

Prairie Star District Annual Conference & Meeting

"Practicing Pluralism: Cultivating Diversity in Congregations"

April 5-7, 2002

The Hotel at Gateway Center • Ames, Iowa

Please join ministers and members of congregations from all over the Prairie Star District in Ames Iowa for a wonderful weekend of speakers, workshops, worship and fellowship. The focus of the conference workshops embodies "Practicing Pluralism: Cultivating Diversity in our Congregations".

Keynote Address

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Keith Kron
Dir. of the UU Office of Bisexual, Gay,
Lesbian and Transgender Concerns:

"Gatekeepers, Vultures, and Other Food for Our Souls"

Judy Lecture

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Meg Riley
Director of the UU Washington Office
for Faith in Action:

"Touching Wholeness in a Broken World"

General Session:

Beyond Tolerance: Practicing Pluralistic Dialogue

Workshops:

"Touching Wholeness in a Broken World": Judy Lecture Follow-up Workshop; Mutual Mentoring: Ministerial Internships; Stone Tree Spiritual Resources and Your Congregation; Diverse settings: Community Ministry; Youth-Adult Fishbowl; Is Our Church Gay?; "All Real Living is Meeting" - Reflections on a Pilgrimage; Buddhism and Islam; Creating Change: What to Do?; The Executive Team Model: Canvass Tools: Honoring the Special Gifts, Needs and Different Ways of Learning of All Our Children; Worshipping Together from 18 to 80: Appropriate or Appropriation?; Organizing for Social Justice in Mid-Size Congregations; Rational Paganism meets Earth-Centered Humanism in the Twin Cities

Saturday Night Entertainment:

Barn Dance w/ The Barn Owl Band