

## REGISTRATION

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Cost: \$175.00 Full Conference  
\$100.00 One day only

Send cheques: payable to:  
Affirm United (Conference)  
c/o Wilson MacLennan  
12119 – 58 Street NW  
Edmonton, AB T5W 3X5

**If at all possible  
Please submit registration prior to July 1, 2011  
Registration is limited to 250 delegates**

**To take advantage of the reduced hotel rates,  
reservations must be made with the hotels  
prior to July 20, 2011**

Our Host Congregation:

**Southminster-Steinhauer United Church**  
(An Affirming Ministry within The United Church  
of Canada)

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church is a diverse community of people who are anything but ordinary. Committed to celebrating and exploring truth, compassion, justice and courageous living, the community holds a reverence for the spiritual life that grows out of the Christian tradition, inspired by life-affirming insight and wisdom, both ancient and contemporary.

### Our Organizing Affirming Committees:

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church  
Mill Woods United Church  
St. Paul's United Church  
Robertson-Wesley United Church  
Garneau United Church and  
St. Stephen's College

### BURSARY:

A limited number of bursaries will be available to assist people requiring financial support. If you are unable to afford any part of the registration fee and wish to request a bursary contact the registrar at [conference@affirmunited.ca](mailto:conference@affirmunited.ca)

If you wish to make a donation to the Affirm Bursary fund:

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AFFIRM UNITED /  
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National Conference and  
ANNUAL MEETING  
August 4 – August 7  
2011

Southminster – Steinhauer  
United Church  
10740 – 19 Ave. NW  
Edmonton, Alberta

## **The Conference**

### Thursday August 4

2:00 pm Registration begins  
4:00 pm Welcome  
5:30 pm Supper  
6:30 pm Spiritual Gathering & Opening  
Welcome  
Plenary – Francine Proulx-Kenzle  
8:00 pm Community Building

### Friday August 5

8:00 am Morning Welcome and Breakfast  
9:00 am Spiritual Gathering  
9:15 am Plenary – Dr. André Grace  
10:30 am Break  
11:00 am Workshops  
12:00 noon Lunch  
1:00 pm Discussion Groups  
2:00 pm Community Time  
6:00 pm Supper  
6:30 pm Plenary – Dr. Lorne Warneke  
8:00 pm Evening Gathering

### Saturday August 6

8:00 am Morning Welcome and Breakfast  
9:00 am Spiritual Gathering  
9:15 am Plenary – Rev. Dr. Bruce Miller  
10:15 am Break  
10:45 am Workshops  
12:00 noon Lunch  
1:00 pm Workshop  
2:00 pm Break  
2:30 pm Plenary – Panel of presenters  
3:30 pm Workshop  
4:30 pm Workshop Conclusions  
5:30 pm Supper  
7:00 pm Conference Closing

### Sunday August 7

9:00 am Morning Welcome and Breakfast  
10:00 am Spiritual Gathering  
11:30 am Lunch  
1:00 pm AGM

## **Presenters**

Francine Proulx-Kenzle is Secretary and Francophone Director-at-Large of PFLAG Canada. Her presentation will address issues relating to sexual orientation from a parent's perspective, with a special emphasis on suicide. Francine Proulx-Kenzle is a member of the faculty of the University of Regina in Regina Saskatchewan.

Dr. André P. Grace is a professor in Educational Policy Studies and Director of the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. He is co-founder of Camp fYrefly, a summer leadership camp for sexual and gender minority youth, and he is national consultant on sexual and gender issues for the Canadian Teachers' Federation. Dr. Grace will address Bullying, Youth and Resilience.

Dr. Lorne Warneke is a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Alberta. He founded the gender clinic at the Grey Nuns Hospital in Edmonton and is currently one of the two psychiatrists in Alberta that Alberta Health accepts to recommend sex reassignment surgery for appropriate transgendered individuals. Dr. Warneke will address issues relating to transgendered individuals and gender reassignment.

Karen Morton In her latest book "*I Am, I Said: Finding Out, Coming Out and Coming Home*", Karen Morton tells us that metaphors are the natural language in which we learn about ourselves and the world around us. This new book examines, via personal stories, some of the metaphors that shape our identities and guide our view of the world, with a particular focus on LGBTQ-related identities. In her time with us she will provide us with the tools of empowerment that will help guide us through difficult times.

## **Workshops**

United in Relationship – Brian Mitchell-Walker  
Bullying Racism and Immigration – Alcris Limongi  
Camp fYrefly – Camp Coordinator and past youth participants  
Recognizing and Preventing Senior Citizen Abuse – Pat Power  
Legal Issues from a Church Perspective – Rev. Dr. Bruce Miller  
Setting a Spacious Table - Rev. Dr. Nancy Steeves

## **Discussion Groups**

Becoming an Affirming Ministry – Anne Hebb  
Atelier: S'affirmer ensemble en français – Nicole Hamel  
Being an Affirming Ministry – Rev. Dr. Charles Bidwell  
White Privilege – Annette Taylor  
Conference Conclusions: Pulling the Threads Together – Terry Kaasa, Thais McKee and Wilson MacLennan

## **Conference Hotel Partners**

### **Crown Plaza Chateau Lacombe**

10111 Bellamy Hill NW, Edmonton, AB  
Conference rate \$99.00 per night  
Reservations can be made on line at  
<https://resweb.paskey.com/go/MIB>  
or by phone at  
1-800-661-8801 (Making It Better Group)

### **Holiday Inn Express – Edmonton South**

Conference rate \$119.99 per night  
2440 Calgary Trail NW, Edmonton, AB  
Reservations can be made by phone at  
1-877-711-7070 (Ask for "Making It Better Group Rate")