

Fellowship of Tupelo meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11a.m. at Temple B'Nai Israel 1301 Marshall St. Tupelo. We would love to have you come over. Check out our website, <http://www.UUTupelo.org>

>>>>> **MIDSOUTH DISTRICT** <<<<<<

Living Simply, Living Spiritually, Living Sustainably

The Healthy Congregations Conference on October 8 is being graciously hosted by the Auburn UU Fellowship in Auburn, Alabama and held at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn. It's time to register your congregation's team and prepare for a day of learning, networking and inspiration.

The Mid-South welcomes Dr. Charlie Clements, President of the UU Service Committee (UUSC), as our featured speaker. Dr. Clements will be sharing the deep commitment of the UUSC with us on water conservation and stewardship. If humans have a right to use the resources on this planet, they must accept the responsibility of good stewardship. Come experience the depth of Dr. Clements' 30 years of justice work.

The Living Simply, Living Spiritually, Living Sustainably theme is repeated throughout the sessions with ideas and energy for lay leaders to bring back to their congregations:

-- Developing Environmentally Conscious Congregations being led by Dr. Sharon Roberts and Dr. Charlie Clements. These two sessions focus on the Green Sanctuary program and environmental justice in your congregation.

-- Learn about the Green Sanctuary program and environmental justice

-- Explore lay led worship using elements from the UU Ministry for Earth (formerly 7th Principle)

materials, and then have a chance to use your skills (and instruments, if you bring them) to craft our closing service.

-- Secure your congregation's future by learning about new techniques of identifying your future leaders and developing their leadership skills.

-- Create or enhance small group ministry in your congregation. This network of caring and giving is a key to meaningful congregations and growth.

-- A great opportunity to see our youth in action, sharing their insights on our theme. This track is youth-led, not youth-only.

-- Focus on children in sessions on "Living Simply" and the effects of overscheduled lifestyles on their lives.

-- "Share the Plate" is new and growing. Come learn about it and how being generous gives more back than you give.

-- "Green" investing is wise investing. Learn how to do it and foster it in your congregation.

In addition to these quality sessions, there will be nursery care, children's programming (perhaps a trip to a nature park), home hospitality (request by September 30), and the facility is fully accessible. Register on the web (www.uua.org/msd) and pay at the door (\$25 adults/\$15 youth).

Youth permission forms to mail are on the Web. Registration includes childcare and food. For more information, contact Betsy Applegate (MSD TEACH Trustee) at

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