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National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA

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Dear Friends:

As the National Executive of Church Women United, Inc. (CWU), and as the Director of Women's Ministries for the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (NCC), we, Djamillah Samad and Ann Tiemeyer, are now coordinating *Young Women's Leadership Experiences*. This project is an opportunity for women aged 18 to 30 to get involved in the ecumenical movement through women's issues. **We are writing to request your help in identifying strong applicants.**

We currently are accepting applicants for *Young Women's Leadership Experiences*, to be held February 24th to 29th, 2012 at the United Nations, along with the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). This five-day experience will provide orientation on the 2012 CSW theme: *The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges*. As visitors to the UN-CSW, participants will get a taste of the UN events and participate in exciting side-events.

The **application deadline is January 6, 2012**, so please take a moment now to decide who you should encourage to apply and send them the information TODAY. Six (6) applicants will be accepted and notified by January 13, 2012. Selected participants will be responsible for their travel cost, \$100 registration, and five meals. We will cover housing, additional meals, and events. Although limited additional scholarship is available, we hope you and your member communion will also consider financially supporting a young woman in this leadership experience. Encouragement of new leaders comes in many forms – verbal invitations, financial support, prayers, and mentorship. Please reach out today.

Attached you will find an application, facts sheet, tentative schedule and Ecumenical Women's Official Statement of the 56th CSW. Thank you for your assistance in this vital project. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Peace,

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