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## CLAIRE RANDALL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP LUNCH

### When disaster strikes: women's particular vulnerabilities and amazing strengths

**November 10, 2010**  
**12:15 noon to 1:45**

Marriott New Orleans  
Convention Center  
Bend Ballroom

**Pre-registration  
Required**

Register online at:  
[www.nccusa.org/witnesses2010/](http://www.nccusa.org/witnesses2010/)



**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Dr. Elizabeth Ferris**  
**Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy**  
**Brookings Institution**

Disasters, whether caused by natural hazards or human behavior, affect many people who had no responsibility for causing the disaster. Often the effects last for years, sometimes decades, after the disaster has long been replaced in our headlines and evening news. Women are always particularly affected by disasters, in part because of their roles as mothers and nurturers of the family. The key note speech will explore some of the particular issues affecting women in disasters — both the specific vulnerabilities they face but also the particular strengths which they bring to recovery efforts.

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Church World Service  
and  
National Council of the  
Churches of Christ, USA

The Claire Randall Women's Leadership lunch is open to everyone—women and men. The lunch will include the honoring of a woman working with Church World Service in the field of disaster relief and an update to the *Circles of Names Campaign* of the National Council of Churches.