

Reconciliation with the Earth, Each Other and the Stranger

January 14 – 17, 2010

2470 Nursery Road, Clearwater, Florida 33764

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The International Association for Religious Freedom, U.S. Chapter, and The World Congress of Faiths



Please join us in exploring the challenge and complexity of reconciliation in this world of diverse religious beliefs and interfaith encounters. Experience Circle Groups and Interfaith Worship.

Featuring:

- **Dr. William Schulz**, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress in Washington, D.C., former E.D. of Amnesty International USA; author of In Our Own Best Interest: How Defining Human Rights Benefits All of Us and Tainted Legacy: 9/11 and the Ruin of Human Rights.
- **Dr. Hal French**, Preston Emeritus Professor at the University of South Carolina, Department of Religious Studies; serves on the advisory board of the International Center in Oxford, England and the North American Interfaith Network (NAIN). His latest book is Zen and the Art of Anything.
- **Dr. Mozella Mitchell**, Professor of Religious Studies at University of South Florida; former president of Florida Council of Churches and the Society for the Study of Black Religion.
- **Dr. Paul Rasor**, Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies and Director of the Study of Religious Freedom at Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk, VA; author of Faith Without Certainty: Liberal Theology In The 21st Century.
- **Dr. Roy Kaplan**, Associate Professor in the Africana Studies Department at the University of South Florida; former E.D. of The National Conference for Community & Justice for Tampa Bay.
- **Thomas Mathew**, International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF) Council President
- **Rev. Abhi Janamanchi**, former IARF Council President, Senior Minister of Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater
- **Rev. Jopie Boeke** (U.K.) and **Kathy Matsui** (Japan) to present the work of the International Association of Liberal Religious Women (IALRW)
- **Rev. Eric Cherry**, Director of International Resources at the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).
- **Rev. Peter T. Richardson**, author of Archetype of the Spirit, The Four Spiritualities: Expressions of Self, Expression of Spirit.
- **Rev. Richard Kellaway**, Minister Emeritus of the First Unitarian Church in New Bedford, Massachusetts, author of Connections: Religion as Relating
- **Irene Keim**, Unitarian Universalist Ministry of Earth

Conference Schedule - 2010 Conference

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Thursday, January 14th

3:00 pm --- Registration and Circle Group Assignment
6:00-6:30 pm Social Time... Meeting with Circle Groups
6:30-7:30 pm Dinner (at the church)
7:30-8:30 pm Interfaith Service led by Rev. Abhi Janamanchi

Friday, January 15th

9:00-9:30 am Interfaith Worship
9:30-10:30 am *Reconciliation with the Earth, Each Other & the Stranger*, Dr. Paul Rasor
10:45-11:45 am *Racial Justice in a Post-Racial Society: Myth or Reality*, Roy Kaplan & panel
12:00-1:00 pm Lunch (at the church)
1:15-1:45 pm Ingathering for workshop presentations
1:45-3:00 pm Workshops:
 * *Archetypes of the Spirit*, Peter Richardson
 * *100 Years of Interfaith Work*, Kathy Matsui/Jopie Boeke
 International Association of Liberal Religious Women
 * *Charting the Future of International Relations*, Eric Cherry
 Unitarian Universalist Association - International Resources Office
 * *Religious Freedom*, Richard Kellaway
 * *Ministry for Earth*, Irene Keim

3:15 - 4:15 pm Circle Groups
5:00 - 6:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner (at the church)
7:15 pm Interfaith Music Program

Saturday, January 16th

9:00-9:30 am Rissho Kosei-Kai Worship Service
9:30-10:30 am *Reconciliation with the Earth, Each Other & the Stranger* Dr. Hal French
10:45-11:45 am *IARF Today! Congress 2010*
Human Rights in India, Thomas Mathew, Council President of IARF
12:00-1:00 pm Lunch with Circle Group (at the church)
1:15-2:15 pm *Reconciliation with the Earth, Each Other and the Stranger: Racial Reconciliation*
 Dr. Mozella Mitchell, University of South Florida
2:30 pm *Reconciliation with the Earth, Each Other & the Stranger*, Dr. William Schulz
3:30-4:30 pm Panel Response, Dr. Hal French and Dr. Paul Rasor
5:00-6:00 pm Social hour (at the church)
(Dinner on your own)

Sunday January 17th

10:30 am Worship service at Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater
 Rev. Dr. William Schulz, speaker
 MLK celebration

Registration Form – 2010 Conference

U.S. Chapter of the International Association for Religious Freedom and the World Congress of Faiths
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Dates: January 14 – 17, 2010

Location: Clearwater, Florida (Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, 2470 Nursery Road, 33764)

Fees: Full Conference Fee: Paid by December 14th _____ \$125 Paid after December 14th _____ \$150
Saturday only _____ \$65 Student Registration _____ \$75

Conference Registration

Name: _____ Current Member of IARF? Yes No

Mailing Address: _____

Phone number where you can be reached if registration staff needs to contact you (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____ Religious Affiliation: (optional) _____

Conference Dates (Please note registration fees listed above)

Please register me for the entire conference **OR** Please register me for Saturday only

Paying Registration Fees: Registrants can pay by check or credit card

- Checks should be made payable to Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater (with 'IARF' on memo line)
- Credit cards may be used by completing the following information or calling the office at 727 531-7704 during the regular business hours of Monday – Friday from 9am – noon, Eastern time.

(Please note: all credit card information will be destroyed after the registration charge is processed.)

Credit Card Information: Type: VISA Mastercard Discover American Express

Credit card number _____

Name on card _____ Expiration month & year ____/____ (mo/yr)

Zipcode of billing address on credit card account _____

Hotels: The following hotels will provide rooms at reduced rates. You must make your own reservation and indicate that you are with the conference to get the discounted rate. For reservations for either hotel, call Linda Gower at 727-797-6300 ext. 516 or email Linda@hiexclearwater.com. (See attached flyer for more information.) **Please note:** hotels in Florida book January reservations very early; you may want to make your reservations as soon as possible.

- Holiday Inn Express, 2580 Gulf to Bay Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33765 (from \$99 per night)
- Economy Inn, 20788 U.S. Hwy 19 N., Clearwater, FL 33765 (\$48.99 per night)

Home Hospitality: A limited number of home hosts are available at \$40 per person per night. If you would like to request home hospitality for the nights of the conference, please indicate which nights you plan to stay and include these fees with your conference fees: Thursday night (\$40) Friday night (\$40) Saturday night (\$40)

Also, please indicate the number in your party that you would like to be hosted together _____, your age _____ and any allergies or special needs _____)

Other nights may be available before and after the conference for \$55 per night.

Please indicate here if you would like to request other nights at this rate and indicate which nights _____.
(Please do not pay for the additional nights when you register; those fees will be collected when you arrive.)

Transportation: Limited transportation may be available to and from the conference and your hotel or host home. Please indicate if you will be renting/driving your own car or would like to request this transportation.

I will be responsible for my own transportation

I would like to request transportation to and from the conference. (Please indicate which days you will need transportation and also the name of the hotel where you will be staying - if you are requesting transportation but not home hospitality.)

Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Hotel _____

Mail Correspondence should be sent to:

Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater (UUC) 2470 Nursery Road, Clearwater, FL 33764 (Attention: IARF)



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FOR RESERVATIONS –CALL LINDA GOWER

727-797-6300

Or

Email: Linda@hiexclearwater.com

Mention – **“IARF/US Conference”** to get this special rate.

SPECIAL RATES:

STANDARD ROOMS = 1 King or Two Queen Beds	= \$ 99.00
EXECUTIVE SUITES = 1 King or Two Queen Beds w/parlor area & sofa sleeper	= \$119.00
TWO ROOM SUITES = Two Queen Beds connecting to King bed	= \$159.00

*12pct tax not included

Amenities:

- ALL room types equipped with:
Microwaves, Refrigerator, Coffee Makers, Complimentary Hi-speed wireless Internet, Cable TV with Free HBO, Free Local Calls, Hairdryers, Ironing boards
- Outdoor Heated Pool – Fitness Center – Business Center
- Free Parking
- Laundry Facilities on Property
- Complimentary “HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET” each morning of your stay

Hotel is new and very centrally located within walking distance to shopping, restaurants and 6 miles to Clearwater Beach.

Or reserve at the

Economy Inn (located next door)

STANDARD ROOM – Two Double Beds = \$48.99

Amenities:

- Refrigerator, microwave, cable TV and complimentary Hi-speed wireless Internet
- Outdoor pool
- Free Coffee served in the lobby