

Anne McGrath spoke of the Canadian context and the connection between North and South. The gap between rich and poor is increasing everywhere. The contributing cause is the same—the globalization of business. Governments are becoming more and more ineffective. Justice is regarded as too expensive and citizens are told there are no alternatives because of debt and deficits. Transfer payments are cut, social programs are reduced and disparities increased. The International Labour Organization indicated that at the current rate, it will take 1,000 years for women to achieve economic and political equality worldwide. In Canada, the gap between men's and women's earnings has increased for the first time in 30 years. We need to make connections between issues and to examine issues in the context of both class and gender. McGrath warned against being co-opted into false consensus—a so-called "community of stakeholders."

Following lunch, conference participants broke into four groups to brainstorm strategies for moving forward. The results of these sessions are included as Appendix 4. After group reporting, the conference was adjourned.

The conference's evaluation form and evaluation results are included as Appendix 5.

Following the conference, a group of several women met to develop recommendations grounded in the conference proceedings. This work continued over several months and resulted in the following recommendations.

