



Annual Gathering 2009
May 28-31 @ Asilomar Conference Grounds

Sharing our Burdens, Encouraging One Another

Thursday, May 28

3pm Registration Opens
4pm Orientations to Annual Meeting
Dinner All Together!
Annual Gathering Opening Worship
—*Bernice Powell Jackson preaching*

Friday, May 29

Morning Worship
—*Leian Cimarra preaching*
Guided Conversations—*Sharing our Burdens*
Lunch
Afternoon Alternatives—Workshops, Work
Projects, Discernment Sessions, Choir and
Readers' Theatre rehearsals...
Dinner
Executive Council Structure Report
UCC General Minister and President Nomination
Report
State of the Covenant—*Mary Susan Gast*
speaking
Bonfire and Drumming Circle for adults

Saturday, May 30

Morning Gathering
—*Bernice Powell Jackson speaking*
Guided Conversations
—*Encouraging One Another*
Lunch
Annual Meeting (Business Session)
Association Gatherings
Open and Affirming Dinner
Evening Fun & Entertainment
Bonfire for Youth

Sunday, May 31

Closing Worship
Including the Asilomar Mass Choir,
Asilomar Mass Readers' Theatre,
Communion, and Conference Minister
Mary Susan Gast preaching

Our Featured Guest:



The Rev. Dr. Bernice Powell Jackson serves as the President of the North American Region of the World Council of Churches. She served formerly as the Executive Minister for Justice and Witness Ministries of the UCC and as the Executive Director of the UCC Commission for Racial Justice. She has extensive experience in the non-profit and government worlds, having served for three years as the director of the Bishop Tutu Southern African Refugee Scholarship Fund, where she also was the Archbishop's representative in the U.S.

Our Featured Action: Work Projects

Friday Afternoon of Annual Gathering, we'll have the option of working offsite or onsite to make the world a better place—a unique form of faith in action at Annual Gathering. Opportunities to do home repair, environmental clean-up and prepare disaster kits are in the works. Bring your grubbies just in case the Spirit calls you offsite!

The 2009 Schedule also includes...

- ☛ Morning and Evening Nurture and Inspiration Opportunities
- ☛ Speak-Outs by **YOU**, the attendees, throughout the event
- ☛ Youth Leadership Program
- ☛ Children's Program for ages 3-12
- ☛ Special Meals (see Registration Form)