

Beloved Sistahs, it is with a very deep sadness and sense of loss that we share with you the passing of our Beloved Sistah Gigi Francisco - Gigi as Mariama & Peggy can more fully share, had a feminist spirit that enlivened love for equality, all peoples, social, economic and environmental justice, empathy and support in action. It was Gigi who at my first encounter with a number of DAWN Global Greats and other 'super-feminists' in Brussels, 1996, introduced herself to me, and laughingly said "the Canadian, head of the women's movement in the larger part of the North "Free World"!

Immediately I relaxed. This poster sums up essentially what Gigi did in a few seconds, on recognizing that I was anxiously searching the room for Mariama, my safe haven, and was bordering on 'panic', and 'doubt' about my 'rightness', 'credentials' as a feminist to be there.

Beloved DAWN-er Gigi Francisco /DAWN Global, DAWN Asia

In honour of Gigi from Mariama

Ah saddens my heart to learn of Gigi's passing.

I last saw her about a year ago when I was in Manila. Being 'G' and knowing my lack of adventure when on my own, she trekked all the way across Manila to come to visit with me.

She was, as always, a sister, a teacher, exemplary. Sharing with me the things she had learned while struggling with her illness. Gave me tips on what to eat etc. That is the spirit and the way of Gigi--always the nurturer and the fighter for our lives, with dignity, peace and justice.

We had a bit of exchange going on with the daily affirmations I would send out to which she would occasionally respond with her own very instructive point of view and philosophizing (?). (Drawing on her past yogic experience etc.)

When I would not hear from her for some time, I would know she was deep into the crisis of her illness, as it has been the past couple of months.

Gigi your spirit soars with the Angels. You go Guru Girlfriend!

Mariama