

Called to Order



Diakonia of the
United Church
National Gathering
April 14-17, 2009
Five Oaks Centre
Paris, Ontario

Ordained? Commissioned?
neither? all?

to Diaconal Ministry.

How shall we be true to our call
and our preparation to that call?

- Ⓢ We will be discussing the issues of being "ordered" and the name of our order and the ritual of ordering for Diaconal people in the UCC with the hope of coming to some consensus on what we want to recommend to GCE AND/or GC 2009.
- Ⓢ We will be hearing about the history of diakonia in terms of ordering deaconesses, and diaconal ministers, the effects that has had on identity and training in various denominations around the globe.
- Ⓢ We will do an overview of the documents on ministry that have been written in the United Church of Canada.
- Ⓢ We will look at what foci of practice diaconal ministry has taken at different times in history and try to determine where we are being called.
- Ⓢ All of this will be interlaced with our own relevant stories past and present.

When:

We will begin with lunch on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 and finish with lunch on Friday, April 17, 2009. Lunch time is 12:30 p.m.

Where

We are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of DUCC by returning to Five Oaks, the location where DUCC was founded. Five Oaks occupies 116 acres of Carolinian forest. Francis Sandy Centre, a theological school to equip aboriginal persons for ministry in congregation and community, is located on the property.

www.fiveoaks.ca

Accommodations

Rooms at Five Oaks are shared bedrooms with common washrooms.

If your travel plans necessitate an early arrival on Monday night you will be responsible for the extra cost for your room at \$50 which includes breakfast on Tuesday.



Local Arrangements

Five Oaks United Church Education and Retreat Centre is located in Paris, Ontario. Participants are encouraged to fly into Hamilton International or Region of Waterloo International Airports. These are the closest ones to Five Oaks and therefore reduce ground transportation required. Other options would be Toronto Pearson International and London International.

Registration Cost: \$365.00

This includes accommodation, meals, and a contribution to the travel pool. This cost will be the same for all participants, including those arriving late or departing early. No reductions will be made for those who stay off site.

Registrar

Please submit your registration form and deposit of \$50. which is non-refundable by **March 20th** to:

Linda Clark
27 Fiona Crescent
Hamilton, Ontario L9C 6Z1
905-383-8634
lindaclark60@sympatico.ca

*Please make all cheques payable to:
DUCC*

Balance of \$315 is due upon arrival.
Please pay by cheque only.

Travel Pool

We hope to pay a portion of everyone's travel costs. Travel cheques will be mailed after the event.

Financial Assistance

Application to the Kaufman Fund could be a source of funding for this event. To request assistance, contact:
Joan Tuchlinsky
59 Trafalgar Ave.
Kitchener, Ontario
N2A 1Z5
(519) 893-0873
joantuch@rogers.com

For student bursary(ies), contact Kay Dean. e-mail Address:
kaydean@eastlink.ca

Driving Directions:

From Highway 403 and Rest Acres Road, proceed south on Rest Acres to Bethel Road (the first cross road south of the highway). Travel east on Bethel Road which brings you directly into Five Oaks.



Registration form:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Dietary limitation/restrictions

Other special needs/ environmental sensitivities

I am arriving at _____
_____ airport /train/bus

On _____ (day)

at _____ am/pm

and will require transportation to Five Oaks Retreat Centre.

I will require accommodation for early arrival on Monday night at the extra cost of \$50. yes ___ no ___

Registration deadline:

March 20, 2009