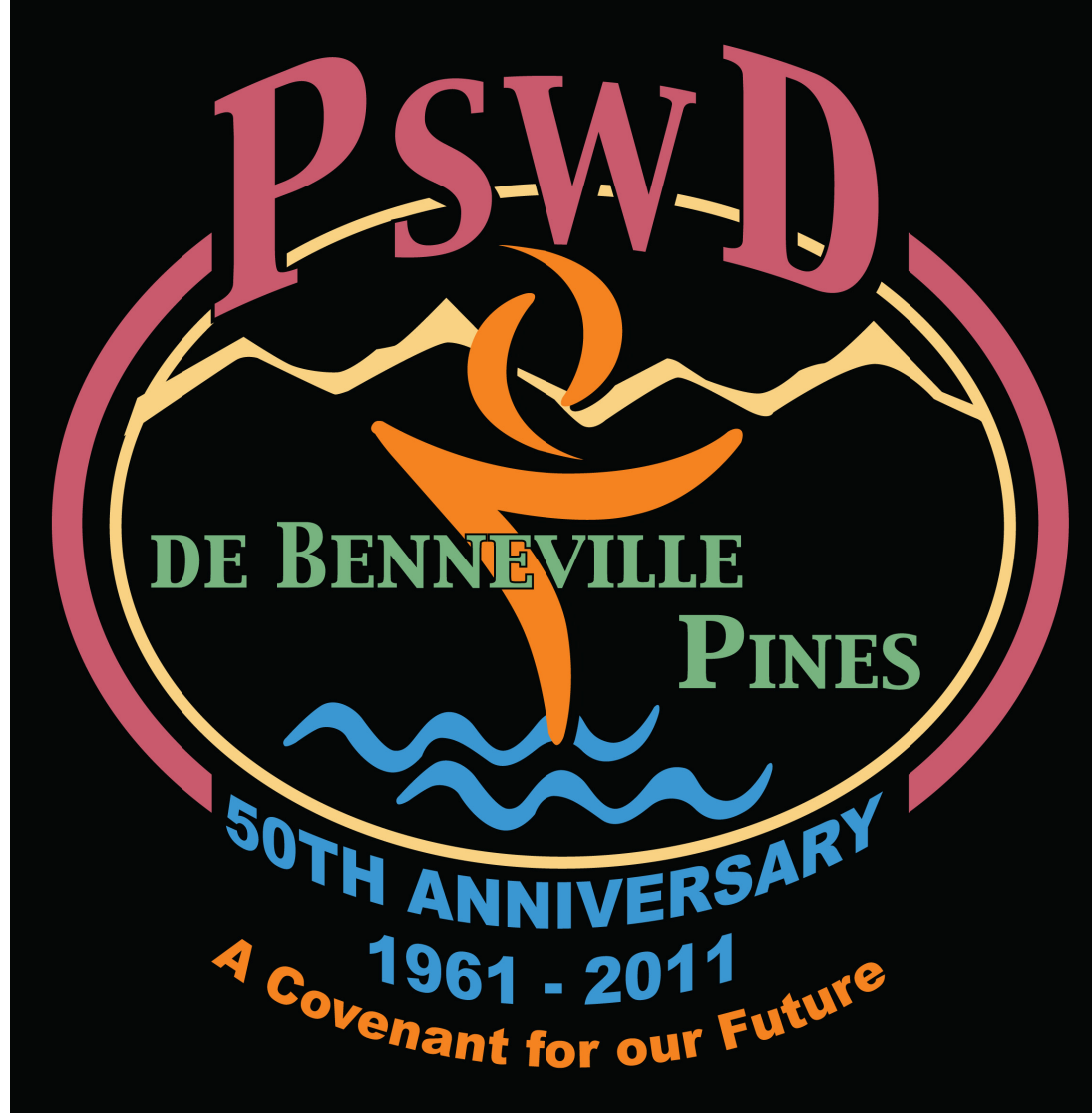


Annual Meeting

Pacific Southwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association and Camp de Benneville Pines



Tentative Schedule of Events

Pacific Southwest District
of the Unitarian Universalist Association
and Camp de Benneville Pines
District Assembly
May 20-21, 2011 — Pasadena, CA

May 20 (Friday)

- 3:00 - 7:15 pm Registration & Vendor Display Area
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm Welcome Reception hosted by Camp de Benneville Pines (no host bar)
- 5:00 - 7:15 pm 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner
- 7:15 - 7:30 pm Banner Parade assemblies
- 7:30 - 9:30 pm Opening Celebration and Keynote Address by the Rev. Peter Morales

May 21 (Saturday)

- 8:00 am - 10:00 am Registration
- 8:45 am UUMA led Worship Service
- 9:45 - 11:00 am Workshop Session I
- 11:00 - 11:30 am Break (visit display area)
- 11:30 am Bridging ceremony
- 12:30 - 1:30 pm Lunch (visit display area)
- 1:30 - 2:45 pm Workshop Session II
- 2:45 - 3:00 pm Break
- 3:00 - 3:30 pm Awards presentation
- 3:30 - 5:30 pm Business Meeting
- 5:30 pm Closing Ceremony

Hours for Display Tables

- Friday: 3:00 pm to 7:15 pm
- Saturday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

BANNER PARADE

Remember to bring your congregation's banner for the banner parade on Friday evening, with a suitable pole and frame for carrying it. Banners will be displayed on the Neighborhood Church campus throughout the Assembly.

WELCOME

The Pacific Southwest District and Camp de Benneville Pines will be delighted to welcome you to their combined annual meeting--aka District Assembly. We're throwing a party – and you'll want to make sure your name is on the list. In addition to a keynote address by the Rev. Peter Morales, President of the UUA, worship, workshops, bridging, and business meeting, there will be a celebratory dinner on Friday night in honor of our 50th Anniversary! So make your plans now to be in Pasadena, CA, May 20-21, to be a part of this very special gathering of Unitarian Universalists.



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

“A Covenant for Our Future”

Rev. Peter Morales

The Rev. Peter Morales, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, will share his vision of a thriving, diverse, multicultural faith for the 21st Century.

HOTEL INFORMATION

There are a number of hotels in various price ranges close to the Neighborhood Church campus and we are working on securing special rates at several of them. Information will be posted online at www.pswduua.org on the District Assembly page as soon as it is available.

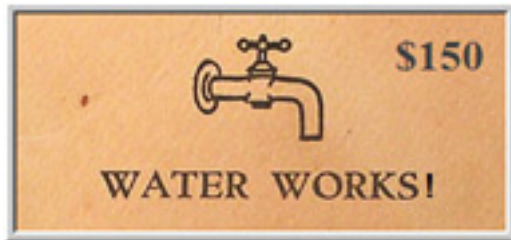
HOME HOSPITALITY

Some non-smoking home hospitality is available on a first-come first-served basis. Cost is a \$40 per person donation to the UU congregation of the host. Contact Judy Wallace in the Neighborhood Church office to make a reservation: 626-449-3470 X10 or jwallace@uuneighborhood.org.

INCLUSIVITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

In order to be inclusive of all persons, please help by not wearing or using fragrances. Restrooms in the workshop meeting areas are wheelchair accessible. Neighborhood Church of Pasadena is non-smoking and all meeting rooms are accessible.

SERVICE PROJECT



The service project identified for this year's PSWD District Assembly is Camp de Benneville Pines and the Water Works campaign. The underground water system of Camp de Benneville Pines is over 70 years old and in dire need of replacement. Without a viable water infrastructure, our beloved camp will not be able to operate and continue to offer the wide range of programs reflective of its first 50 years as a Unitarian Universalist camp and conference center. All donations to this year's District Assembly service project will go towards the capital drive to replace the system and keep de Benneville Pines viable for generations to come. For more information on the Water Works campaign, please go to www.uucamp.org.

DISPLAY TABLES

Part of District Assembly is the display area with tables offering information and books and other items for sale. This year, display tables will be in Ross Chapel. The cost per 6-foot display table is \$15 for vendors who are not selling anything, strictly distributing information, and \$25 for vendors who wish to sell something. Some electrical connections are available. Applications are available online at www.pswduua.org on the District Assembly page. Deadline for display table applications is May 6. If you have questions or need more information, contact Mary Nelson at the PSWD office (805-485-1780, pswd@aol.com).

GREEN! GREEN!

The DA Planning Committee is committed to reducing the impact of our assembly on the environment. We will use as little paper as possible and recycle all that we use. A \$1 carbon offset fee has been built in to each registration; this money will be offered as a grant to a PSWD congregation working on Green Sanctuary status who has a carbon offset project as part of their program. Applications for the grant will be available on the PSWD display table.

FOOD

The general registration fee for District Assembly covers the Friday evening Anniversary Celebration Dinner, Saturday morning coffee and snacks and Saturday lunch.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarships are available to adults and youth, and will probably be partial. Requests for scholarship assistance are to be submitted no later than April 29 to the District Office, along with a completed Registration Form with the appropriate box checked. Scholarship request forms can be downloaded from our website: <http://www.pswduua.org/media/docs2/PSWD%20Schol%20policy%20and%20App%2008.pdf>

YOUTH CAUCUS

The Youth Caucus meets as a part of the Assembly. Youth (grades 9-12) will be sleeping overnight at Neighborhood Church. They will participate in all regular activities as well as some special activities planned by and for them. A Bridging Ceremony will mark the passage of graduating seniors on Saturday morning. Please check the box on the Registration Form if you would like to participate. Coordinators for the Youth Caucus are Sara Lawall, DRE at Neighborhood Church, slawall@uuneighborhood.org and her Sr. High youth leaders.

Youth Caucus Registration: Youth must complete and submit the DA registration form (no later than April 29). Space is limited, so it is critical that youth register by the deadline. A special Youth Caucus Registration Form will be e-mailed to youth who register, containing detailed information, Youth Scholarship information, rules, and Permission and Medical Release Forms which must be returned by May 11.

This event is sponsored by the PSWD, and is not a mini-con sponsored by the PSWD YRUU. Each youth must have a parent or adult sponsor attending the meeting. Youth are expected to comply with the standard rules of no violence, weapons, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, sex or inappropriate sexual behavior. Non-compliance will result in the individual being sent home, the parents notified, and the next two district youth events being missed.

Due to lack of interest or participation, we are no longer offering programs for elementary or middle school aged children. We do, however still offer child care. Please register your children in advance for child care, so we are able to provide appropriate levels of staffing.

CHILD CARE INFORMATION FORM

Parent/Guardian(s): _____
Address, Phone, email: _____

Please fill out a separate line for each child, including infants.

Name(first and last)	Age	Birth date
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Childcare will be available as follows (check those probably needed):

- Friday 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm (available only by prearrangement)
- Saturday 8:45 am - 12:30 pm
- Saturday 1:15 pm - 5:30 pm

Please list any health conditions or special needs that your children have:

WORKSHOP SESSION I 9:45 am – 11:00 am

1. A Covenant for Our Future

— Rev. Peter Morales

A continuation of the Keynote theme. Rev. Morales will discuss his vision of a diverse and multicultural faith for the 21st Century.

2. SALT of the Earth: Mentoring our Present and Future

— Rev. Sonya Sukalski, Samantha Wilson

Want to change the future? Change the way you have conversations! Our presenters will explore Joanna Macy and Peter Block's methods for transformational conversations and their roles in mentoring relationships. Look at gratitude, gifts, dissent, ownership, possibility and commitment and get a taste of SALT (Spiritual Activist Leadership Training) UULMCA's 9 month leadership program beginning in September

3. LUMINESCENCE: Presenting a Dedicated UU Winter Holiday

— Rick Kamlet and UU Church of Santa Clarita Valley members

For the past 3 years UUCSCV has been working on a dedicated UU winter Holiday. The aim is to explore the meaning of self reflection both as individuals and as a community, and to find light in the darkest winter months. In the process we honor the many paths our faith offers for attaining spiritual fulfillment, and we celebrate the freedom our faith provides for seeking personal truth.

4. Reimagining Justice: Healing Through Spiritually-Grounded Action

— Rev. Kathleen Owens, Kristin Kuriga

Would you like to create a more vibrant, engaging and spiritually-grounded social justice ministry? Over the past year, First UU Church of San Diego has been undergoing a transformation process that has engaged 200 members of our congregation in action and raised \$80,000 for local community organizations. Come learn about the programs that are part of Reimagining Justice, and the spiritual grounding that has inspired it.

5. From Chore to Core: Stewardship as a Spiritual Practice

— Rev. John Morehouse

As we look to the next fifty years, Rev. John Morehouse will present a workshop on how to “turn raising money from a chore to the core” of our religious life as churches. This workshop is for church leaders concerned about how to raise money in these very trying times. John has extensive experience in the many kinds of stewardship from pledge drives to capital campaigns. John is the lead minister of Pacific Unitarian Church and serves as our district representative to the Annual Program Fund for the UUA.

6. Spiral of the Spirit: Engaging, Integrating and Deepening People in the Faith that Is Unitarian Universalism

— Rev Paul Langston-Daley

The Spiral of the Spirit guides people from welcome, to learning, to identity and then to generosity and giving back in a theologically-grounded environment. This environment is created and sustained through the efforts of leaders and members in covenant as they work together to define their faith and identity as UU's. This workshop offers practical tools for integrating new members, identifying and developing leadership, and growing social justice work in UU theologies.

7. Community Forum: Creating a Dynamic Public Event Series

— Pamela Lopez and Matthew Weisman

The Conejo Valley UU Fellowship Community Forum is an ongoing series of speakers, films, workshops and socially relevant entertainment events designed to inform, inspire and delight our community. Since August 2008 we have hosted over 50 events bringing hundreds of people through our doors. These programs put our name and voice into the greater community, promoting awareness of CVUUF as “a beacon of liberal religion, tolerance, equity, compassion, respect for human rights” Learn how to create your own dynamic series of events at little or no cost.

8. Being or Becoming Welcoming Congregations: Revisiting our GLBTQI ally-ship

— Lara Helfer

A decade or so after the UUA's Welcoming Congregation initiative, UUA churches now largely assume GLBTQI inclusivity. Have we more to learn, and more to do, however? With youth suicides on the rise, other faith traditions becoming either more progressive and accepting OR more critical, in the wake of Proposition 8, and so much more, what other steps can we take to support our GLBTQI brothers and sisters?

This program is particularly focused on youth and young adults (though all are welcome). Come talk about how you identify in terms of your sexual identity (or if you do), where you encounter bullying or a lack of understanding, and how we, as a faith tradition, might improve our ability to Stand on the Side of Love.

9. Covenant: The Sequel!

— Rev. Matthew Crary & Kat Norman

The covenant adventure continues! Our congregation in Riverside has proceeded with its search for covenant following the steps of COME-CONNECT-COMMIT-COVENANT(as shared at DA 2010). These are not only our path to membership, but the steps we are taking in a year long search to name our covenantal promises between each individual and our community. Walking this path together we've discovered practical approaches and deep spiritual meanings of our shared UUism. We are on a shared journey with different steps—join us!

10. Reverence for Life: A Covenant with All Beings

— Rev. Dr. Beth Johnson

The UU Animal Ministry has been the leading voice for humane advocacy, theological reflection, and ethical action within UUism in the past 25 years. UUAM developed the Reverence for Life Program to help congregations engage in theological and ethical reflection, discern what actions emerge from that reflection, and act in accordance with these revelations. This workshop will introduce the Reverence for Life Program, invite participants in reflection and dialogue and give concrete tools and support for themselves and congregations to consider humane advocacy.

11. Immigration as Seen by Humanitarian Aid Activists

— Walt Staton & Maryada Vallet

As the demographics of deported immigrants and the families they are forced to leave behind in the U.S. are changing, and as ICE and the Border Patrol shift their emphasis and tactics, No More Deaths, a humanitarian aid organization that is a social justice ministry of the UU Church of Tucson, is adjusting its work and its strategies to meet the new needs of immigrants and their families in the U.S.

12. Why Do We Own this Camp? Camp de Benneville Pines and the Value of “Outdoor Ministry”

— Tom Thoward & Dr. Ross Quinn

Although most people who have been to a church weekend, PSWD youth camp, or special event at de Benneville Pines, such as yoga camp, Men’s Renewal, or Women’s Retreat, do not often question the value of owning a wilderness retreat, the question does occasionally come up in UU congregations and with District leadership. Learn about the UUA’s growing emphasis on Outdoor Ministry and the part UU-owned retreat centers play in that movement. This workshop will explore the value of de Benneville to our membership and the growth of UUism.

13. How to Build Bridges between Muslim and Non-Muslim People of Faith

-- Rev. Hannah Petrie

In June 2010 Neighborhood Church, in conjunction with UU Service Committee, co-sponsored an event called the Building Bridges Workshop held at a private Blue Ribbon Muslim elementary school close to the church. Its purpose was to explore some of the civil liberty challenges facing American Muslims, Arab and South-Asian Americans. From this work the Building Bridges Task Force (BBTF) was born. It has met monthly since last July, a diverse group of local Muslims, UU church and local community members. Our mission is to build relationships between Muslim and non-Muslim people of faith, provide educational and advocacy opportunities and counter-demonstrate hatred towards American Muslims when necessary. Some examples will be shared. Come learn how your UU congregation can get similar work started in your community, to build relationship with your Muslim neighbors.

WORKSHOP SESSION II 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

14. Immigration and Marriage Equality—Standing on the Side of Love and Supporting Families

— Rev. Kent Doss

Too often in the struggle for justice we go it alone and forget our closest allies. This workshop will be a panel discussion of people working within UU justice movements and experts from the secular activist community. We will deal with two topics. First we will explore the tangible legal connection between marriage equality and immigration justice. Then together, we will explore how we might build bridges between the two movements as UU's Standing on the Side of Love.

15. The Reluctant Activist: A Compassionate Guide to Making a Difference

— Rev. Stefanie Etzbach-Dale

Many of us are acutely aware of the imbalance in the world and of our responsibility to make a difference—yet can't figure out how to do this in a way that feels authentic, meaningful and sustainable. This empowering workshop gently invites us "reluctant activists" to acknowledge the complexity of issues in need of care, to bring compassion to themselves within this context and to connect with their unique and empowering values, gifts and abilities to "make a difference."

16. Organize Your Congregation to End the Wars In Iraq and Afghanistan

— Rick Rhoads, Cathie Gentile, Roberta Frye, Fred Kusher

In May 2010 UU Community Church of Santa Monica passed a congregational resolution demanding a prompt US withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan. Together with other UU's we proposed a similar Action of Immediate Witness at General Assembly. The AIW received over 50% of the vote, although not the 2/3rds necessary for passage. As far as we know no other UU churches at GA had passed such resolutions. This workshop will help and inspire you to organize locally against the wars, leading towards a denominational resolution in 2011 or 2012. A short version of the movie "Why Are We in Afghanistan" will be shown.

17. GO GREEN!! Keeping our Passion Alive on Environmental Issues

— Sandy Briggs, Curt Keedy, Martha Kazlo, Erika Presley, Mary Teagarden & Shirley Thompson

The UU Church of Riverside has had an active Green Sanctuary movement for more than 10 years. Participants in this workshop will talk about how commitment to the environment has affected their experience of faith and how they sustain enthusiasm for sustainability. Environmental problems' remedies are so complex that people are easily overwhelmed or discouraged. It is important we provide sufficient emotional and spiritual nurture—and just plain fun!—to keep us going for the long haul.

18. Plant your Love and Let it Grow

— Kat Norman and Samantha Wilson

Through Helen Ward's story "The Tin Forest," personal testimony, song, poetry, and meditations created by Joanna Macy, this multisensory, inspirational and hands-on social justice workshop explores the possibilities unlocked by Blessed Unrest and nurtured by covenantal love. Share stories about the growth of commitment and clarity of vision and witness the synergistic power of blessed community in action. Grow your own understanding of covenant as a powerful tool for the work of turning this world towards something deeper, more sustainable and life-giving.

19. UUism Turns 50 and Catches Fire Theologically

— Rev. Tom Owen-Towle

This workshop highlights the deepening theological awareness of UU since the consolidation in 1961. A historical analysis with references to theological concepts from Covenant to Salvation, evil to evolution, gratitude to God. It is based on Rev. Owen-Towle's new book due spring 2011 entitled *Unitarian Universalist Theology Ablaze*.

20. Theism and Atheism: The Differences that Unite Us

— Dr. Roger Christian Schriner

The rich theological diversity of UUism presents both opportunities and challenges. Frequently UUs avoid discussing religion with each other for fear of saying something hurtful. But sharing our religious perspectives openly can help us deepen spiritually and strengthen our congregations. Come learn positive and practical strategies for transcending theological barriers.

21. Crossing Borders: Immigration from the Migrant's Perspective

— Daniel Stracka and Katia Hansen

This workshop will help participants view immigration from the perspective of the the migrant. Rather than looking at the issue solely through the lens of U.S. self interest, we will examine the push/pull factors causing migration. It will encourage people to consider immigration from love rather than from a political position. It will provide a framework of how to discuss immigration with someone whose views are different from one's own and thus focus on building common ground

22. Telling Our Stories: A Spiritual Exploration of Diversity

— Kristen Kuriga & Jan Carpenter Tucker

Come experience this ritual time of sharing and listening from the heart, and learn about an approach to diversity work that goes beyond intellectual understanding of privilege and oppression. We've found that sharing personal stories on the themes of intercultural diversity and social justice can promote healing, deeper relationships, listening without judgment, and insight into cultural differences. "Telling Our Stories" is a joint program of the Journey Toward Wholeness Committee and the Social Justice Ministry Team at First UU San Diego.

23. Planned Giving – Questions and Answers

— Victor White, Liz McClain-Baker, Tom Petersmeyer, Rev. Frank Placone-Willey & Ron Crane

A planned giving program in your congregation can benefit both your congregation and its many potential donors that want to help support Unitarian Universalism's future. This panel-style workshop will address crucial topics associated with establishing and maintaining a planned giving program: (1) elements of a successful planned giving program, along with what a planned giving committee does; (2) ways the UUA can support a congregation's planned giving program; (3) how the following types of gifts can benefit your congregation: bequests from a will or revocable trust, a charitable gift annuity and permanent life insurance proceeds; (4) ways of recognizing legacy donors and those that elect to make planned gifts; and (5) resources available for planning a planned giving program.

24. Neighborhood People of Color

— Rev. Dr. James Nelson, Corinne Grant, Sharon Kyle & Lynn Miyamoto

Join us in a discussion on the formation, history and current activities of Neighborhood People of Color. NPOC was formed over five years ago at Neighborhood Church as an intentional People of Color gathering to explore issues of race and ethnicity in a Unitarian Universalist context, to provide support, encouragement and strength for one another, and to engage in intentional anti-racism/anti-oppression work at Neighborhood Church with the goal of strengthening our congregation and reaching out to the greater Pasadena community. Explore how you might create similar such groups and movements within your home congregations, share ideas with others, and create a network of support for such activities within the Pacific Southwest District.

25. Governance, Representation and Service Delivery in the Next 50 Years

— Tom Loughrey, UUA Trustee & Rev. Ken Brown, PSWD District Executive

Districts have operated as independent governance entities since the 1961 merger. Recently a number of districts have begun discussions to change that model. The UUA Board has committed to reducing the size of the Board itself and this will affect representation of districts and how services are delivered to congregations if district structures change. We will discuss the current status of those proposals as well as solicit input from congregational leaders on the issues.

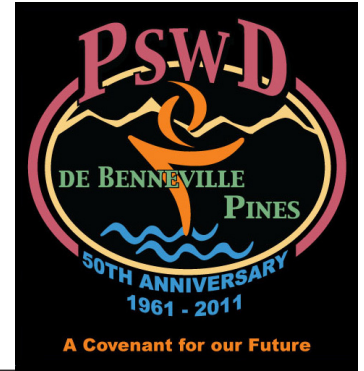
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FORM

“A COVENANT FOR OUR FUTURE”

Pasadena, CA, May 20-21, 2011

Registration must be received by April 29, 2011

Please fill out a form for each person attending (age 5 and up) .



Name (as you want it to appear on badge): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Congregation: _____

Workshop in session 1 you are most likely to attend: _____ Workshop in session 2 you are most likely to attend: _____

(This will help in assigning the right size room for each workshop. It's not a commitment to attend these workshops)

Check Status: Youth Advisor Bridger Young Adult Scholarship Applicant

Youth: Age: _____ Parent's Name/Phone: _____

(Sponsors in attendance required for youth not accompanied by a parent.)

(also complete page 5)

Youth Sponsor name: _____

Meal Choices: Omnivore Vegan

Accessibility Concerns: _____

PARTICIPANT	Fee before April 29	Fee after April 29
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult-Full Registration: (Friday–Saturday)	\$80	\$105
<input type="checkbox"/> Theological Student/Full-Time College Student/ Retired Minister/Retired Minister Spouse or Partner: (Friday–Sunday)	\$65	\$90
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Only: (Dinner, Opening Celebration & Keynote)	\$35	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only: (Workshops, Lunch)	\$65	\$90
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Caucus—Grades 9-12: (All events, Friday-Saturday)	\$30	\$55
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Care (Infant-4 yrs) (Childcare, snacks – Sat. all day) Number of Children _____	\$0	\$35 per child registered after April 29

Donation to Scholarship Fund: \$25 \$50 \$75 Other _____

TOTAL FEE: _____ Check enclosed Applying for Scholarship

Mail this form with your check made out to PSWD District Assembly to

PSW District Office, 2052 Norma Street, Oxnard, CA 93036 before April 29

REFUND POLICY: Full refunds will be made for all requests received by May 9.
The amount refunded after May 9 will be \$40 for adults and \$15 for youth.