

## Conference Registration Form

### Registration Fees:

Conference Fee \$150.00  
(\$180 after July 1)

One day registration, Saturday \$80.00  
(\$90.00 after July 1)

Registration includes all fees, meals and snacks

Please check the box if you want your contact information to be included in our conference directory.

A limited number of bursaries are available. Please check a box below if you would like to make use of bursary monies or if you wish to contribute to the bursary fund.

Request for bursary  (before June 1)

Donation for bursary

*Donations for this fund can be made out to : St Andrews United Church (tax receipt will be issued for donations) and sent to the address shown below. Your bursary donation goes directly toward fees for those unable to pay for the conference .*

To register, please complete both sides of this registration form and send it with your cheque, made payable to:

**Affirm United Conference 2007**  
c/o M. Tudhope  
256 Wallis Drive  
Peterborough, On K9J 6C9

### Child Care / Children's program: (12 years or under)

Please indicate your child care needs.

Name	Age	Gender
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Please note if you have any special requirements for your child;

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**Affirm/S'affirmer**  
UNITED/ENSEMBLE



## Celebrating 25 years

### “Never Doubt...

that a small group of thoughtful concerned citizens can change the world” .... Margaret Mead

2007  
Conference & Annual Meeting  
Aug 3—6, 2007

**St Andrew's United Church**  
441 Rubidge St  
Peterborough, ON K9H 4E4

Theme Facilitator:  
Rt. Rev. David Giuliano.

Visit [www.affirmunited.ca](http://www.affirmunited.ca) for updates and additional registration forms.

“Never Doubt ... that a small group of thoughtful concerned citizens can change the world!”

-Margaret Mead

We have chosen Margaret Mead's famous quote as the basis for this year's conference theme because it captures, for us, the importance of the actions of a few individuals who risked so much to form Affirm 25 years ago. For many, it did “change the world”.

Because of the experiences, wisdom, fears and dreams of a small group of concerned people, a seed was planted in Montreal in 1982. It grew to be Affirm United.

Affirm United/S'affirmer ensemble ... working together for the full inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the United Church of Canada and in society.

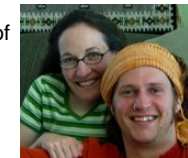
**Come**  
...to relive our history  
... to share in who we are  
...to step into our future

### Theme Facilitators

David Giuliano is the 39th Moderator of The United Church of Canada. Although raised in cities, for the past 20 years he has served in Marathon, a northern Ontario, resource-industry town on the shore of Lake Superior. He is a Spiritual Director, writer and taught in the Ontario Jubilee Program for Spiritual Direction. David is married to Pearl and they have two children, Jeremiah and Naomi.



Jessie Negropontes and Chris Giffin, two young adults, friends since meeting at Naramata in 2002, partners in mission and travellers together, are touring Canada in 2007, to re-imagine “mission” for the UCC, to be radical disciples, connecting the stories of the exploited and persecuted, and those outside the affluent centre of today's empire. For more details visit [www.thegoproject.ca](http://www.thegoproject.ca).



**Encountering the Holy on the Journey.** David, Chris and Jessie will provide leadership as we creatively explore together our past, present and future, both as individuals and as a community. Through expressive arts - music, drama, visual arts and spoken word - we will celebrate, honour and discern 25 Years of Affirm, Friends of Affirm, Affirming Ministries and Affirm United. This is not an event for artists but for the creative at heart – in other words, all of us.

### INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED TO KNOW

Registration begins at noon on Fri. If you are planning to attend the business meeting with the National Council from 1-4pm, please try to register before 1.

Snack/finger food will be available. If you need something more substantial, plan to arrive early enough to go out for supper.

Registration will continue until 6:15 pm (someone will, however, remain at the registration desk to greet latecomers)

The Fri program begins at 6:30 pm and will conclude at approx 9:30 pm.

Registration for “Sat only” participants begins at 7:30 am

The Sat program begins at 8:30 am, continues all day culminating in an anniversary banquet on Sat evening followed by a coffee house

Continental breakfast will be available at the church Sat, Sun and Mon.

The Affirm United Annual Meeting will take place on Monday

The '07 Conference is hosted by Peterborough and Area Affirm United. For further information, contact:

Lyn Miller 705-741-4271 [jamsbury@nexicom.net](mailto:jamsbury@nexicom.net)

### Special Features of Our Conference

Archives Room displaying and gathering items of Affirm United history. Please bring your photos and memories. We will scan and return before you leave.

Book Display and Sales

(Kingston Presbytery Resource Centre)

Awesome Celebratory Banquet

(Terry Head “Chef Extraordinaire” and friends)

“Sale by Donation” of loved and gently-used books.

(Bring GLBT books, spiritual books and resources, we'll sell them and donate proceeds to charity.)

Worship at St Andrew's: All are invited to join our congregation for a memorable Worship Service on Sun morning at 11am, led by our Joanna MacQuarrie, with contributions from the moderator and other conference participants.

Lots of Music: Bring your instruments.

Decorate Our Celebration: Bring your T-shirts (GLBT/Affirm/Pride) and your banners.

# Workshops, Discussion Groups and Opportunities to Share

## MORNING SESSIONS

**M-1 More Voices** More songs, more styles, more of God's people engaged in singing! Using the *More Voices* supplement, uncover its gems, discover various ways to introduce new music to your congregation. Whether you are used to traditional, contemporary, intergenerational or blended worship, Gordon's engaging style will lift you & your voice to new heights.  
**Leader: Gordon Miller, Music Minister at St Aidan's UC in Victoria is a talented multi-disciplined musician & songwriter**

**M-2 Becoming an Affirming Ministry** For anyone interested in what it means to be an Affirming Congregation in The United Church of Canada and the process by which a congregation can achieve this status. Why become one? What's required? Come along with your questions and thoughts, ready to think about taking on the challenge.  
**Leader: Brian Mitchell Walker is on the programme staff of Saskatchewan Conference and a member of Affirm United National Council.**

**M-3 GLBT Lingo 101** Do I say gay or homosexual? What's the difference between a transgender person and one who is transexual? Will I offend someone if I use the word queer? And just exactly who is this - your girlfriend, your wife, your lover, your spouse, partner or companion? Come to this workshop and try to get the lingo "straight".

**Leader: TBA**

**M-4 English Handbell Workshop** A quick look at the basics. This one hour hands-on workshop will provide the novice with the opportunity to try handbells. We will be covering the basic techniques of producing a good sound, damping, mallet ringing, pad damping, martellato techniques, etc. Even if you don't read music, you can give it a try and experience this wonderful musical activity that's great for all ages.

**Leader: Terry Head, B.Mus, ARCT (Teacher & Performer), AT Diploma (RCM), R.M.T. and Director of Music at St.Andrews**

**M-5 Coming Out in a Heterosexual Marriage** For many of us, the experience of "coming out" happened within the context of heterosexual marriage. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts; talk about your experience and/or listen to others; be supported and offer support.

**Leader: Beryl Cable-Williams (and others).**

There will be a business meeting open to everyone Friday afternoon 1-4 Bring your questions, concerns, ideas and dreams!

## AFTERNOON SESSIONS

**A-1 More Voices** See M-1 for description

**A-2 Living as an Affirming Ministry** For anyone already in an Affirming Congregation (or other affirming group) or anyone wondering what it is like to be Affirming. Bring your stories (successes and challenges) to share. The new Affirm United video/DVD "[Affirming Congregations: Three Stories](#)" will be included in the workshop presentation.  
**Leaders: Bruce & Linda Hutchinson are active members of the United Church who have provided leadership around becoming and living out Affirming Ministry.**

**A-3 Upstream - Youth & Young Adults Speak**

A space to share and explore what it means to be young(ish), churched, queer, trans or any & all of the above. An active workshop, open to all generations and persuasions, focussing on personal experiences and ways to build connections.

**Leader: Marcie Gibson, queer mama & community organizer**

**A-4 Dancing Together – Who's Leading?** The ongoing relationship between Affirm United and the United Church of Canada. Could we be the Affirm United Church of Canada?

**Leaders: Sally Harris and Wilson MacLennan are the current Co-chairs of Affirm United, Ken DeLisle is the Affirm United Treasurer; Choice Okoro is the Programme Coordinator, Human Rights and Peace, Justice Global & Ecumenical Relations Unit of the UCC.**

**A-5 Are Trans People Welcome in our Church?** Psalm 139 clearly tells us that God knows every fibre of our being, how we were formed and so wonderfully made. Jesus calls us to love our neighbour as ourselves. So why is the church reluctant to welcome trans people?

**Leader: Ruth Bramham is a post-operative transsexual woman since 1995. Ruth has been involved in trans advocacy work for well over 20 years & is the trans rep on Affirm's National Council.**

### Visit the "Seed" Fair

"(some) seeds fell on good soil." Matthew 13:8

Affirm took root in hope, 25 years ago.

The seed for **Peterborough and Area Affirm United** was planted at a Toronto Affirm & Friends of Affirm conference in 1989. We'll tell you our story.

Do you have a "Seed Story" to share? Please briefly describe it, bring it along or send it (with pictures if possible) and we'll display it at the "Seed Fair" (Your seed story does not have to be church or GLBT related; just have meaning for you.)

"The one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9:6



# Welcome to Peterborough

"The Heart of the Kawarthas"



## Accommodation

### Hotels

Peterborough Inn/Suites	Holiday Inn
312 George St N	150 George St. N
1-866-446-4451	1-866-258-5181

Corporate rates - limited space

**book by July 1 latest**

**B & B's - GLBT Friendly**

[www.festivalhost.com](http://www.festivalhost.com)

800-574-3664

**Camping - in the centre of town!**

6 reserved electrical sites

at Beavermead Tent & Trailer Park

**( held to May 1 latest)**

[www.beavermead.com](http://www.beavermead.com)

705-750-0545

For other accommodation options

[www.thekawarthas.net](http://www.thekawarthas.net)

**BOOK EARLY - VERY BUSY WEEKEND !**

BILLETS may be requested on your registration form until July 1



**Our venue is accessible.**



## Conference Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop Options—please choose a first and second choice for both morning and afternoon

### Saturday Morning

\_\_\_\_\_ M-1

\_\_\_\_\_ M-2

\_\_\_\_\_ M-3

\_\_\_\_\_ M-4

\_\_\_\_\_ M-5

### Saturday Afternoon

\_\_\_\_\_ A-1

\_\_\_\_\_ A-2

\_\_\_\_\_ A-3

\_\_\_\_\_ A-4

\_\_\_\_\_ A-5

**Special Dietary Needs.** We will do our best to accommodate—please specify:

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### Accommodation:

Do you require billet Yes  No

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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