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Barb Clagett  
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Dear Barb,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that the East Shore Unitarian Women's Perspective has chosen to honor you by enrolling you in the Clara Barton Sisterhood of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation.

The Clara Barton Sisterhood was created by a vote of the 1979 Biennial Convention to honor UU women aged 80 or over and to recognize their contributions to the life of our religious association and women's organizations. As one of the newest members of the Clara Barton Sisterhood, you join over 760 other women (so far!) who have been honored for their commitment, generosity, and service.

You are being honored, in part, for your contributions to Unitarian Universalism. Those who enrolled you in the Sisterhood provided us with this overview of service to your faith and wider community:

Barb Clagett is being nominated for the Clara Barton Award for her lifetime involvement in Unitarian Universalism. Growing up in Rochester, MN, her mother was very involved in the Universalist Church's Clara Barton Guild. As Barb puts it, "Clara Barton was kind of a heroine for us."

Barb has always considered herself a Universalist and joined the University Unitarian Church in 1968. Music brought her to East Shore Unitarian Church, where she became involved in the choir and played the viola and piano. To this day, she is a major force in East Shore music programming and leads music for the East Shore Women's Perspective Retreats.

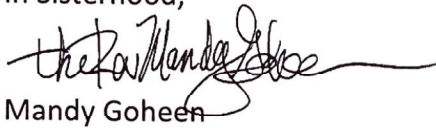
Her interest in cross-cultural learning began as a 14-year-old on a trip to the Bahamas, where she saw other girls who looked far different from her, which left her wondering, "how many other ways are there to live that I don't know about?" Two years in the Peace Corps in rural Nigeria after college began her many trips abroad in which she feels she may have learned more from others than she taught. In the 1990s, as the ESUC Partner Church began, she made four trips over the next decade where she was involved in teaching and music programming.

Since 2000, Barb has made nine trips to India, with eight of those to the Khasi Hills in northeast India as part of the ESUC Khasi Hills Ministry Team (KHMT). Thanks to Barb's teaching, mentoring, and enthusiasm over this time, an increasing number of students are thriving and graduating on to higher education and the church and a growing school have been built. Close personal friendships have developed throughout the difficult pandemic time, with the help of regular WhatsApp conversations.

Barb Clagett would like her legacy to young women to be: "to know that what we do for others—in terms of generosity, love, and listening—will develop ourselves while contributing to the larger community.

No one is more deserving of this honor than you are, and I am delighted to welcome you to the Clara Barton Sisterhood. On behalf of the UUWF membership and board, I send my congratulations.

In Sisterhood,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mandy Goheen", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mandy Goheen  
President

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