

Universalist Convocation 2021

The Universalist in Me August 6-7, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Universalist Convocations extends a cordial invitation to all UUs to attend the upcoming annual Universalist Convocation.

Since 1990, Universalists have been holding an annual convocation to holdfast the spiritual roots of American Universalism. Please join us for the Universalist Convocation 2021.

When: Friday and Saturday, August 6-7, 2021. For program times, click this <u>link</u>.

Where: Northwest UU Congregation, 1025 Mt. Vernon Hwy NW, Sandy Springs, GA 30327-4207. Northwest has recently renovated and enlarged their sanctuary and social hall. Lots of new space!

Discover Our Universalist Roots!

Attending this Universalist Convocation is the perfect opportunity to learn, explore and celebrate the rich history of the other U in our UU faith tradition.

Registration

Registration is open to all persons who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. We want everyone to feel safe! Go to the website to <u>register</u>. Registration closes on July 30. If you have questions, use the website Contact Us page.

Dynamic Speakers



Rev. Peter Morales, former president of the UUA (2009-2017), was the first Latino president of the UUA. He also promoted the founding of the Guatemala Scholarship Partners program to fund education of young students in Guatemala. Rev. Morales will present: *Blow on the Coal of the Heart: The Universalist Sensibility in an Unbelieving World.*



Rev. Rhett Baird was a member of the Georgia Universalist Convention and was a circuit riding lay UU preacher for 13 years before returning to school at age 49 to prepare for UU ministry. Rev. Baird will present *Fragments of Memories of Holy Times and Sacred Spaces from Two Circuit Riding Preachers: Dr. Quillen Shinn in the 19th Century and Rev. Rhett Baird in the 20th Century.*



Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy currently serves the UU Springfield Meetinghouse in Springfield, VT. She is a UU and Sufi minister who works on countering Islamophobia and promoting understanding, tolerance and respect among religious groups. Last year was the 250th anniversary of the first Universalist sermon in America by John Murray, and Rev. Kennedy will lead us on with *Universalism – The Next 250 Years!*



Rev. Vernon Chandler is one of the founders and a past President of the Universalist Convocation and is editor emeritus of the *Universalist Herald*. Vernon is a retired UU minister and has provided ministry in a variety of settings over the past 44 years. He will speak about *The First Universalist Convocation and an Early History of the Universalist Association: A Recollection of People, Places and Motives*. He and his family reside in Ansbach, Germany.

Also, don't miss all the news between now and the Convocation! Become a subscriber to the *Universalist Herald*, the oldest continuously published liberal religious periodical in North America.