

2nd Annual New England Regional Gathering
Progressive Revival: Firing Up Your Faith Progressive Style!

October 1-2, 2004
Christ Episcopal Church
1035 Lafayette Road (US Route 1)
Portsmouth, New Hampshire
Registration Fee: \$40 (\$20 for one day)

This three session workshop will provide you with opportunities to learn about and practice progressive faith building techniques for you and your faith community. Come meet other progressives trying to make their faith stronger.

SCHEDULE

Friday Night, October 1st, 6:00-10:00 pm:

- Following Dinner:
- Session I *Reviving Faith and Conflict*

"Cana Theology: Turning Organizational Conflict into a Renewed Awareness of God" with **Reverend Jonathan Wortmann**.

"Church, business, government, anywhere people gather, conflict happens. How do we use our progressive faith to turn conflict into new awareness of life's beauty? What techniques can we use to deal with conflict when it happens? How do we become more aware of the sacred in the midst of the storm? We can turn water into wine in every part of our life. Conflict is one of the catalysts that makes spiritual growth possible."

Saturday October 2nd, 8:30 am-3:00 pm:

- Session II *Reviving Faith and Personal Spirituality*

"Awe and Disbelief: A ground for dialog between science and faith" with **Dr. Jeremy Ahouse**.

"In dialog it helps to recognize and remind ourselves of shared experiences. This provides a common touchstone even as we explore divergent points of view. The confidence of science to explain so much, so lucidly and of scientists to be focused on what can be measured can leave the impression that there is no room for awe. I will reflect on the central place of awe in science and how this can be this touchstone for science and faith dialog. I also want to explore the ways that pushing up against the disbelief of each other's positions can reciprocally illuminate all sides. To understand what we believe it can help to be in conversation with those who remind us what we do not. Sometimes it is the best way to really feel the depth of our commitments. In this way shared disbelief can become a gift."

- Following Lunch:
- Session III *Reviving Faith and Your Community*

"Getting the good word (in and) out" (the word being 'progressive'!), with **Don Russell**.

"Regular use of internal as well as external marketing means is important in spreading the word, and establishing 'position examples' for progressive Christian faith communities. How can your church walk-the-walk and talk-the-talk? How to best leverage people, places, and things inside as well as outside the church to communicate your message - and what is the message?"

HOTELS (Please make your own accommodations directly with the hotel)

Comfort Inn - \$120

Across the street from the conference site. 2 queen beds. 1-4 people per room. Includes continental breakfast and indoor pool. 800-552-8484

Fairfield (Marriott) Inn - \$109

About 1 1/2 miles north of the conference site. 2 double beds. Includes continental breakfast. 603-436-6363

Motel 6 - \$80 or \$86 for 2 people.

Also 1 1/2 miles north of the conference site. 603-334-6606

REGISTRATION

Fee: \$40, or \$20 for one day only.

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Complete the section below to register:

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() Friday, October 1

() Saturday, October 2

Mail with your check to:

TCPC, 99 Brattle Street, Cambridge MA 02138