

**Women Writing For (a) Change –
A Nominee for the UU 25% of Sunday Plate Fund for 2020-21**

Women Writing For (a) Change uses the power of writing as a transformational tool to build a sense of internal agency and trust with oneself and others through safe and carefully created circles. Our programs connect people to deeper parts of themselves and to one another, supporting participants as they find deeper clarity in their lives, work, families and relationships, which then guide their contributions to the larger community. We have adapted our practices to a virtual format, helping people form new threads of connection in a time when isolation has become a secondary threat to the well-being of so many.

For 16 years, we have provided safe spaces to explore writing as a rehabilitative and community building tool, with voices often unheard and underserved. We will continue to do so, on Zoom and in other creative ways, and eventually, back in our New Wings facility downtown. We rely on grant money and donations. Special Plate funds would support our infrastructure, including our staff and our rent obligation to Middle Way House. Like UUB, we believe that creative and conscious communities, where every voice is honored, nurtured and celebrated, hold the key to positive transformation in our world. Thank you.

Nominated by Beth Lodge-Rigal