

# Radical Hospitality



Saturday, September 19th  
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Union Avenue Christian Church  
733 Union Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO 63108

Registration  
deadline is  
September 3rd

## 2009 Southeast Gateway Area Assembly

Adults \$15 ♦ Youth \$10 ♦ Children under 10 if eating \$5

*Youth and children will have program time during the workshops and business meeting.  
They will be with their families for worship and mealtimes.  
Please contact the SEGA office at [sega@eden.edu](mailto:sega@eden.edu) or (314) 918-2515 with any questions.*

### Radical Hospitality—2009 Southeast Gateway Area Assembly Registration Form

# of Adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# of Youth (grades 6-12) attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children (grades 1-5) attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children under 10 eating lunch: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare will be provided as needed at no cost, but reservations are required.

Please list the number of children (up to grade K) for whom you would like child care and their ages (e.g. "2 children, ages 1 and 3"): \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Please make your workshop selections on the reverse side of this form. \*\***

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form, with your check made out to SEGA, to the SEGA office at  
475 E. Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119 by September 3rd.

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### Workshops

*This year's Area Assembly has two workshop sessions built into the schedule. We will have the chance to learn from each other and explore our Area's diversity of insight, experience, vision, and action.*

*There is a wide range of workshops available, all related to our theme of radical hospitality.*

**Please review the list and rank order your top four selections.**

*You will be scheduled for two of your selections. Every effort will be made to accommodate your first and second choices, however this may not be possible in all cases.*

- \_\_\_ How do we begin the vital conversations about understanding race and ethnicity in the church today? **Dismantling racism within a congregation** is key to radical hospitality. (led by the Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Ministry Team of SEGA)
- \_\_\_ Can **re-writing a Mission and Visioning Statement** really open a congregation to more extensive hospitality? Consider how this process and implementation has offered this gift to a congregation. (led by members of Community Christian Church, Manchester)
- \_\_\_ Church mission groups are always seeking good space and work opportunities. Visit the newly dedicated **Urban Mission Inn** and hear how this project has revitalized hospitality within the congregation. (led by members of Union Avenue Christian Church)
- \_\_\_ The discernment process to **become an Open and Affirming congregation** is a faith-filled walk. Leaders of the congregation who have successfully completed this process and can share its impact on hospitality will share with and challenge others. (led by members of Compton Heights Christian Church)
- \_\_\_ How can we be open to ministries all around the world? One of our congregations is a **Global Mission Partner** and thereby educates, excites and involves members in the extensive international ministries of Disciples and UCC. Come, hear how this form of hospitality can be shared. (led by members of Webster Groves Christian Church)
- \_\_\_ SEGA has a unique relationship with our missionaries in Haiti – Kimberly and Patrick Bentrott. Our Area Minister was privileged to accompany Disciples leaders to the **Dominican Republic and Haiti** earlier this year. Listen and see her report of amazing hospitality in these areas of the world. (led by Penny Ross-Corona)
- \_\_\_ Many church buildings were not built to be radically **welcoming to those with disabilities** or who are merely aging. One congregation re-developed their site to express hospitality to all, and want to share their process and success. (led by members of First Christian Church, Festus)
- \_\_\_ Every congregation yearns for youth! Come and **hear from youth of SEGA** what signs of radical hospitality they see in congregations and would make them feel welcomed. (led by youth of SEGA)
- \_\_\_ **Encouraging good health practices** is a growing edge in Christian hospitality and congregational ministry. Hear how programming in health helps both body and soul. (led by Parish Nurse, Sheila Grigsby, of Union Avenue Christian Church)
- \_\_\_ **Worship is usually the most central ministry of congregational life.** How have congregations prevented worship wars, but also offered various avenues in spiritual development? Come, listen and participate in one story. (led by members of Community Christian Church, Manchester)
- \_\_\_ **Church buildings are vehicles of hospitality.** One congregation intentionally offers their building for several neighborhood groups and ministries. Come and hear how this helps vitalize the congregation and neighborhood. (led by members of Northside Christian Church)
- \_\_\_ God's work is given form in this world through artistic expression. **One congregation's art ministry** extends hospitality to many forms of artistry and will share how this happens and is linked to the core of their life. (led by members of the Arts group of Union Avenue Christian Church)
- \_\_\_ Children learn experientially using their imagination. This workshop will give a taste for providing exciting children's ministry through **Children, Worship and Wonder**, one-room Sunday School options and the rotational model. (led by Janice Walters, pastor Florrisant Valley CC and national trainer for *Children Worship, and Wonder*)
- \_\_\_ Listening to surrounding neighborhoods allows us to **develop inclusive programming.** One congregation has created a labyrinth, developed a computer lab and been involved in conversations with the Islamic community all through this 'listening' mode. (led by members of Abbey Road Christian Church, Cape Girardeau)
- \_\_\_ **Intergenerational programming** has been a welcoming change for one congregation. Each Wednesday evening offers opportunity for a growing crowd of children, youth and adults as study, music and meal serve as the invitation for involvement. (led by members of First Christian Church, Kennett)