

The Fall Meeting of the
SOUTHWEST CLUSTER
Saturday, November 5th, 2005 – 9:30 AM to 2:00PM

Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota, 3975 Fruitville Road,
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DIVING DEEP... and SURFACING:
Engaging Racial and Cultural Diversity
in our Congregations and our Communities



Some congregations in the Southwest Cluster have expressed a desire to become more racially diverse, but experience frustration when unable to make positive steps toward achieving this objective. What factors influence diversity? How deep must we dive into the waters of diversity, and how will we surface? What steps might our congregations begin to take to be truly welcoming to a wider spectrum of humanity?

REV. MARJORIE BOWENS-WHEATLEY

serves as minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa. She also served congregations in New York City, Austin, Texas, and Cleveland, Ohio; was Adult Programs Director for the UUA; worked for the Veatch program funding work for progressive social change. A major thrust of her ministry has been helping Unitarian Universalists better understand the dynamics of racism and oppression. She currently serves as a JUUST Change consultant for the UUA. Her most recent publication, Soul Work: Anti-Racist Theologies in Dialogue (Skinner House Books, 2003), was co-edited with the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones.

AGENDA

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| 9:30 – 10:00 AM | ---Registration and Coffee |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | ---Welcome and Announcements/ Kindra Muntz, Cluster President |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | ---Keynote by Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley:
DIVING DEEP... and SURFACING”
(with special musical interlude by Rev. Don Beaudreault) |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | ---Small group work: congregational assessments |
| 11:30 -- 12:00 | ---Small group reports |
| 12:00 -- 12:45 | ---Lunch & Networking |
| 12:45 -- 1:15 | ---Small group work: future planning |
| 1:15 -- 1:30 | ---Closing comments from Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley |
| 1:30 -- 2:00 | ---Brief congregational reports on global warming efforts |
| 2:00 o'clock | ---Thank you(s) and adjournment |



Please complete your registration as early as possible to ensure reservation!!!

REGISTRATION FORM

Southwest Cluster Fall Meeting
Saturday, November 5, 2005

“DIVING DEEP...and SURFACING”

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley

Please register before October 29th.

Lunch can't be guaranteed for late registrants.

Adult & youth registration fee: \$10 - No refunds after Nov. 2nd.

Includes morning coffee and lunch

Make your check payable to the UU Southwest Cluster and send to: Cluster Registrar, UU Church of Sarasota, 3975 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota, FL 34232. Be sure to write the name of your UU congregation on your check, OR, preferably, give your payment to the Cluster representative from your congregation who will handle the group registration from your church. Please indicate any special needs.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Congregational Affiliation _____

Special Note: We are looking into the possibility of overnight accommodations with host church families for people coming from long distances. If you would be interested in staying overnight Friday the 4th or Saturday the 5th, please so indicate and we will see if accommodations can be arranged.

Yes, I would like to stay with a Sarasota UU family Friday _____ Saturday _____

Name _____ Phone _____

The UU Church of Sarasota is West of I-75 on State Road 780 (Fruitville Road) – on the north side of the road.

