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## **HOW CAN WOMEN EMERGE AS SPIRITUAL LEADERS TO HELP HEAL A FRACTURED WORLD?**

Throughout history, women traditionally have demonstrated their ability to lead by raising children, caring for the infirm and elderly, and supporting their families and communities. While the unique leadership skills women possess have been rarely appreciated, now more than ever they are desperately needed to help heal the many dimensions of separation that fragment today's world. How can women discover their full potential as spiritual leaders to help mend a turbulent world?

"We invite you to come with curiosity into this living community of spiritual women, listening deeply as they share their personal stories of how their spiritual journeys have shaped and honed them as leaders." write **Kathe Schaaf, Kay Lindahl, Kathleen S. Hurty, PhD, and Reverend Guo Cheen** in **WOMEN, SPIRITUALITY AND TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP: Where Grace Meets Power** (SkyLight Paths / January 2012 / Hardcover / \$24.99). "We do not offer answers to all of the complex questions facing us as a human family, but we invite you to join us as we surrender to the mystery of being open, present and engaged together in these uncertain times."

This empowering resource engages women in an interactive exploration of the challenges and opportunities on the frontier of women's spiritual leadership. Through the voices of North American women representing a matrix of diversity—ethnically, spiritually, religiously, generationally and geographically—women will be inspired to new expressions of their own personal leadership and called into powerful collaborative action. Contributors of diverse backgrounds probe the depths of psychology, sociology, history and modern culture to engage women to collectively heal the many dimensions of separation that keep them fragmented and ineffective as agents of social change.

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