

Civil Rights Veterans Gathering - Asheville, North Carolina

March 30 - April 1, 2012

March 30 to April 1, 2012 will be an historic time in Asheville, North Carolina. For the first time ever, current and former Unitarian Universalists who were active in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s will come together to share stories, meet each other, see old friends, and most importantly, preserve an important part of our Unitarian Universalist heritage.

Throughout the weekend, we will be video recording panel presentations and individual oral histories to capture these stories of courage, conviction, and commitment so future generations can come to understand what it was like to stand on the side of love when the stakes were so very high.

If you are one of the people who served or if you know someone who was, we'd like to know. It may be a quiet person appearing from time to time in a back row, or maybe it is someone who has never given up on raising hell with injustice, or perhaps it is a member or friend who has drifted away from Unitarian Universalism because we don't meet their standards of justice-seeking.

We are especially hopeful to include people of color, whose relationship to a congregation may have been informal or unofficial, and lay people, whose roles may have been less recognized than those of ministers.

I WOULD LOVE TO COME, BUT... OR I KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE THERE...

We know that many veterans, for a variety of reasons, will not be able to make the trip. We'd still like to know your/their story. Whether you marched in Selma, sat at a lunch counter, got arrested, marched in demonstrations, fought for school desegregation, each story is important.

Please send stories and names and contact information for civil rights veterans to the Southeast District office, 9704 Mallard Creek Road, Charlotte, NC 28262 or email the information to sed@uua.org.

REGISTRATION

Registration is now open. Please register as early as you can so we can make appropriate plans.

Early-bird (before March 2, 2012) Registration fee of \$75 covers all meals and speakers. The fee increases to \$100 on March 3th. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CivilRightsVeterans>.

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Conference Details

<http://www.uulivinglegacy.org/civil-rights-veterans>

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Dr. Leon Spencer and the Revs. Clark Olsen, Jim Hobart, and Gordon Gibson. For more information, please contact Gordon at ggibson@uuma.org or (865) 525-0055.



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