

Interreligious Dialogue - 1984

We urge NFTS Sisterhoods to strengthen their efforts in interreligious relationships. The End of the UN Decade for Women, which will be marked by a Conference in Nairobi in July 1985, may be used as a forum for anti-Zionism. Dialogue is important, not only to express our concerns for Israel and for our particular Jewish interests, but also to hear the issues which are central for women of other faiths. We need to uphold the strong voice of religion, especially of religious women (while maintaining the separation of church and state).

As women of Reform Judaism we have long been committed both religiously and in action to social justice. Faced with the increased complexities of today in interreligious, interracial and intercultural relations, we are more firmly committed than ever to affect movement in a positive direction. Therefore, the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in annual meeting assembled in New York, November 11-13, 1984 asserts:

- 1) There is a special role for Sisterhood women, in cooperation with women's groups of Black churches, to identify together contemporary issues of mutual concern and to develop action programs of common interest.
- 2) Community-wide coalitions should be built by religiously motivated women across other interreligious and intercultural lines.
- 3) The maintenance of a plural and open society demands constant awareness, education and advocacy.
- 4) We support the positions and programs of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism of which NFTS is a part.

Only through the translation of the prophetic message of Judaism into many areas and programs of service do we fulfill our heritage.