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First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls Open for Tours

It was in 1923 in the First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls, NY that the first public call for an Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was made by over 300 delegates of the National Women's Party who were attending the 75th anniversary of the July 1848 women's rights convention. Drafted by Alice Paul, the proposed amendment was vitally needed. Specifically, Paul said, "If we keep on this way they will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the 1848 Convention without being much further advanced in equal rights than we are....If we had not concentrated on the Federal Amendment [the 19th Amendment] we should be working today for suffrage....We shall not be safe until the principle of equal rights is written into the framework of our government."

Convention Days, Inc. celebrates Seneca Falls, New York as a cornerstone of America's democratic tradition. We promote the region as the center for the advancement of issues relating to human rights as reflected in the first American Women's Rights Convention of 1848. The 2016 Convention Days celebrates the 168th anniversary of the 1848 Convention. This year's theme is "Seeing the World: A Woman's Perspective."

A complete 2016 schedule of events can be found at these websites: www.conventiondays.com and/or www.nps.gov/wori

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