

Radical Women

5018 Rainier Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98118

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Dear Friend,

We are writing to you because Radical Women and the Freedom Socialist Party have been invited by Opinión Socialista to send two representatives to participate and speak at the XXV Encuentro Nacional de Mujeres (25th National Women's Gathering), October 9-11 in Paraná, Argentina, several hours outside Buenos Aires.

Over 25,000 women from Latin America come together at the Encuentro in order to "ensure that the voices of thousands (of women) are heard in an open, democratic and participatory fashion." Encuentro organizers want to make it known that "Women are the most important expression of the struggles that are being waged at all levels: factories, home fronts, neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, universities and cities" — an idea often expressed by Radical Women and the party!

This trip will cost approximately \$3,500, mostly for airfare since our Argentine hosts will provide housing and travel once we get there.

We need your help to make this trip possible. Your generous contribution to RW will mean we can send two feminist firebrands—Emily Woo Yamasaki, longtime feminist of color and New York City RW organizer, and Laura Mannen, teacher, unionist and mother of two, to this important international gathering! *To see how, skip to the end of this letter!*

Opinión Socialista's invitation

Opinión Socialista is waging an intense battle to stop criminal prosecution of women who have abortions and to expand reproductive rights in Argentina. They have invited our delegation to speak at the Encuentro and in Buenos Aires on the situation of women in the U.S. They have also asked for our support around reproductive rights and we want to provide it.

FSP and RW have a proud history on the frontlines of the fight for women's reproductive freedom. Currently we are defending a clinic in the Bronx from anti-abortion zealots and spearheading efforts to decriminalize abortion in Australia. RW in the Bay Area has been mobilizing annual counter-protests to the "Walk for Life" promoted by the Catholic Church. And Seattle, Portland and Los Angeles RW chapters have been in some of the toughest battles with the Army of God, clinic bombers and other rightwing women-haters. We want to share our struggles and learn how Latin American feminists are standing up to the Catholic Church and right-to-life evangelicals.

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Your contribution, no matter how small, will help us make this trip.

To make a donation online, go to <http://www.radicalwomen.org> and click on PayPal, or mail a check payable to "Radical Women" to 5018 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98118. Please note on the check or the PayPal donation that it is for "Encuentro delegation."

Thank you in advance for your support! You are the key to an important act of international feminist solidarity.

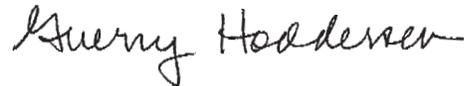
In struggle,

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