

NAIN



North American Interfaith Network

Building communication & understanding among faith and interfaith organizations across a continent in...

*Canada,
the United States
& Mexico*

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**NAINConnect 2009
Annual Conference
June 25-28, 2009
Kansas City, Missouri
at Unity Village**

**"EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT
IN EDUCATION:
THE CHALLENGE OF RELI-
GIOUS PLURALISM"**

Local Hosts:

**Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council
and SpiritPath at Unity Village**

Many interfaith organizations provide interfaith education to the general public, and many educational institutions have developed advanced multifaith programs. NAINConnect '09 will bring together representatives of these two environments to inform each other – to share stories, ideas and strategies for interfaith education so that we can all become more effective.

The NAINConnect 2009 Experience

The Unity grounds are beautifully peaceful. There are walking trails and paths that lead down to a beautiful lake. Many tree covered grassy areas are inviting for personal meditation or a group discussion. And June is a gorgeous month in Missouri. Following is an outline of the experience we are creating for you.

On Thursday, dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30. After dinner, at 7:00 PM, a reception will be held. NAIN, Unity and the KC Council will welcome everyone and then there will be a **Nez Perce worship** welcome. Light fare will be served so if people missed dinner they will have something to eat. The reception is designed to welcome anyone new to Interfaith, NAIN, etc. so we can warmly welcome all. We would very much like NAIN to be a strong presence at this welcome. Please contact me if you would like to help welcome the Kansas City community.

On Friday morning after breakfast and yoga, The Kansas City Interfaith Council will welcome everyone. Then we will have a panel discussion. This panel is comprised of people who have been in Interfaith from youth. After the opening, workshops begin. There are 8 concurrent workshops from 10:30 to Noon. Before Lunch, **Muslim prayer and worship** will be experienced. After lunch there are 8 concurrent workshops from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. We believe the 3:30 to 5:30 open time will allow all of us to reflect on the workshops we have experienced and soak in what the workshop presenters have given us. Spending time with each other is also valuable time spent. We will be able to take slow walks down to the beautiful lake, golf, swim or enjoy a massage, a drumming circle, pray, or read.

Friday evening at 5:00 we will have a **Hindu worship** and then enjoy a banquet with music and **Shabbat at Sundown**. On Saturday morning we will enjoy a **Sikh worship experience** and then an Interactive panel discussion regarding Topics/issues of the day regarding faith. After this discussion, there will be 8 concurrent workshops from 10:30 to Noon, lunch and then 8 more workshops from 1:30 to 3:00. Then we will have our AGM and Board Meeting. I have invited the KC Council to the AGM but we have also built in free time for our guests, which includes the previous day's free time activities.

At 5:00 we will be gifted with a **Vedanta worship** and then dinner. We are planning an outdoor grilled dinner with music and then near sundown, we will be invited to experience a **Pagan Worship**. This evening is open with food and music and is designed to be relaxing, full of laughter and each other.

On Sunday after breakfast, 8 concurrent workshops will be offered from 8:30 to 10:00. We are invited to a **Unity worship** from 10:30 to 11:30 on campus. We will have lunch and then the closing ceremony. This closing ceremony will be a **Buddhist service** and then NAIN (Bettina), KC Council (Bob Bacic) and Unity (Paulette Pipe) send us on our way at 2:00.

This schedule is tentative and may still be adjusted to meet our collective needs.



AT UNITY VILLAGE

- Unity Village is located approximately one hour from the Kansas City airport (MCI).
- Ground transportation can be obtained from:

LLC: 816-522-3582 (cash only)

BATS: 816-588-4301

American Luxury Limousine: 800-861-1071

Quicksilver: 800-888-8294

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Registration prior to May 15 - \$249

After May 15 - \$299

1-day pass for Fri **OR** Sat only \$75

Day meal package may be arranged by phone. 1-866-348-6489 Option 2

Or bookstore snacks available from 7am - 2pm

High school and college students may have the registration fee waved by contacting Peter Laurence for pre-approval.
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Registration Form

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Prov. _____

Zip/Postal Code _____

Young Adult? (age 18-35) Yes / No

See www.nain.org for Young Adult Scholarship information.

Check enclosed made payable to Unity Village, or

Charge my credit card

Type of Card _____

MC, Visa, Amex

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Mail Registration Code:

NAIN G9660625 SPRTRET9 S0043

Mail registration form and check **or** credit card information to:

Attn: SpiritPath Customer Care Dept.
 SpiritPath at Unity Village
 1901 NW Blue Parkway
 Unity Village, MO 64065-0001

Or Phone:

1-866-348-6489 (toll free) Option 1

E-mail:

SpiritPathCS@unityonline.org

Website:

www.spiritpathonline.org

After registering by phone, you will be transferred to the Hotel to make your room reservations.

Or you may call separately the above number and select Option 2

Accommodation Options

Conference Center (per night)

(All meals are included)

Single Room	\$129.50
Shared Room	\$96.50 pp

Unity Village Motel (per night)

(All meals are included)

(2) Double beds 1 person	\$108.80
(2) Double beds 2 people	\$80.80 pp
(1) Queen bed 1 person	\$96.20
(1) Queen bed 2 people	\$77.30 pp

Cottage dorm-style accommodation

\$83 a night per person with meal package

\$44 a night per person without meals