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WEST SERVICES & RESOURCES**

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## COME TO THE TABLE!

### INVITATION TO SUBMIT WORKSHOP PROPOSALS WESTERN REGIONAL FALL GATHERINGS EDMONTON - OCTOBER 19-21, 2007

2007 Regional Fall Gatherings are an opportunity to gather regionally to build and renew friendships. The weekend also offers participants: a chance to learn more about other congregations and practical matters relating to congregational life, training, and personal spiritual enrichment opportunities. There is also an opportunity to participate in a CUC business 'Info and Input' Forum where individuals can give direct feedback on present and future CUC business and goals.

A significant component of the fall gathering is a series of workshops conducted by UUs from across the region on a variety of topics of interest to congregations and individual western UUs.

This is an invitation to send us your workshop proposals. The workshops will be on Saturday. A schedule and other details will be circulated by the end of May.

This year we are inviting proposals for either half day (approx two and a half hours) or full day (approximately 5 hours) workshops.

Each year, the Regional Network Group chooses a general theme for the fall gathering. This year's theme is "Come to the Table". We are fortunate enough to have already secured a workshop on the "Spirituality of Cooking" led by two of our Western Region celebrity chefs: Rev. Brian Kiely of UC Edmonton and Gary Groot of UCSaskatoon.

We are looking for other workshops to "nourish" Western UUs and to give them a chance to see "what's cooking" in our congregations and amongst our members!

Here are some ideas for other workshops brainstormed by the Western Regional Network Group. These are shared just to get you thinking. ...

- Rituals
- Communion – Different types of UU communions
- Spirituality of Exercise
- Right Relations – Multigenerational Facilitators – one youth/one adult
- Go-4-It for planning in your congregation
- Anti-Racism/ Anti-Oppression
- Secularization + Unitarians
- Shared Leadership/Ministry

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- Use of Religious Language
- Publicity Ideas and Resources

Some of the criteria the Regional Network Group (RNG) will be using to select workshops are:

- Of interest to a broad range of participants
- Support congregational life and development
- U\*U Leaders with expertise in topic
- U\*U Leaders with experience as facilitator
- Creativity and novelty in approach and topic
- Challenges or energizes the participants
- Multigenerational: to include programming for children or child-care

Each workshop need not meet every criteria. For example, not every workshop needs to be, or will be, multi-generational. .

Selection will also consider overall theme and variety in streams. At most there will be four concurrent sessions.

Why do RNGs need this information now?

CUC Western Regional Network Group will meet by teleconference prior to the May Annual Conference and Meeting.

RNGs determine a theme, review available space and select workshops.

CUC Staff responds to all proposals by 15 May 2006.

What will be offered as presenter support?

RNGs and CUC staff work with selected presenters to ensure presenter and participants' needs are met.

Presenter may be reimbursed for travel expenses, meals, accommodation, and registration.

A daily honorarium of \$75 - \$150 per session depending on length of program is paid to one presenter for each stream.

Please complete the submission form attached and send by email to Janice Lincoln, Administrative Coordinator – West [janice@cuc.ca](mailto:janice@cuc.ca) or by mail to: CUC West office (address above). Phone: 604-264-0088

Janice will forward to the RNG Team.

Deadline for proposals is April 27, 2007

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**WORKSHOP PROPOSAL FOR  
2007 CUC WESTERN REGIONAL FALL GATHERING  
October 19 – 21 Edmonton, AB**

Brief description: 75 words or less:

Program title.

Presenter name.

Audience range. (age, number, etc.)

Space/Venue requirements:

Preferred time: \_\_\_ morning \_\_\_ afternoon \_\_\_ all day workshop

What knowledge or skills outcomes will participants take away at the end of this session?  
E.g. *At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to...*

*Estimated costs of program:*

Travel costs: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Honorarium (\$75/half day; \$150/full day) \$\_\_\_\_\_