

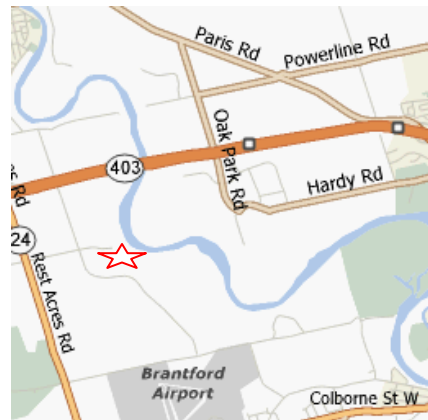
About Five Oaks

Five Oaks is an Affirming Ministry Educational Centre of The United Church of Canada. It was named in recognition of the five central Ontario conferences which it served first and also for the majestic oak trees which grace the land. The centre offers programs, provides for personal and congregational retreats and hosts a great variety of church and community groups.

How do I get to Five Oaks?

By car, from Highway 403 proceed south on Rest Acres Road to Bethel Road (first cross road south). Travel east on Bethel Road to Five Oaks.

To help us arrange rides from the Hamilton or Toronto (Pearson) airports, please let us know your flight information.



★ Five Oaks

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**AFFIRM UNITED
S'AFFIRMER ENSEMBLE**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE
and
ANNUAL MEETING
Fri. JULY 31- Sun. AUG 2, 2009**

**FIVE OAKS
United Church Conference
Centre
PARIS, ONTARIO**

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The 2009 Affirm United Conference

Friday July 31st
 1:30 – 5:00 Registration
 5:15 Chapel
 5:30 Supper
 7:00 Opening Welcome & Worship with Communion
 7:30 Theme Speaker

Saturday August 1st
 7:45 Chapel
 8:00 Breakfast
 9:00 Worship
 9:30 Theme Speaker
 10:30 Workshops
 12:15 Chapel
 12:30 Lunch
 1:30 Theme Speaker
 2:30 Workshops
 4:00 Pool Party
 5:15 Chapel
 5:30 Supper
 7:00 Evening Program

Sunday August 2nd
 7:45 Chapel
 8:00 Breakfast
 9:00 Worship
 10:00 AGM
 12:15 Chapel
 12:30 Lunch

REGISTRATION

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 Prov. _____ Postal Code _____
 Email _____
 Telephone _____
Emergency Contact #: _____
Name for my Tag: _____

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

SPECIAL NEEDS [Dietary etc.] _____

TRANSPORTATION

I will arrive by plane/train/other: _____

COST:

Onsite: (shared accommodation only)
 Full Price: \$360
 Early Bird: \$320 (prior to June 15)
 ***Conference Only: \$200**
 (*meals included; no accommodation)
 ^Saturday Day Fee: \$100
 (^lunch & dinner incl; no accommodation)

DONATION:

I can / cannot attend. Enclosed is a \$_____ tax deductible donation to help others with financial need attend.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

**Send cheque payable to
Affirm Conference 2009 to:**

Warren Schell / John Ross
114-366 The East Mall
Toronto, ON M9B 6C6

Apply Early

The onsite accommodations
are limited to 45 persons.
All are Double Occupancy!

ONSITE ACCOMMODATIONS

~Match me with a roommate:

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

() Intersex

I am willing to share with:

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

() Intersex

~I'd like to share with:

() (name)

- All rooms have twin beds, dresser, table & closet but **no clocks**
- Bedding and towels are supplied
- All baths are shared on hallway
- No air conditioning
- Wheelchair accessible

OFFSITE ACCOMMODATIONS

() **I need a billet.** ~Limited offsite
billeting will be made available.

~Both Brantford and Paris have a
selection of hotels and motels available

within a fifteen minute drive of Five
Oaks if you prefer to make your own
arrangements.

~Early Arrival: Accommodation at Five
Oaks is available only as of 1pm on
Friday. If you plan to arrive earlier than
Friday and need assistance to find
accommodation, let Warren or John
know.

BURSARY:

If you are unable to afford any part of
the registration fee and wish to request
a bursary contact Warren or John at:

warrenchell@rogers.com

THEME SPEAKERS

Susan Beaver is the Vision Keeper
at Francis Sandy Theological
College. She will invite us to look
at "Two-Spirited People" through
the eyes of some of our First
Nations.

Kim Uyede-Kai wowed us at
Saskatoon last year and has
graciously agreed to return again
this year. Kim will offer insight to
this year's theme of "Celebrating
Diversity Gifted in Human Form."

WORKSHOPS

**Transgendered and Looking for
the Owner's Manual**

A conversation and exploration of
some aspects of 'T' through
Sheila's personal story - some soft
facts, musings, and reflections on
living with 'God's little joke.'

**"For the gate is narrow and the
road is hard that leads to life ...**

Matthew 7:14

Sheilah is a Male to Female non-op
transgendered person living in
'small-town' BC trying to figure
out what **he** wants to be when **she**
grows up. She splits her life
(unevenly) between living and
working as "Bob" and maintaining
her spiritual soul-connection as
Sheilah.

Dancing Together

Wilson MacLennan and Nicole
Hamel, co-chairs of Affirm
United/S'affirmer ensemble will
lead. Along with soliciting input
from participants, this workshop
will celebrate and debate the

ongoing relationship between
Affirm United and the United
Church of Canada.

**Transgender: What It Is and What
It Is Not**

Michelle Hogan will lead a
discussion of experiences during 5
years of transition and 6 years of
living in truth as well as the fight
for human rights equality for a
very marginalized group in our
society. Be prepared to hear a lot
about what even members of this
group are doing, unconsciously, to
negatively affect their personal life
quality and how it can change.

**Living Shalom in our Faith
Community**

Roy Holton will help us **explore**
the gifts we bring to our faith
communities as queer people;
name what we need to help us
fully participate as members of the
congregation; **celebrate** what the
community gives to us; and
recognize how we mirror God's
Kingdom in the world.