

Registration Form

The 2010 Minnesota Gathering

Registration which requires lodging and/or meals
MUST be received by June 4, 2010.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email _____

Registration:

_____ Full event (\$15)
_____ Friday Keynote only (\$10)

Meals:

_____ Thursday Dinner (\$13)
_____ Friday Breakfast (\$10)

Lodging:

_____ Single room for Thursday (\$43)
_____ Double room for Thursday (\$33)

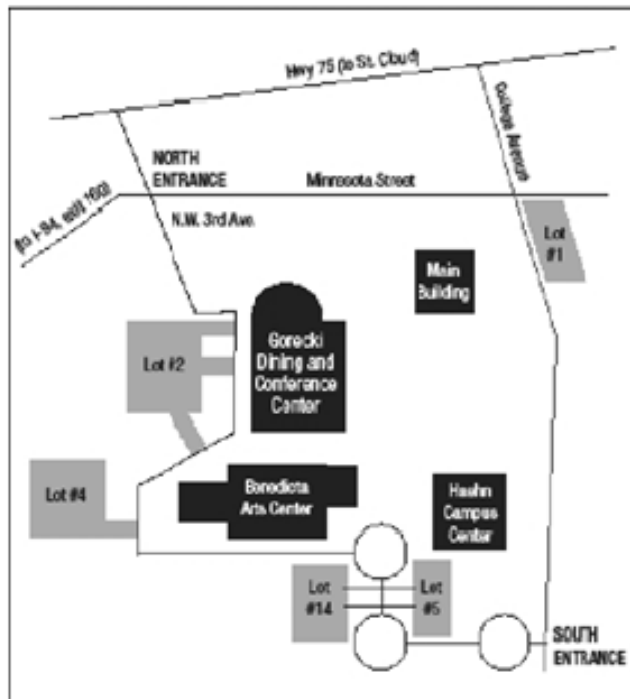
Preferred roommate: _____

_____ I have registered for lodging for the
Annual Meeting and would like to
keep the same room.
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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**

***Send check or money order only***  
**Made payable to: UCC Coalition - MN Chapter**

## College of St. Benedict MAP



**Please send registration form  
and payment to:**

**Marc Blakesley**  
**263 Windsor Lane**  
**New Brighton, MN 55112**

There are limited scholarships available via the UCC  
Coalition for LGBT Concerns, Minnesota Chapter.  
Questions about scholarship assistance, the event and  
registration can also be directed to Marc,  
phone: 612-325-1467,  
e-mail: mwblakesley@comcast.net.

# Witnesses... to God's love for all



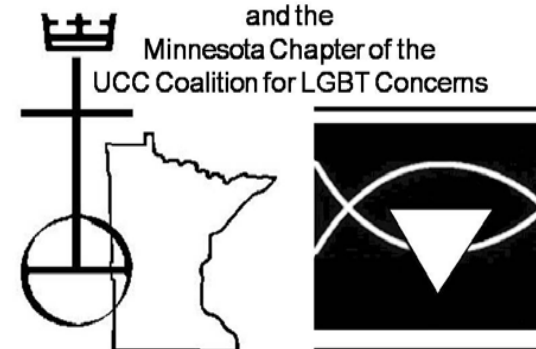
**The 2010 Minnesota Gathering**

a time of sharing and empowerment,  
bringing our "Open and Affirming" witness  
to the Annual Meeting of the  
Minnesota Conference  
United Church of Christ

## The College of St. Benedict June 10-11

*featuring keynote speaker*  
**Rev. Michael Schuenemeyer**

Minnesota Conference UCC - ONA/LGBT Team  
and the  
Minnesota Chapter of the  
UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns



*a collaborative ministry of extravagant welcome*

## *The Gathering Keynote Speaker*



Michael Schuenemeyer (left) is the Executive for Health and Wholeness Advocacy with Wider Church Ministries in the national setting of the United Church of Christ.

The Reverend Michael (Mike) Schuenemeyer will be with us during the entire time of our gathering and will give the keynote address on Friday morning. He is a graduate of Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis. He joined the national staff of the United Church of Christ in 2002 as the primary minister for LGBT concerns and HIV/AIDS health issues. Prior to his position in Wider Church Ministries, Mike served as pastor of Diamond Bar United Church of Christ and worked with youth of the Southern CA/NV Conference.

## *The Gathering Choir Director*

David Lohman (right) is the Minister of Music for Spirit of the Lakes and Minnehaha United Churches of Christ and on the staff of the Institute for Welcoming Resources. David Lohman (right) is the Minister of Music for Spirit of the Lakes and Minnehaha United Churches of Christ and on the staff of the Institute for Welcoming Resources.



The Gathering Choir is a great way to build community and forge friendships from the start. They will sing at evening vespers and closing worship. We may also sing during the annual meeting. All are welcome.

## **Gathering Schedule**

*(all Sessions held in Main Building)*

### **Thursday, June 10**

|                 |                                             |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 4:00 – 6:30 PM  | Registration                                |
| 5:00 – 6:00 PM  | Choir Rehearsal                             |
| 6:15 – 7:00 PM  | Dinner                                      |
| 7:00 – 8:15 PM  | Opening session and<br>Community Building   |
| 8:30 – 9:00 PM  | Vespers with the<br>Gathering Choir singing |
| 9:00 – 11:00 PM | Social Time<br>O’Connell’s Pub              |

### **Friday, June 11**

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00–10:00 AM   | Registration                                                                                                  |
| 8:30 – 9:00 AM  | Breakfast                                                                                                     |
| 9:00 – 9:45 AM  | Group Sharing & Reports<br>from ONA Consultants,<br>ONA /LGBT Team, and<br>UCC Coalition for LGBT<br>Concerns |
| 10:00–11:15 AM  | Keynote Address<br>and Dialogue with<br>Mike Schuenemyer                                                      |
| 11:30 – 12 Noon | Closing Worship<br>Gathering Choir singing                                                                    |

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Dorm keys will be available in Gorecki Center on Thursday June 10, from 4:00-9:00 PM. If you are staying in campus housing, please get room key before going to Main Building,

## **The Minnesota Gathering** ***“Witnesses... to God’s love for all”***

Everyone is invited to attend our third gathering prior to the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Conference UCC. This “Open and Affirming” (ONA) event is a time for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith and their allies to be in community.

We will meet on the campus of the College of St. Benedict. The Minnesota Gathering begins with dinner on Thursday, June 10 and concludes around 12:00 Noon on Friday, June 11. Accommodations are available for single or double rooms for Thursday evening. Those registering for lodging for this event and the Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting will be able to stay in the same rooms if requested. In order to allow for maximum flexibility, full event or Friday only registration is available. See the registration form on the back for cost details.

Your registration and payment must be received by June 4, 2010.

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Visitor parking is available near Main Building in Lot #1. (See Campus Map). Main Building is handicap accessible. Enter building at street level on College Avenue and take elevator to second level.