



# Washington Federation of Democratic Women

“Dignity and Justice for All of Us”

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My friends,

We are members of an international community celebrating 60 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The theme for this 60th year is “Dignity and Justice for All of Us” and I have chosen that as the theme for my term as your President.

By promoting respect for human dignity and equality and participation in democratic decision-making, human rights education contributes to the long-term prevention of abuses and violent conflicts.

Human rights education promotes understanding, tolerance, gender equality and friendship among all nations, indigenous peoples and racial, national, ethnic, religious and linguistic groups.

Most importantly for us at this time in our country’s political life, it helps to enable all persons to participate effectively in a free and democratic society governed by the role of law, it promotes the full development of the human personality and the sense of its dignity. Human Rights education is vital for the building and maintenance of peace and the promotion of people-centered sustainable development and social justice.

I invite you all to join with your sisters in the Federation of Democratic Women to review our progress in promoting dignity and justice for all of us. Our task requires courage, it requires unity, and it requires justice and fairness.

We welcome any suggestions to make our organization more inclusive and more effective as we move forward in this new century.

Best Regards,

Elaine

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President