

** Which boundaries have defined or still define UUism?*

**What can the 19th-century
Western Controversy teach us
about today's controversies?*

**What are today's controversies?*

**How do legacies of conflict and violence over "the frontier" shape us today?*

**Where are today's "frontiers"?*

**How have we grown in the past? *What might enable growth today?*

We anticipate a rich gathering of ministers, scholars, students, and others who cherish the history, heritage, and future of Unitarian Universalism. We invite you to present a scholarly paper, panel or workshop, performance, media exhibit, sermon, or hymn at this Convocation. Submit an application to ConvoProgram@gmail.com by May 15, 2016, using the below form.

SCHOLARLY PAPERS: We welcome scholarly papers that engage the theme of the conference through various disciplines and lenses, including history, theology, and ethics. Please submit an *abstract of 300-500 words*. (For more information, contact Stephanie May at smay@uuwayland.org.)

PANELS/WORKSHOPS: We also welcome workshops and panels. These might feature formal instruction by one or two persons, structured discussion among panelists, or informal conversation engaging the attendees and presenters. Please submit a *description of 500-750 words* of proposed format, participants, and goals. (For more, contact Barbara Coeyman at revbarbarac@comcast.net.)

PERFORMANCES: We welcome dramatic and musical performances, such as a short play, impersonation, poem, or song. Please submit a *description of 300-500 words*, indicating approximate length and space requirements. (For more, contact Barbara Coeyman at revbarbarac@comcast.net.)

MULTIMEDIA/EXHIBITS/POSTERS: If you have an individual or organizational project to display, such as films, video, posters, material artifacts, and other exhibit models, please submit a *description of 300-500 words*, including a rough estimate of the space required. (For more information, contact Stephanie May at smay@uuwayland.org. To display books or other publications, including items for sale, please contact Victor Urbanowicz vurbanowicz@yahoo.com.)

SERMON CONTEST: The Convocation includes a Sermon Contest. Ministers, seminarians, and lay ministers are invited to submit a sermon on the conference theme. The winner will preach the sermon in the Convocation worship service Sunday, October 30. The winner will receive free registration and travel/hotel expenses (up to \$500). Please submit a *full text or audio file* of your sermon. (For more information, contact Kathleen Parker at kraparker.4487@gmail.com.)

HYMN CONTEST: Submissions for a hymn contest are also invited. The winning hymn will be sung at Sunday worship and at least one other time during the Convocation. The winner will receive free registration and travel/hotel expenses (up to \$500). Entries must feature new music, with or without original lyrics. Hymns on non-original lyrics should be accompanied with documentation that the text is in the public domain, or a signed and dated agreement from the copyright holder granting permission to use the text. Entries should be suitable for amateur singers and include keyboard accompaniment and/or guitar chords. Please submit a *pdf copy*. Up to two submissions can be made by a single composer. (For more information, contact Earl Holt at earlholt@aol.com.)

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE: CONVOCATION 2016

Complete and email this form to ConvoProgram@gmail.com or visit www.uucollegium.org/apply for the online form and upload files. All submissions must be received by **Sunday, May 15, 2016**. Presentation proposals should include the information listed below, including a more detailed description or full text, depending on the participation type, as noted in previous page. If you are applying for more than one presentation, please submit a separate application for each item. Once sent, you should receive an automated confirmation. If you are having any problems or have questions, please contact either [Stephanie May smay@uuwayland.org](mailto:smay@uuwayland.org) or [Barbara Coeyman revbarbarac@comcast.net](mailto:revbarbarac@comcast.net). Notification of acceptance on the Convocation program will be sent by Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

1. As the person completing this form, I am applying as:

- An individual On behalf of a group

2. This application is for my/our participation in one of the following categories:

- Scholarly Paper Workshop/Panel Performance
 Exhibit/Poster Sermon Contest Hymn Contest

3. Program title (10-words maximum):

4. Program description (50-words maximum):

5. Professional biography, for individual applicants (100-word maximum):

6. Organizational description, for group proposals (100-word maximum):

7. Primary point of contact

- a. Full Name:
b. Title / Affiliation:
c. City, State, Zip:
d. Phone:
e. Email Address:

8. Conflicts (describe time/date conflicts between noon on Thur. 10/27 and noon on Sun. 10/30, if any):

9. Space needs (describe your presentation needs such as a lectern, table, chairs in rows/circle, etc.):

10. Audiovisual requests (i.e., microphone, projector, screen, speakers, power strip, flip chart, piano, etc.):

** Presenters are expected to bring their own supplies, handouts, and other needed items, unless specifically pre-arranged with program organizers. ** As per the instructions in the previous page, please email text and/or media files based on the requirements for each presentation category or upload them at www.uucollegium.org/apply*