

The St. Louis Association of the United Church of Christ

Invites you to the Annual

SPRING PROGRAM MEETING

at

Eden Theological Seminary

475 E. Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

On

Thursday, May 5, 2016

The St. Louis Association Council is pleased to invite you to an evening of fellowship, education, and conversation around the theme:

**Healthy Congregations: Developing and Sustaining
Community**

A congregation's vitality, effectiveness, and impact on the lives of its members and on the community beyond its walls depend greatly on the health of the congregational system. Healthy relationships and boundaries between members allow space for creative engagement and forward momentum even when there are differences of opinion, background and theology. The program will be a hands-on introduction to healthy congregational practices that help congregations thrive.

Our keynote speaker and program leader is the Rev. Roger Bertschausen the incoming Executive Director of the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council and a church governance consultant who travels nationwide for Unity Consulting. He completed a twenty-five year ministry at the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Appleton, WI last year. During his ministry, the congregation grew from 100 to 700 members. The congregation created a vibrant healthy congregational program which helped make the growth possible.

Members of Association Council will offer an extravagant welcome to us on the Eden campus, assisted by Eden's events staff, beginning with dinner and extending throughout the evening. Please be assured Eden's campus is fully accessible for all guests attending the Spring Program Meeting.

The meal will include vegetarian/vegan/gluten free alternatives.

Child care will be provided, during the evening's program, for those requesting this service one week in advance using the registration form provided for the Spring Program Meeting. Requests for child care must be received by April 28. Child care cannot be provided if requested after April 28. Children will be eating with their parents.

Because this is not a business meeting and there are no delegates – bring as many people as you wish from your church – but please register each person in advance so we can plan for their participation and a great evening together. The Planning Committee is suggesting you bring a *team* of people representing a rich cross-section of your congregation's membership.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

5:00 pm Check-in, pick up name tags, etc.

5:00 pm Dinner

6:15 pm Gather in the Chapel

Greetings from the Conference and Eden Seminary

Opening Worship

6:40 pm Program Presentation

8:50 pm Wrap-up and Benediction

9:00 pm On our way home!

A detailed agenda and other information for the Spring Program Meeting will be emailed to registrants. Please bring this information with you on May 5.

Registration: No hard copies of the registration information or meeting materials will be mailed via the United States Postal Service. Please use a separate registration form for each person attending the Meeting. Also, please list an email address for each registrant. And finally, please bring this information, and any additional Meeting related information, with you to the Meeting.

Mail the completed registration forms and payment to: The St. Louis Association, c/o St. Paul United Church of Christ, 3510 Giles Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri 63116. Checks are to be made payable to the St. Louis Association.

Fee Information: The Planning Committee and the Association Council are offering a different fee structure for this year's Spring Program Meeting. Please note the following:

The Registration Fee for the meeting AND dinner is \$15.00. The Registration Fee for the meeting only, without dinner, is \$10.00. The completed registration form and payment must be postmarked by April 28.

The late (postmarked after April 28) and on-site Registration Fee is \$10.00 but will not include dinner.

Dinner will be available only for those who register in advance.

Please do not send your registration form and payment to Eden Theological Seminary, nor to the Conference Office.

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If you have questions, please call: 314-772-4772.

Registration Form
St. Louis Association, United Church of Christ
May 5, 2016

Please use one form for each person attending the Spring Program Meeting
Make as many copies of this form as you need!

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Please include an email address for each registrant

Local Church Name: _____

Local Church Address: _____

Dinner Reservation: Please make a dinner reservation for me: _____ (Registration Fee: \$15.00)

Please do not make a dinner reservation: _____ (Registration Fee: \$10.00)

Please let us know if you require- vegan: _____ vegetarian: _____ gluten free _____

Child care will be provided. Children will be eating with their parents. Child care **must** be requested by April 28, 2016. Please list the name and age of each child needing care and any special needs:

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