

AGENDA

(Those wishing to ask questions are requested to present these in writing to the Chair in advance of the commencement of the appropriate plenary session).

Wednesday 04 April

OPENING WELCOME 15:45 – 15:55

(President)

Hymn – Let it be a dance we do (Sing Your Faith, no 88)

*Let it be a dance we do.
May I have this dance with you?
Through the good times and the bad times, too,
let it be a dance.*

Let a dancing song be heard.
Play the music, say the words,
and fill the sky with sailing birds.
Let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance.
Learn to follow, learn to lead,
feel the rhythm, fill the need
to reap the harvest, plant the seed.
Let it be a dance.

Everybody turn and spin,
let your body learn to bend,
and, like a willow in the wind,
let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance.
A child is born, the old must die;
a time for joy, a time to cry.
Take it as it passes by.
Let it be a dance.

Morning star comes out at night,
without the dark there is no light.
If nothing's wrong, then nothing's right.
Let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance.
Let the sun shine, let it rain;
share the laughter, bear the pain,
and round and round we go again.
Let it be a dance.

Ric Masten 1929-2008
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AGENDA**PLENARY SESSION I 15:55 – 17:15**

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| 15:55 | 1 | ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
and CONFIRMATION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
(Bruce Chilton, David Dawson, and Rev Celia Midgley) | [AGM 12/18] |
| 16:00 | 2 | APOLOGIES & WRITTEN GREETINGS | (President) |
| 16:05 | 3 | INTRODUCTION OF GA STAFF & VISITORS | (President) |
| 16:10 | 4 | YOUTH PANEL REPORT | [pages 30-31]
(Lorna Barry) |
| 16:20 | 5 | STIPEND REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT | [AGM 10/18]
(Peter Hanley) |
| 16:30 | 6 | WELSH DEPARTMENT REPORT | [page 27]
(Rev Wyn Thomas) |
| 16:40 | 7 | SUSTENTATION FUND REPORT | [pages 15 & 46-47]
(Michael Tomlin) |
| 16:45 | 8 | MOTION 8 (Nuclear Weapons) | |

AGENDAThursday 05 April**PLENARY SESSION II 08:45 – 10:15**

08:45 1 OPENING REFLECTIONS
(Led by **Bronwen Taylor**)

Hymns –**21 Come and find the quiet centre**

Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the space where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace;
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain;
let our lives and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care;
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.

Shirley Erena Murray b. 1931

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Find a stillness, hold a stillness,
let the stillness carry me.
Find the silence, hold the silence,
let the silence carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit,
with the spirit giving power,
I will find true harmony.

Seek the essence, hold the essence,
let the essence carry me.
Let me flower, help me flower,
watch me flower, carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit,
with the spirit giving power,
I will find true harmony.

Carl G. Seaburg 1922-1998
based on a Transylvanian Unitarian text

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- 08:55 2 PRESENTATION OF THE 2016/17 ANNUAL REPORT
& ACCOUNTS AND QUESTIONS
**(Executive Committee,
Simon Bland,
Rev Sarah Tinker)**
- 10:10 3 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR) **(Simon Bland)**

PLENARY SESSION III 11:00 – 11:30

- 11:00 1 MOTION 4 (Small Congregations)
- 11:30 KEYNOTE SPEAKER (Rev Dr Paul Rasor)**

AGENDAFriday 06 April**PLENARY SESSION IV 08:45 – 10:15**

08:45 1 OPENING REFLECTIONS
 (Led by **Rev Bridget Spain**)

Hymn – All Things New (Singing the Living Tradition, no 12)

O Life that maketh all things new,
 the blooming earth, our thoughts within,
 our pilgrim feet, wet with thy dew,
 in gladness hither turn again.

From hand to hand the greeting flows,
 from eye to eye the signals run,
 from heart to heart the bright hope glows;
 the seekers of the light are one:

One in the freedom of the truth,
 one in the joy of paths untrod,
 one in the soul's perennial youth,
 one in the larger thought of God;

The freer step, the fuller breath,
 the wide horizon's grander view,
 the sense of life that knows no death,
 the Life that maketh all things new.

Words: Samuel Longfellow, 1819-1892
 Music: Thomas Williams's Psalmody Evangelica, 1789

08:55 2 UPDATES ON PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

a) Irene Clennell (2017)

(David Warhurst)

b) Assisted Dying (2013)

(Robert Ince)

c) Equal Marriage (2012)

(Rory & Rhys Castle-Jones)

09:10 3 MOTION 2 (Honorary Membership)

09:25 4 MOTION 1 (Future Annual Meetings arrangements)

10:10 5 CONTINGENCY

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PLENARY SESSION V 11:30 – 12:35

- 11:30 1 NIGHTINGALE CENTRE REPORT [pages 32-34 & 44-45]
(Colin Partington)
- 11:40 2 MOTION 7 (Austerity)
- 12:10 3 ANNIVERSARY APPEAL
- 12:15 4 GROUP PHOTO

AGENDASaturday 07 April**PLENARY SESSION VI 09:00 – 10:00**

09:00 1 OPENING REFLECTIONS
 (Led by **Melda Grantham**)

Hymn: Emyn

Remember the flame that guides
The journeys of our lives;
Illuminates each hour and precious day.
Its radiance we need, we'll follow its lead –
For love will guide us and show us the way.

Remember the reasons why
We'll never choose to walk by;
But stand for what is right and just and true.
For others we'll care, each burden we'll share -
May love sustain us in all that we do.

Remember both friend and foe
As on our journeys we go;
And strive to live our lives in harmony.
Respecting the earth, and each person's worth –
And love will show us what our world can be.

Tune: Sloop John B

09:10 2 MOTION 3 (Honorary Membership)

09:25 3 MOTION 5 (Equality)

09:55 3 CONTINGENCY

PLENARY SESSION VII 10:45 – 11:35

10:45 1 MOTION 6 (Membership)

11:15 2 CONTINGENCY

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CLOSING SESSION 11:40 – 12:35

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| 11:20 | 1 | FURTHER MOTIONS 1-8 | (Rev Charles VanDenBroeder) |
| | 2 | PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS | (Rev Charles VanDenBroeder) |
| | 3 | FURTHER MOTION 9 –
TO APPOINT NEW PRESIDENT | (Rev Charles VanDenBroeder
with Ann Sinclair) |
| | 4 | INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDENT | (Joan Cook) |
| | 5 | RESPONSE OF NEW PRESIDENT | (Joan Cook) |
| | 6 | FURTHER MOTION 10 –
TO APPOINT NEW VICE PRESIDENT | (Joan Cook) |
| | 7 | FURTHER MOTION 11 –
TO THANK THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT | (Joan Cook) |
| | 8 | CLOSING ACT OF WORSHIP | (Joan Cook) |

Closing Hymn – Spirit of earth, root, stone and tree (Sing Your Faith, no 147)

Spirit of earth, root, stone and tree,
water of life, flowing in me,
keeping me stable, nourishing me,
O fill me with living energy!
*Spirit of nature, healing and free,
spirit of love, expanding in me,
spirit of life, breathe deeply in me,
inspire me with living energy!*

Spirit of love, softly draw near,
open my heart, lessen my fear,
sing of compassion, help me to hear,
O fill me with loving energy!
*Spirit of nature, healing and free,
spirit of love, expanding in me,
spirit of life, breathe deeply in me,
inspire me with living energy!*

Spirit of life, you are my song,
sing in my soul, all my life long,
gladden and guide me, keep me from wrong,
O fill me with sacred energy!
*Spirit of nature, healing and free,
spirit of love, expanding in me,
spirit of life, breathe deeply in me,
inspire me with living energy!*

Lyanne Mitchell

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