

Registration

Register online at www.uuallies.org

Registration fee \$95

Limited scholarships are available

Lodging

Hampton Inn Memphis-Poplar

5320 Poplar Ave

Memphis, TN 38119

Phone: 901-683-8500

Ask for Group Rate: Unitarian Universalist

Association ARE Conference

\$94/night (includes breakfast)

To receive the group rate, reservations must be booked no later than Jan. 11, 2008

Youth will be housed at the First Unitarian Church of the River

Unfortunately, due to the distance from the church in relation to members' homes, no home hospitality is available.

Conference Location

First Unitarian Church of the River

292 Virginia Avenue West

Memphis, TN 38101

Phone: 901.526.8631

Roundtrip transportation is available from the hotel to the church at no additional charge.

Unitarian Universalist

Allies FOR Racial Equity

2008 Annual Conference

on white privilege,
anti-racism, and activism

February 1-3, 2008

**First Unitarian Church of the River
Memphis, Tennessee**



Allies for Racial Equity

Join other Unitarian Universalists in a weekend of focused engagement to further our understanding of how to dismantle racism in ourselves, in our congregations, and in our Association. This conference is for UUs who identify as white and share a goal of learning to work to end racism and in doing so, become allies to people of Color. Our multigenerational community includes youth, young adult, and adult Unitarian Universalists committed to anti-racism, anti-oppression and multiculturalism in a covenanted relationship.

Schedule Overview

Friday, February 1, 2008

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pre-conference Training—Antiracism 101
Gini Courter and Nancy DiGiovanni

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Covenant Groups and Keynote

Keynote Address by Ms. Abbey Tennis

Abbey Tennis is a young adult currently serving on the Ministerial Fellowship Committee. She joins us in sharing her own journey into understandings of personal white privilege in the context of battling racism.

Saturday, February 2, 2008

8:45 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Workshops, Covenant Groups, Keynote, and Films

Keynote Address by the Reverend Clark Olsen

Reverend Clark Olsen is a retired UU minister who, in response to the call from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., traveled to Selma, AL. Reverend Olsen, along with Reverend James Reeb and Reverend Orloff Miller were attacked by white men as they left a small restaurant. Reeb died two days later from injuries sustained in that attack. Reverend Olsen will share reflections on his continued journey as an anti-racist ally.

Sunday, February 3, 2008

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Covenant Groups

11:00 a.m. Worship service, the Reverend Burton Carley, First Unitarian Church of the River

Conference Highlights

Three Workshop Tracks!

Three workshop tracks with nine 90-minute workshops! Choose from those for the newcomer (i.e. Anti-Racism 101), workshops for those further along in their journey (i.e. Making Whiteness Visible, In Whose Honor) and nuts and bolts offerings (i.e. Grassroots organizing, Starting an Antiracism Task Force, responding to the GA resolutions). Antiracism 101 will be offered twice: once on Friday from 3-6 pm and then again on Saturday.

Community Building!

We recognize the value of relationship in doing this hard work. Participants will engage in small covenant groups to process experiences, share and help hold one another accountable as we continue our work beyond the conference.

Worship!

Several times through the conference, we'll ground ourselves and our work in shared worship, led by the Rev. Michael Tino, remembering the faith that unites us and calls us to build Beloved Community.



Resources!

Come prepared to share resources with one another: continued conversations, books, curricula, contacts, websites, whatever has fed you and may feed others.

Traces of the Trade!

If you missed this movie at GA here's another opportunity. In this remarkable documentary, Katrina Browne traces her New England family's heritage back to their roots as the largest slave-trading family in US history. Northern involvement in the slave trade is undeniably present and begs similar inquiries into the roots, particularly financial, of all of our congregations.

Workshop leaders include:

Genna Ayers, former Metro NY YAC Chair

Minton Brooks, ARE Co-chair

Gini Courter, UUA Moderator

Nancy DiGiovanni, Young Adult & Campus Ministry Program Director

Will Floyd, YRUU Steering Committee

Nancy Lawrence, ARE Coordinating Council

Susan Leslie, UUA Director of Congregational Advocacy & Witness,

Michael Sallwasser, Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee member

Abbey Tennis, young adult, Ministerial Fellowship Committee

Rev. Wendy von Zirpolo, ARE Chaplain, member UUA Accessibilities

Ken Wagner, President of the District Presidents Association