

Preaching from the Heart: A Workshop on Extemporaneous Preaching

Facilitated by Rev. Dr. M'ellen Kennedy

The same workshop will be offered on two occasions:

Saturday, April 10, 2010, 10 AM – 4 PM

and

Saturday, May 22, 2010, 10AM – 4 PM

In Winchester, New Hampshire

Sponsored by the Universalist Heritage Foundation



*“There is a place where words are born of silence.
A place where whispers of the heart arise.” Rumi*

If You are moved by the message of Universalism, "God is Love"; and if You feel drawn to exploring a different relationship with the text, this workshop is for You. This is a faith-based approach to preaching, an effort to tap into the Universalist heritage. We'll draw on the example of the great Universalist extemporaneous preachers and also look to develop a new approach that speaks to the pressing needs of our time. The workshop will incorporate short lectures, discussion, exercises and small group work. It is open to ministers and seminarians of all traditions and with any level of experience with preaching.

Purposes:

- To help You fulfill your call in ministry;
- To assist You in continuing to find your authentic voice in the pulpit;
- To help You explore and forge a new relationship with the text that is authentic for You and your ministry;
- To help You explore and strengthen regular spiritual practices and your commitment to them -- given that attention to the heart (i.e. regular spiritual practice) is the wellspring for preaching from the heart;
- To build community by getting to know one another.

*“All the sweetness of religion is conveyed to the world by the hands of story-tellers and image-makers.
Without their fictions the truths of religion would for the multitude be neither intelligible nor apprehensible,
and the prophets would prophesy and the teachers teach in vain.” George Bernard Shaw*

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The **Universalist Heritage Foundation** is located 13 miles south of Keene, NH on Route 10 in Winchester, NH, where the historical Winchester Profession of Belief was signed in 1803. The church is in the center of this small town.

Registration: Please fill out one form for each person attending. Please send this completed form and your check by **April 6th** or by **May 18th** to Rev. M'ellen Kennedy, 3764 Quaker St., Bristol, VT 05443. Email: mellenken@aol.com

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

CONGREGATION//SEMINARY _____

CITY/ STATE _____

FEE: The workshop fee, which includes lunch and an information packet, is \$40 for ministers and \$30 for seminarians.

I enclose a check to "**Rev. M'ellen Kennedy**" for this amount: (please check) _____ \$40 _____ \$30

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DATE FOR WHICH YOU'RE REGISTERING: APRIL 10 MAY 22

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR SPECIAL NEEDS: __Vegetarian __Vegan __Allergies (specify _____)

Other: