



Dear Friends and Family,

At times, I am in awe of our journey together and ever grateful. Thank you so much for your beautiful presence and support.

This coming Wednesday, many of you will gather via Zoom "under the mango tree," nurturing grassroots connections between Uganda and the U.S.

For more than 25 years, I have been with you in our AFPF-URDT partnership gatherings. However, I will miss this event. Recently, I retired from AFPF to focus on developing the 1060 Women's Studio, Concord, MA.

**To all my friends in Uganda:** Thank you so much for your amazing hospitality, creativity, and hard work! My 19 (or 20?) visits to URDT – and countless meetings with women in circles there – have given much to our research at 1060. My hope is that further substantiation of the 1060 work eventually will empower many grassroots women's circles, including those connected with URDT.

Thankfully, Patty Seybold, Robert Fritz, Alec Marshall, and Tatra Musheshe are leading AFPF now.

URDT's founding partnership with AFPF is the source from which so many other vital URDT partnerships have evolved. You – and your financial support – matter profoundly to that firm partnership foundation for URDT, for URDT's ongoing sustainability, and for the dissemination of her structures, thinking, and practices serving the creative spirit.

In these violent, unsettling times, we who work for peace, civility, and clear thinking need to keep connecting, learning, and encouraging each other. Thank you for staying connected – as much as you are called to – with the AFPF-URDT partnership.

Much love and gratitude, Martha Dolben AFPF Chair Emeritus