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50th Anniversary Conference Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Congregation _____

Check all applicable items:

____ I need child care for Friday evening, Oct. 30 (\$5 per child)

____ I need child care for Saturday, Oct. 31 (\$15 per child)

Child's Name _____ age _____

Child's Name _____ age _____

____ I am interested in Youth programming on Saturday (\$20 per youth)

Youth's Name _____ age _____

Youth's Name _____ age _____

____ I have special needs _____

Indicate your Workshop Choices:

MORNING (A - D): first choice _____ second choice _____

AFTERNOON (A - D repeated): first choice _____ second choice _____

PLEASE REMIT FEES as follows:

Registration (\$40/person until Aug. 31, * \$50 from Sept. 1 - Oct. 15) \$ _____
Limited to 1st 200 people, closes on Oct. 16

Friday dinner (\$10/person) \$ _____

Child care total \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

**Due to a generous grant from New York State Convention of Universalists, a special registration fee of \$40 will be available until August 31.*

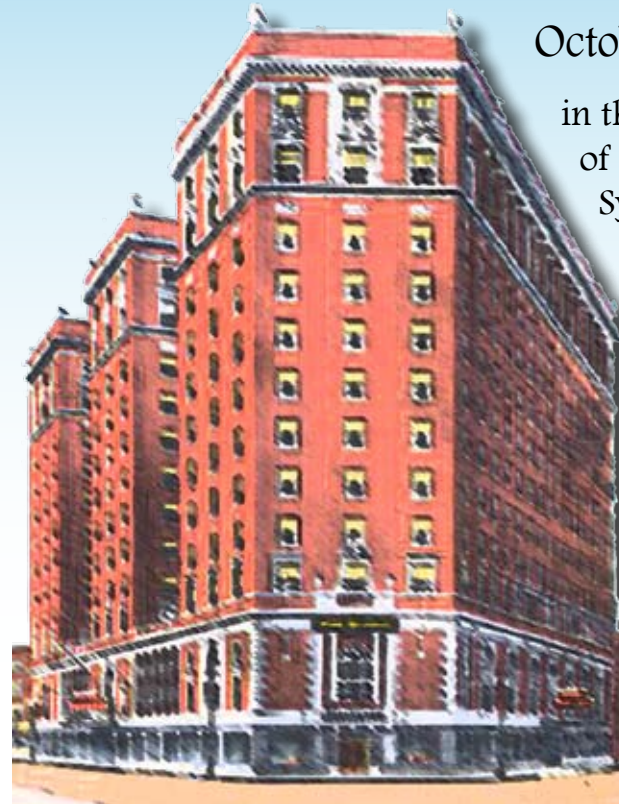
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A 50th Anniversary Conference Celebrating the Birth & Growth of Unitarian Universalism

October 30-31, 2009

in the Grand Ballroom
of the Hotel Syracuse,
Syracuse, New York

►► the very place
where exactly
50 years earlier,
Universalists &
Unitarians voted
to become one.



More info at www.sld.uua.org/50thanniversary/50thanniversary.html

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On October 31, 1959, delegates from the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America came together for a crucial vote in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Syracuse and adopted the "Plan for Consolidation" that resulted in the creation of the UUA.

This conference will be both a celebration of those events, an exploration of what they tell us about our identity as UUs, and a quest to learn from our history and advance the Unitarian Universalist movement for the next 50 years and beyond. Please join us!

Friday, October 30

at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Syracuse, 109 Waring Road

- 5:00 – 7:00 Registration & in-gathering
6:00 – 7:00 Dinner, \$10 per person
7:15 – 7:45 **Opening Remarks** by Tom Chulak & Elizabeth Strong, plus music of the period by the Central NY UU choirs
7:45 – 8:45 **Telling the Story: What Happened at Syracuse?**
David Parke will describe events leading up to the 1959 Consolidation Conference at Syracuse
8:45 - 9:00 **Closing Remarks** by Elizabeth Strong

Saturday, October 31

at the Hotel Syracuse, 500 South Warren Street, Syracuse

- 8:00 – 8:45 Registration & in-gathering
9:00 – 10:00 **Opening Program: The Past Fifty Years**
David Bumbaugh will explore historical & theological developments in the 50 years since consolidation.
10:15 – 11:15 **Morning Workshops (A – D)** See descriptions on right.
11:30 – 12:30 **Worship Service: It Was Just Before Noon ...**
Dick Gilbert will lead us in worship in the Grand Ballroom where the crucial vote was taken.
12:45 – 1:45 Lunch
2:00 – 3:00 **Afternoon Workshops (A – D repeated)**
3:15 – 4:00 **Concluding Discussion:** Elizabeth Strong. What have we learned that may help us in advancing the UU movement?
Sunday, Nov. 1: Those staying over are welcome to attend Sunday worship at May Memorial UU Society at 10:30 AM.

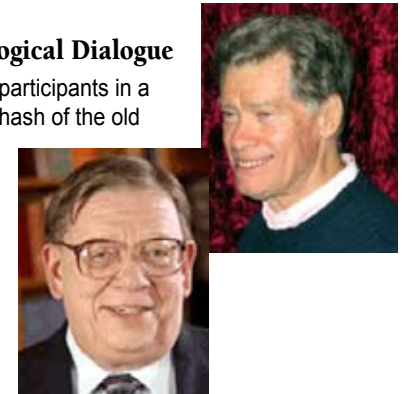
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October 30 - 31, 2009, in the Hotel Syracuse ► Syracuse, New York

A. Weaving a Tapestry of Our Faith: A Theological Dialogue

Revs. David Parke and David Bumbaugh will engage participants in a Christian UU/Humanist UU dialogue. Rather than a rehash of the old theism/humanism or spirituality/rationality debate, this will take up a task that was avoided during consolidation for the sake of methodological and strategic expediency. That task is to weave a coherent future out of our diverse theological threads. This should be a compelling conversation that addresses issues essential to reconstructing our faith tradition in response to contemporary challenges.



B. And Thy Neighbor as Thyself: The Universalist Imperative

Rev. Dick Gilbert will lead a discussion of a paper that presents Universalism as both a theological position and an ethical imperative. Dick is a "born Universalist" who has enthusiastically spent over four decades engaging Unitarian Universalist in considering and acting on the prophetic imperative that lies at the core of our faith. He will help us consider how Universalism has captured the imagination of 21st century Unitarian Universalists with its theological inclusiveness and its ethical clarity.



C. We are a Religion of Lifelong Learning Communities

Rev. Liz Strong will conduct a workshop on lifespan faith development. This workshop will highlight the leading role Unitarian and Universalist religious education played in the period leading up to consolidation, examine key developments in Unitarian Universalist religious education in the last 50 years, and explore the role of lifespan faith development in advancing the future of the Unitarian Universalist movement as a religious people with something to offer the world.



D. A Tale of Two Congregations Rev. Tom Chulak will explore the histories of May Memorial UU Society of Syracuse and First UU Society of Syracuse as a metaphor for the development of the Unitarian Universalist movement. At the time of consolidation, May Memorial was a Unitarian congregation with a pronounced humanist orientation, and its members were strong proponents of consolidation. First UU had a distinguished Universalist history, and its minister Ellsworth Reamon was a leading voice against merger. Current members of both congregations will participate in this opportunity to learn from the parallel journeys of two of our oldest and most distinguished congregations.

