



BirthWorks International Conference 2007: Birthing in the Spirit, a Childbirth Conference Celebrating the Spiritual Aspects of Birth.

July 6, 7, and 8, 2007 @ Cherry Hill, NJ – 8 miles from Philadelphia

Featuring Michel Odent MD, midwife Ina May Gaskin, Kirsten Uvnas Moberg MD, PhD, and Marcelene Dyer with many notable workshop leaders.

Pre-conference workshops July 5, 2007

Application has been made for ACNM CEUs.

See BirthWorks website for the program brochure and registration materials: <http://www.birthworks.org/>

An Invitation to Attend: BirthWorks International would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our 2007 conference entitled “Birthing in the Spirit”.

We are excited to bring you a conference devoted entirely to the spiritual aspects of birth. Our distinguished group of national and international authors and speakers have worked for many years to make birth a happier and safer experience for women and babies. They will explore the medical, psychological, cultural, and spiritual dimensions of birth. It is our hope that you will have an experience at our conference that will be transforming for you.

Giving birth requires the integration of mind, body, and spirit. Much of the literature has addressed the mind and body aspects of birth, but there is less written about the role that the spirit plays in birth. In our exciting conference, we will share and learn from each other addressing such questions as, “What is the spirit?”, “What role does the spirit play in birth?” and “How can we connect more deeply with the spirit to empower us for birth?” Our conference will be very interactive and conference attendees will have an opportunity to communicate with each other and our keynote speakers to address *Birthing in the Spirit*.

This is a highly stimulating conference for health professionals, midwives, physicians, nurses, childbirth educators, birth and postpartum doulas, expectant parents, and anyone who is interested in learning more about how to integrate the mind, body, and spirit in birth. People are still talking about our last conference “Human Values in Birth: A New Perspective.” Come, have fun, feel nurtured through good company, good food (lunch provided all three days), and good discussions.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Michel Odent MD: Obstetrician, midwife, teacher, author and international lecturer, Dr. Odent is a famous childbirth pioneer determined to bring the respect of birth back to women. His books including *Birth Reborn*, *The Caesarean*, *The Farmer and the Obstetrician*, *Breastfeeding*, and *The Scientification of Love*, have influenced doctors, midwives, and mothers around the world. Before our very eyes, he is helping birth to be reborn as a normal, natural, safe and confident part of life. He is founder of the Primal Health Research Center that explores health during the primal period (fetus through first year of life), with health in later life. Dr. Odent has been a long standing member of the Birth Works® International Board of Advisors

Kirsten Uvnas Moberg MD, PhD: Dr. Moberg is recognized as a world authority on oxytocin, the hormone of love. Her research takes place at the famed Karolinska Institute in Stockholm and at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala where she is a professor of physiology. The author of over four hundred scientific papers, Dr. Uvnas Moberg lectures widely in Europe and the U.S. Her work has been influential in a variety of fields, including obstetrics, psychology, animal husbandry, physical therapy, pediatrics and child development. The mother of four children, she lives in Djursholm, Sweden.



Ina May Gaskin: A traditional midwife, Ina May has attended hundreds of births on the Farm, a spiritual community in Tennessee. She is author of "Spiritual Midwifery" and "Ina May's Guide to Childbirth". Her writings reflect her deep belief in the spirit and how it works in helping women to tap into their power to birth. She is a long-standing member of the Birth Works® International Board of Advisors.

Bethany Hays MD, FACOG: Dr. Hays has been an obstetrician-gynecologist in private practice since 1980, most recently at Women to Women in Yarmouth. She earned her medical degree at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, where she also completed a fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine. On the Mercy Hospital staff for thirteen years, she is a past Board Member of the American Holistic Medical Association and currently speaks nationally on women's health through the Institute for Functional Medicine. She is Co-Director of the Mercy Hospital Division of Integrative Care, and the Medical Director at the True North Center for Health and Healing. Dr. Hays has been a long standing member of the Birth Works ® International Board of Advisors

Marcelene Dyer: Marcelene (husband Wayne Dyer) birthed seven children all without any medical interventions, including a water birth. She instinctively followed her breath until all else faded away, leaving her alone in her energy of love that guided her through the births. She volunteered as a doula for many years and also has a Real Estate license and mortgage banking certificate. She is forever a student, open and excited about this moment in her life, and grateful for all moments to come