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SPECIAL EVENT: VISITING MINISTER!

3rd Sunday, February 17, 2013, 4pm

Quaker House

13 Avenue du Mervelet, 1209 Geneva

Rev. Anthony David

Senior Minister

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Biosketch

Rev. Anthony David grew up in Alberta, Canada and moved to the United States (Texas) when he was 12. He's a former college professor of philosophy, and his lifelong passion is figure skating. He and his ice dancing partner won gold at the 2011 Adult National Figure Skating Championships, held at Salt Lake City, Utah. Ordained in 2004, Rev. David's first ministry involved planting a new kind of Unitarian Universalist church in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, called Pathways. Since 2007, he has been the Senior Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta (UUCA), the largest UU congregation in the Southeast. He is currently on a five-month sabbatical from UUCA.

Pre-Service WORKSHOP on Community Building

Saturday, February 16, 6pm, restaurant Il Forno Al Legna, rue de la Servette 73, Geneva. Visiting minister Rev. Anthony David, will start discussions about further building our UU Community over dinner, to continue on Sunday.

3rd Sunday, February 17, 3pm, Quaker House. Visiting minister Rev. Anthony David, will lead a short exercise to get us thinking about "How to Plant a UU Community."

NOT TO BE MISSED! Child care will be provided (age 4+)!!

Regular 3rd Sunday SERVICE

3rd Sunday, February 17, 4pm, Quaker House. Visiting minister Rev. Anthony David will lead a sermon, "Unitarian Universalism for the World," which will examine why a group like ours appeals to people from many places across the globe and why our message is helpful for the world. Last year, during a presentation at a UU congregation in New York City, prominent Harvard theologian Diana Eck said that "the world has need of your theology." "I believe," she said, "that Unitarian Universalism has a very important role to play." The service aims to be both a good introduction to UU for newcomers and at the same time affirming and inspirational for longtime UUs.

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Invite your UU-curious friends and acquaintances to see if UU is something for them!

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*** About Unitarian Universalism:** UU is a non-creedal religion with a long history of liberalism, pluralism, and unconventional thought. (UUs consider Michel Servet, who was burned at the stake in 1553 by Jean Calvin, to be an early influence and hero.) UU members explore and variably embrace, each according to his/her conscience, the best elements of humanism, Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, Islam, earth-based religions, scientific explanations, and/or indeed any expression of the "divine" or the "humane" – including agnosticism and atheism. UUs generally support the concept that humans are a part of the interconnected web of all life, that we are stewards of our planet, and that we have a duty to leave this world and society a better place than how we found it. Thus, UU focuses on building heaven here on earth through social justice, democratic process, community spirit, and social action. UUs create meaningful ceremonies, celebrate our differences and rejoice in great music and arts. This unique approach to bringing people together "beyond belief" has a very important role to play in a world bitterly divided by racial and ethnic strife, religious conflict, economic inequity, and ideological differences. The very presence of a group like ours offers hope to people whose religion, lack thereof, or materialism leaves them seeking a more open-minded, universal, and global perspective when examining life's biggest questions and mysteries: why are we here? what's it all about? what is love? what is happiness? what should we do? what happens after life ends?