



A Celebration Of the Birth & Growth of Unitarian Universalism October 30-31, 2009, Syracuse, NY

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A significant anniversary for Unitarian Universalists will be celebrated on October 31, 2009. This day marks exactly fifty years since negotiations were completed and a plan was adopted for consolidating the American Unitarian Association (AUA) and the Universalist Church of America (UCA) to create the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). To commemorate this event the St. Lawrence District of the UUA is sponsoring a conference on Friday and Saturday, October 30 & 31, 2009.

The dramatic events of the “1959 Conference at Syracuse” occurred in downtown Syracuse, New York. In celebrating this pivotal moment in the history of Unitarian Universalism we will return to the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Syracuse, the central site of the conference where general sessions were held. The 2009 conference will be a celebration of our history and a quest to advance our future by exploring the meaning of “What Happened at Syracuse?”, examining the development of Unitarian Universalism in the past fifty years, and addressing the challenges that face us.

The conference will:

- ❖ Relive the music, liturgy, faith practices and actions of that historic period.
- ❖ Revisit significant events leading up to the Conference at Syracuse.
- ❖ Explore the growth of the movement in the past 50 years.
- ❖ Consider the nature of our faith and the threads that weave our theological diversity into a common identity.
- ❖ Help us embrace the challenges we face in working to advance our future as a unique religious people with something to offer the world.

Four prominent UU scholars will be on hand to provide their insights and perspectives about the meaning of “What Happened at Syracuse?” **David Bumbaugh, David Parke, Richard Gilbert** and **Elizabeth Strong** have each played important leadership roles in the growth of the Unitarian Universalist movement. They will bring a considerable body of experience and great insight to share in advancing our quest.

Don't Miss the Party
Join Fellow UU's at the Hotel Syracuse
Oct. 30 & 31, 2009

For more information visit the conference webpage:

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Registration materials will be available on line after the St. Lawrence District Annual Meeting April 24-25, 2009.

