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Organizing Committee
Second International Conference
Women of the Mountains
Dear Friends:

Welcome to Utah, and welcome to the 2nd International "Women of the Mountains" Conference hosted by Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. I am hopeful the experience of attending this important conference, as well as enjoying the people and amenities of Utah will be a rewarding opportunity for all of you.

I understand that the first Conference of the Women of the Mountains was a very successful gathering. The report that was generated from the first conference has provided a great blue print for all of you attending from several states and more than 20 nations.

I want to thank Utah Valley University for their willingness to help organize and host such an important event. I also want to commend the many new entities that are joining the global coalition of groups who are coordinating efforts to improve the living conditions of global mountain communities. This Conference will help build new ties between many women in the United States and mountain nations in the developing world.

Your efforts will not only help improve the lives of those living in these communities, you also help foster a feeling of peace that is so important to our world today.

Again, welcome, and please accept my sincere best wishes for an informative and rewarding Conference.

Sincerely,

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