



International  
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Universalists

### You are Invited!

You are invited to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Unitarian / Universalist Theological Symposium, sponsored by the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists. Our focus will be theological exploration and discussion, of who we are as U-U's, in the many places in which we live and work, and of how we belong – to each other, to our global movement, to the world around us, and to God or Life.

Through presentations, discussions, panels, worship, small groups sessions and more we'll focus on questions which may broaden and deepen our understanding. Focus questions include:

- ~What does it mean to be Unitarian –Universalist? How does this identity relate to other identities such as European, American, African, other, gay, straight, etc?
- ~How are we related to one another around the world, and to other entities?
- ~Do we recognize shared covenants? Or is covenant a culturally/historically limited term?
- ~Are there core U-U teachings on belonging, on membership, on covenants? Are traditional structures of religious membership still valid for today's world?
- ~If we belong to each other in some ways, how does that manifest as mission, as care, concern, collaboration, mutuality, accountability, etc?
- ~Are there threats to our belonging – to each other, to the world, to the earth, to Life/God?

### Join other U-U's from Around the World

The symposium will include presentation of papers from Unitarian and Unitarian Universalist theologians and writers from ICUU member groups and emerging groups around the world, plus panel discussions, theological seminars, daily worship and sharing from all groups represented. Meet and hear representatives of new and established U-U groups in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe, North America, Australia /New Zealand, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, and more. The symposium is open to all interested individuals.

### Rolduc Conference Center

The symposium will be housed at the Rolduc Conference Center in Kerkrade, The Netherlands, a site used often by the European Unitarian Universalists for their retreats. We will be welcomed by our partners in the Dutch Remonstrant church, and invited to learn more about them during our time in the Netherlands.

### **Program and Schedule**

Arrivals will take place on Tuesday, July 13. The symposium will begin that evening with a reception, dinner, opening ceremony and worship. Wednesday through Friday the schedule will include daily worship, presentation of papers plus discussion, panel discussions and seminars on a variety of topics within the theme.

The Symposium concludes Friday evening, July 16. Optional visits to local Remonstrant congregations is offered to participants following the symposium.

Immediately preceding the symposium, the ICUU will host the first-ever gathering of U-U ministers from around the world, for a three-day conference focusing on ministry, also at the Rolduc conference center, July 9-12. Ministers will want to consider attending both conferences, with a free day for sight-seeing on Tuesday July 13.

#### *Call For Papers*

Several presenters will be chosen from among theological students, ministers and lay theologians who have registered for the Symposium and wish to submit papers for consideration. Papers should be specific to Unitarian or U-U organizations within the ICUU, and should focus on the questions outlined earlier in this brochure. Papers should be of suitable length for presentation in one hour or less. The Symposium planning committee will read the papers and choose those which best meet the goals of the symposium. Authors of chosen papers will be notified by mid-February.

**Papers are due to the committee (via e-mail) by January 31, 2010.** Those chosen to present will be notified in February. For information about submitting a paper, contact Rev. Jill McAllister, [program@icuu.net](mailto:program@icuu.net).

#### *Accommodations and Fees*

From overseas, travel to Amsterdam or Cologne by air and to Kerkrade/Rolduc by train or car. From the continent, travel to Kerkrade by train, coach or car. Participants make their own travel arrangements. Accommodations including meals will be in the conference center.

Symposium Fees cover bed, 3 meals per day, one coffee break, and program costs from dinner on July 9 to breakfast on July 17.

### **COSTS**

Basic cost: 285 Euros for accommodation in double room with sink or shower, shared toilets, plus 3 meals per day, one coffee break, and program costs.

For en-suite accommodation in a double room, there is an extra charge of 35 Euros.

For single room with sink or shower, shared toilets, there is an extra charge of 55 Euros.

For single room en-suite accommodation, there is an extra charge of 130 Euros per event.

*Previous ICUU Theological Symposia in 2001 and 2006 each attracted more than 70 Unitarians and Unitarian Universalists from nearly 20 countries to Oxford, England (2001) and Koloszvar, Transylvania (2006). The collected papers from both previous symposia were published by the ICUU. These collections of papers, presentations, and conversations have informed and inspired the work of the ICUU for nearly ten years. It is time to gather again, for further theological discussions about who we are as liberal religious people, and what challenges and opportunities we share.*

Symposium Planning Team:

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How to register:

Registration for the Symposium is available online at [www.icuu.net](http://www.icuu.net).

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