

Spring 2024 Conference (April 15–17)—More News!

**The Planning Committee is happy to welcome
SHARON D. WELCH to the spring conference.
She will present our theme, “*Emergent Elderhood:
Service is our Prayer*,” on Tuesday, April 16, the
second day of the conference.**



DR. SHARON D. WELCH served as Provost and Professor of Religion and Society at Meadville Lombard Theological School from 2007-2017, and has held positions as Professor and Chair of Religious Studies, Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies and Adjunct Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis at the University of Missouri from 1991-2007.

She was Assistant and then Associate Professor of Theology and Religion and Society at Harvard Divinity School from 1982 to 1991. She has received honorary doctorates from Starr King School of Theology (2007) and Meadville Lombard Theological School (2017) and was named alumna of the year by Vanderbilt Divinity School in 2019.

Since retiring as provost in 2017, Welch has continued to work as a scholar and activist with the Unitarian Universalist Association Commission on Social Witness, the Unitarian Universalist Peace Ministry Network and the Chicago League of Women Voters.

She is the author of six books, including *After the Protests Are Heard: Enacting Civic Engagement and Social Transformation* (NYU Press, 2019) and *A Feminist Ethic of Risk* (Fortress, 1989 and Revised Edition, 2000).

Read about her current work at ww1.socialtransformationfellows.com.

The registration fee for the virtual conference is \$45.00 per individual. Scholarships toward the registration fee are readily available. To apply, send a message to RICHARD SPECK treasurer@uurmapa.org. Registration will open February first, so refer to this website for information after that date.