



UU Connections



Registration is now open for Heartland District Conference April 9-11

The conference will be at the First UU Church of Ann Arbor. Go **NOW** to www.heartlanduu.org to see the agenda and get the best hotel deals. The conference only holds a block of rooms until March 18, and then the hotel room price will go up, as well as the conference registration fee. Ann Arbor is about 275 miles from Indy. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Have a Great Time at UUA General Assembly in Minneapolis

GA takes place June 23-27 in Minneapolis, and March 1 is the start of registration and housing reservations. **Now is the best time to get hotel deals!** You can book online directly from the UUA website. If you cancel, generally there is no penalty, so it's in your best interests to make reservation now if you think you might be attending. Things to consider in the hotel cost are distance from the actual conference, what's included – breakfast, WIFI, microwave and refrigerator in the room if you want to prepare simple meals, transportation to and from the airport or parking if you drive.

Go to www.uua.org/documents/gaoffice/housinginformation.pdf to see rates and information on hotels and book as soon as you can. Our new minister will be there, as well as our current one.

Minneapolis is about 600 miles from Indy, all interstate driving, and in a beautiful area full of many vacation possibilities.

GA is for EVERYONE! This is also great family getaway. There are many activities for kids at GA, and you can attend just a day or two if you prefer, just to get the feel of it. It's a fantastic way to connect and share with thousands of other UUs from all over, get ideas, and come back recharged for the upcoming church year.

UII Featured in Blog and Podcast

One of our recent visitors wrote about us in her blog. Her blog is called "Never Enough Sundays (and Occasional Saturdays): A Weekly Visit to a Different Faith Group Every Sunday for 52 Weeks to Discover How People Intentionally Meet God in Corporate Worship." If you would like to check out her impressions of us, go to: neverenoughsundays.blogspot.com/2010/02/we-see-elusive-answers.html.

The blogger also interviewed Rev. Child on the telephone, and that interview is available on a podcast at: www.morganfamily.us/audio/NeverEnoughSundays05_20100131.



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UII Beacon Fund Matches the Haiti Relief Contribution

Thanks to the generosity of UII members, on January 17 a little over \$1500 was collected for the UUSC/UUA Joint Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund UUSC/UUA Joint Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. We received a very kind letter from UUSC President Charlie Clements. In keeping with UII's commitment, at the February Board meeting funds to match the original contribution were approved from the Beacon Fund, so UII as a congregation has contributed a little over \$3000 to UUSC. Many of you have also contributed as individuals. Watch the UUSC website, www.uusc.org, for updates and to learn of their various efforts. As of February 19 the Haiti Fund was up to \$1,129,080.62. Haiti will need assistance to rebuild for a very long time, and as UUs we will continue to help.

UU Summer Camps & Conferences

What is MUUSA?

Those of you around UII may have heard of "Moose-Ahh" and wonder what this is. It is the Midwestern Unitarian Universalist Summer Assembly. The whole thing is done as a week long vacation time slot running from the 4th of July to the 10th of July.

Registration and Payment Information

MUUSA is for "Early birds" in that: ***If you want to attend MUUSA Summer 2010, you need to hop to it, and register this month - in March!!*** The first step in your 2010 MUUSA adventure is completing and mailing the registration form on the next page with your payment (registration fees, optional transportation/offsite activity fees, housing deposits, and any late or penalty fees) to the Registrar, OR you may register and pay your deposits and fees online starting now at muusa.org.

Please register and pay as soon as possible before March 15th. If you do not register and pay until after May 1st, you will be assessed a late fee of \$30 per person (Jr. High age or older). The deposit will be applied toward housing fees.

Other camps

If you want to participate in some other summer activity check out cu2c2.org which offers links or email contacts to the entire world of UU Camps and Conferences! There are camps and conferences for all age groups. So, whether you need a vacation for yourself, or for the entire family, or want to let your kids experience the excitement of short term overnight camps, there is something for everyone.