

Opening to the Divine with Francie Nolde and Virginia Swain
First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 20 Lexington Road, Concord, MA 01742
November 3, 2013 10:30 – noon



His Holiness the Dalai Lama greeting well-wishers on his way to the Main Tibetan Temple at the start of the second day of teachings in Dharamsala, India, on October 30, 2012. Photo/Tenzin Choejor/OHHDL

After Virginia and Francie tell their stories, they will create a safe and confidential environment for others to tell their stories. Interested observers are welcome.

Francie Nolde: As a child, Francie experienced union with, and protection from, the Universe that evolved into a life-long association with Quan Yin, a Bodhisattva. Every morning the Dalai Lama focuses on Bodhicitta, the inseparable union of good heart and wisdom to transform his body, speech, and mind into a source of benefit for himself and all living beings. Bodhisattvas dedicate their lives to this end: Some have achieved enlightenment but remain in relative reality to bring others to the clear awareness of mind. Francie Nolde (MA, MBA, LMFT) is a Grief Counselor in private practice in Boxborough. A student of Tibetan Buddhism, Francie recently spent 5 weeks in India on a Pilgrimage with Lama Tsultrim from Tara Mandala in Colorado.

Virginia Swain believes that divine messages she received over 20 years led her to develop leadership programs in the United Nations and work on five continents. A former Peace Corps Volunteer in West Africa, Virginia is a spiritual director, counselor for children, adolescents, adults, couples, life and career coach, author of her memoir, *A Mantle of Roses: A Woman's Journey Home to Peace* (Xlibris 2004) which recounts her spiritual experiences. Virginia is a leadership and resistant systems consultant (MA Lesley University 1993), the founder and director, Institute for Global Leadership, A World United by Children and co-founder and director of the Center for Global Community and World Law, a nonprofit in consultative status at the United Nations.