

WOMENSPACE 2008

In this centenary year of Women's Suffrage in Victoria, we will explore friendship among women as a strong power for good and women's gifts in developing community.

“Women’s friendships and women’s penchant for openness, possibility, presence, support, empathy, wisdom, truth, courage, nurturance, acceptance, joy and intimacy are new hope for humanity. If we can only recognise them, if we can only bring them to life – respected, revered, and invested with honour – in the world around us. For friendship is far more than a personal gift. The right friendship, rightly given, has the power to change the world.”

Joan Chittister (2007), Executive Director of *Benetvision*:
Resource & Research Centre for Contemporary Spirituality

WE WILL EXPLORE:

- Traditional and contemporary models of women's friendships and women's participation in social and public life
- Findings from modern psychology and sociology on the nature and quality of women's friendships; the actions and attributes that sustain friendships and strengthen community life
- Connections between human relationships and mental health, women's better health, longevity, personal development, resistance to stress, and successful life transitions to the presence of close, confidante relationships
- Ways that women's wisdom and experience can influence and contribute to community building in both church and wider society

***WOMENSPACE** is open to all women and meets on the last Sunday of each month.*

WHERE? Kurrajong Room, 1st floor, St Michael's Administration Building, 120 Collins Street, Melbourne

WHEN? 11.45am – 1.00pm, last Sunday of the month

FACILITATOR: Julie Hall

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