

CROSS + TRAINING

Fitness for 21st Century Church Leadership

The 5th Annual Fall Leadership Convocation
of the Minnesota Conference UCC



- When:** September 29 (1:30 pm) to September 30 (3:00 pm), 2011
- Where:** Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN 55313, www.kingshouse.com
- Who:** Authorized ministers, children and youth ministers, lay leaders
- Cost:** \$120 single room; \$110 double room; \$10 off each additional member from same local church; scholarship assistance available
- Registration:** Online, or download a form at <http://www.uccmn.org>
Register by July 15 and save \$10 per person.
Registration deadline: September 15, 2011.



21st century church leadership requires the cultivation and continual strengthening of these personal qualities and professional skills:

- curiosity, flexibility, and imagination
- willingness to experiment and take risks
- spiritual grounding and discernment practices
- social media skills
- contextual awareness and savvy

At this year's leadership convocation:

- enhance these qualities and skills through the guidance of creative, vibrant presenters and the exchange of ideas with peers
- develop a specific "cross-training" plan for yourself and the setting you serve, along with strategies for holding yourself accountable and for assessing and celebrating increased "fitness"
- connect with leaders from across the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ
- share worship, table conversation, renewal, relaxation, and fun!



Convocation Leadership:

Rev. Dr. Geneva Butz, Associate Conference Minister of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, where her assignments include Stewardship and Church Development & Revitalization. Geneva is a Church Renewal Consultant with the Center for Progressive Renewal. She served for nearly two decades as pastor of Old First Reformed Church (UCC) in center city Philadelphia.



Rev. Kent Siladi, Conference Minister of the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ, host Conference for the 2011 “Imagine What’s Possible” General Synod, and Vice-Chair of the Council of Conference Ministers. Kent was for ten years a Regional Minister in the Connecticut Conference and before that a local church pastor for sixteen years. He served on the UCC Alternative Futures Working Group, is a participant in the UCC History, Theology and Polity Network, and is one of the writers of the UCC “Affirming Faith” Confirmation Curriculum.

Special Guest Presenters:

Nathaniel Fuller, actor, who has performed for 24 consecutive seasons at the Guthrie Theater. For the past five years he has been exploring the relationship between art, theater, and the workplace.

Michele Borne, Christian Education Director at The Congregational Church (UCC) of Excelsior. With support from the Ashley Endowment, Michele has been trained in Holy Yoga.

Tentative Schedule:

Shakespeare and the Spirit of Leadership
Imagination and Experimentation in 21st Century Church Leadership
What’s Different About 21st Century Church Leadership?
Holy Yoga
Spiritual Practices and 21st Century Church Leadership
Marks of 21st Century Church Leadership
21st Century Church Leadership in Context
What Do I Need to Learn and How Will I Learn It?



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