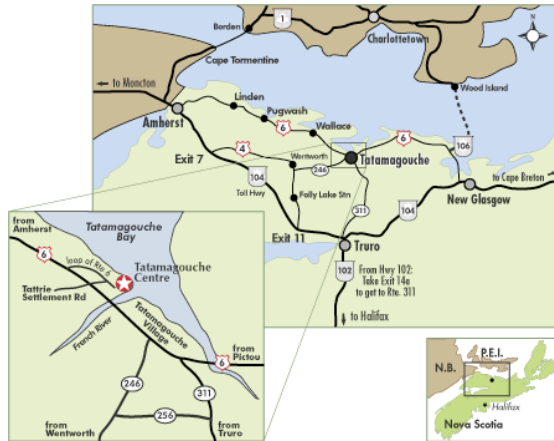


Tatamagouche Centre

Tatamagouche Centre one of four non-profit education, conference, and retreat centres of the United Church of Canada. Since 1955, the Centre has been offering its leadership to individuals, church groups, and community organizations. Situated on fifteen rolling acres, overlooking Tatamagouche Bay, on Northumberland Strait in Nova Scotia, the Centre is a natural gathering place in a relaxed and picturesque setting.

Where is Tatamagouche Centre?



A place for us all



AFFIRM UNITED / S'AFFIRMER ENSEMBLE National Conference and ANNUAL MEETING July 30-August 2 2010 Tatamagouche Centre Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia

Whisper translation

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

I cannot attend. Enclosed is \$____ as a tax deductible donation.

I can attend. I wish to help others in financial need. I enclose \$____ as a tax deductible donation.

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 Tony at:
aburne 2545@ rogers.com

Travelling to Tatamagouche Centre ...

From Halifax (2 hours):

Highway 102 to Exit 14A, Turn right and follow for 3.7 km to flashing amber light, Turn left and follow 311 North to Tatamagouche (50 Kms). As you approach the Village of Tatamagouche, stay to the left and travel through on Main Street, as you leave the village you will cross a concrete bridge and at the top of the hill, just after the bridge, turn right into Rocklyn Road. At the stop sign, turn right and you will be there.

I request to share a room with:

Or Match me with a room mate:

I am ()M ()F ()FtM()MtF

() Intersex

I am willing to share with:

()M ()F ()FtM()MtF

() Intersex

REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Emergency Contact #: _____

My Name Tag: _____

____ Je parle francais. Veuillez me contacter avec plus d'informations sur cette conference.

SPECIAL NEEDS [dietary, accommodations etc.]

Cost: \$350 – shared accommodation only
\$100 – Saturday only

Send cheques: payable to:
Affirm Conference 2010 to:

Tony Burnett

436 – 65 Lian St

Fredericton, NB E3C 0C2

Or for e-mail money transfer instructions contact Tony at
conference2010@affirmunited.ca

The onsite accommodations are limited to
60 persons and are double occupancy

The 2010 Affirm Conference

Friday July 30

- 1:30 – 5:00 Registration
- 4:00 Our Home (meet with the directors of Affirm United/S'affirmer ensemble)
- 5:30 Supper
- 7:00 Opening Welcome & Worship and Communion
- 8:00 Community Building

Saturday July 31

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Worship
- 9:30 Theme Presentation
- 10:30 Workshops
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Theme Presentation
- 2:30 Workshops
- 5:30 Supper
- 7:00 Evening Program

Sunday August 1

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Workshops
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Theme Presentation
- 2:30 Global Issues
- 3:30 Community Building
- 5:30 Supper

Monday August 2nd

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Worship
- 9:30 AGM
- 12:30 Lunch

THEME SPEAKER – Michael Blair

Michael Blair is the Executive Minister, Intercultural & Diverse Communities in Ministry unit of the General Council of The United Church of Canada. In his ministry Michael focuses on education, profiles ethno-cultural issues, and advocates for racial justice to nurture a better place of belonging for ethnic minority peoples and congregations in The United Church of Canada. Michael Blair will expand and challenge our understanding of diversity in the United Church of Canada, in our society, and in our lives.

Workshops

The "Bi" Ways of Life – Roy Holton

A workshop facilitated by Roy Holton on issues faced by those members of the community who self identify as bisexual, pansexual, omnisequal, polysexual, or just sexual. How do we maintain unity amongst such diversity? How do we celebrate our uniqueness? How do we connect our faith journey with our sexual practices? How do we foster acceptance and affirmation within Affirm United/S'Affirmer Ensemble and the larger faith community?

Living a Transgender life in today's society.

This workshop, facilitated by Julian Davis, will examine and discuss living in today's world as a transgender person. Julien Davis is currently completing his Master's in Social Work degree at Dalhousie University. He worked for several years as the Support Services Coordinator at the Youth Project in Halifax, providing support to LGBT youth throughout Nova Scotia and facilitating

many professional development workshops on working with trans youth throughout the province. He is also a transman who grew up in the Catholic Church in a small-town in NS and likes to think he is the man he is today because of those experiences (for better or worse)!

Atelier : S'affirmer ensemble en français. – Nicole Hamel

Affirm United/S'affirmer ensemble est une association majoritairement anglophone. Comment s'affirmer aussi en français? Comment vivons-nous cette marginalisation supplémentaire? Quel est l'avenir des services en français dans l'Église! Comment les personnes homosexuelles prennent-elles véritablement leur place dans les communautés existantes. Combien de communautés francophones sont inclusives? Comment sortir du garde-robe et oser s'affirmer dans un contexte où l'homosexualité a été mise à l'index de l'Église catholique romaine ... d'où proviennent aujourd'hui plusieurs convertis à la foi protestante? S'affirmer c'est être gai et chrétien. Quelles sont les barrières qui exclues et les problématiques qui divisent? Quelles sont les solutions pour pouvoir développer l'accès au francophones dans notre association et dans nos milieux? Nicole Hamel, Québec. En 2002 a été congédiée lorsqu'elle a quitté l'Église catholique pour l'Église unie. Auteure de plusieurs publications, elle est agente paroissiale laïque engagée dans un ministère lié à l'inclusivité. Co fondatrice du groupe *Spiritualité Entre Nous* (février 2004), elle est co présidente du Conseil AffirmUnited/S'affirmer ensemble. Info : www3.sympatico.ca/rejnic

Dancing Together

A celebration of the partnership between the United Church of Canada and Affirm United/S'affirmer ensemble as we work together to achieve social justice. This workshop will be lead by Nicole Hamel and Brian Mitchell-Walker

The Call to Rural Ministry

A discussion and examination of the gifts and the pitfalls of ministry in a rural congregation. Annette Taylor, will draw on her life experience living and working in Urban, Rural and Isolated communities and relate these experiences to Rural Ministry.

Affirming Ministries

A workshop to discuss the need for Affirming Ministries within the United Church of Canada, the affirming process, and the expectations of Affirming Ministries.

Our Home, now and in the future

An opportunity for people attending the conference to meet with the directors of Affirm United / S'affirmer ensemble to talk about events and programs in their home community and to name and discuss issues and programs **that** can be addressed in the future.

United in Relationship

Similar to marriage preparation for heterosexual traditional couples, together we will explore different aspects of enriching relationships (communication and conflict skills, sharing histories, sexuality and spirituality). This workshop will seek to honour a variety of relationships - emphasizing the support needed for those in non-traditional relationships to honour and sustain the commitments they have made to each other. This workshop is intended for both those who are in relationship and those who want to support others' relationships