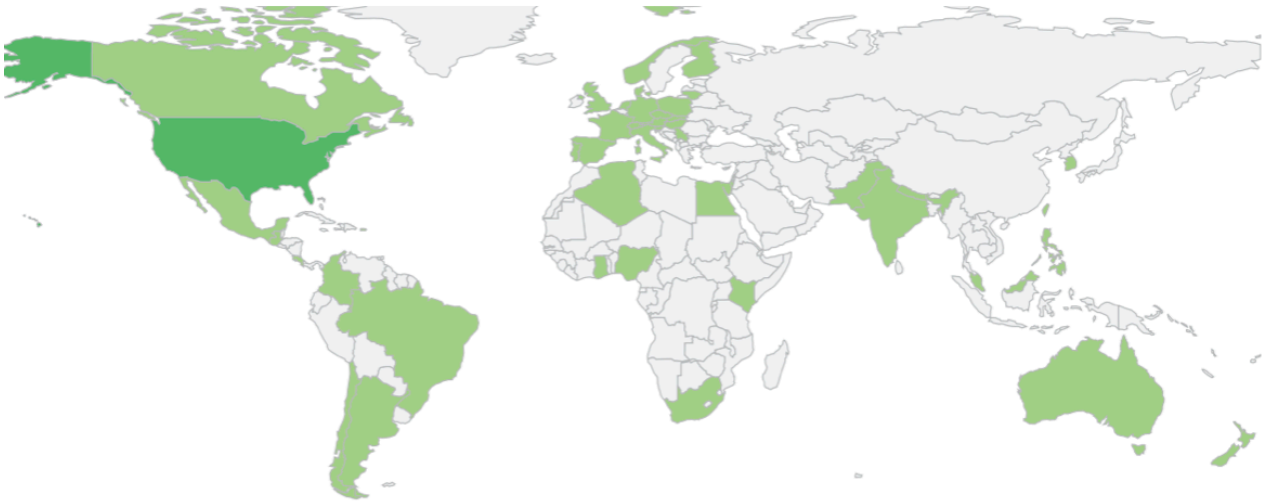
SARAH, one of this nation's oldest and longest operating women's interfaith organization has a track record of 18 years of reaching that mass, and a well-deserved reputation of being a voice of integrity and power. We are in a watershed moment of women's leadership and it is time that we shore up our resources, relationships, tools and skills, in a systematic manner that moves creates a safe, sustainable, just and healthy world for and by women and girls.



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# Our Outreach

On any given month



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