Registration Opens 01/7/16

Register online at the Northern Illinois Conference website: umcnic.org.

Visa or MasterCard will be the only accepted payment with the online registration.

Early registration cost is \$15 per person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration after January 30, 2016 will be \$20 per person.

Child care will be provided. Please let Natarsha Gardner know if you are in need of child care.

Note to Clergy: CEU's available.

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217 Division Street Elgin, IL 60120

2016 LAITY CONVOCATION

February 6, 2016

SCHEDULE

8:00 am Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:45 am Gathering Music

9:00 am Worship

9:30 am KEYNOTE PRESENTATION—Ray Buckley

10:45 am Break

11:00 am KEYNOTE PRESENTATION (continued)

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Choice of 4 Workshops

2:30 pm Closing Worship & Holy Communion

3:00 pm Sending Forth

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INSIDE OUT:

Inner Strength for Greater Outreach

Saturday, February 6, 2016

Sycamore United Methodist Church 160 Johnson Avenue Sycamore, IL 60178 815-895-9113



RAY BUCKLEY

Ray Buckley is the interim Director of the Center for Native American Spirituality and Christian Study. He has served The United Methodist Church as a staff member of The United Methodist Publishing House, Director of the Native People's Communication Office (UMCom) for nine years, and Director of Connectional Ministries for the Alaska Missionary Conference.

He is an author/illustrator of five books.: God's Love is Like..., The Give-Away: A Christmas Story in the Native American Tradition, The Wing, Christmas Moccasins, and Dancing with Words: Storytelling as Legacy, Culture, and Faith. He is also the author of Creator Sang a Welcoming Song, and Walking in These White Man Shoes. The Give-Away was selected to appear on the CBS Christmas Eve special, An American Christmas, produced by the National Council of Churches. His writings and art have appeared in numerous journals, periodicals, books, and museums.

Buckley has taught in Nigeria, and Ghana, and served as a lecturer in Native American studies for several universities.

Author/illustrator Ray Buckley is of Lakota/Tlingit/Scots descent. Ray is one of several Native leaders profiled in As Long As the Waters Flow: Native Americans in the South and East, by Frye Gillard, and The Power of Eagles: Natures Way to Individual Accomplishment, by Twyman L. Towery.



Choice of four Workshops, but only one can be selected. For that reason, we encourage you to come in groups of *four* from each church, so that the four persons can attend all four workshops. Each workshop will be given only once, at 1:00 p.m.

WORKSHOPS

- Feed the Body; Feed the Spirit! Hunger Relief
 - Facilitators: Julia Jones and Betsie Swartz
- 2) Feed the Spirit; Feed the Soul! Spiritual Formation
 - Facilitators: Judy Pohlman and Barb Miller
- 3) H.E.L.P. [Help.Educate.Love.Prepare.]
 Disaster Relief

Facilitators: Rev. Christina Vosteen and John Kerastas

4) There Are No Strangers Here.

Immigration/Refugee Issues Facilitators: Rev. Paula Cripps-Vallejo and Brent Holman-Gomez

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Please clip this form and send your full registration amount to: *Natarsha Gardner*, 217 *Division St.*, *Elgin*, *II 60120*. Make checks payable to: *Northern IL Conference*, or register and pay online at umcnic.org.