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NATIONAL ONA GATHERING
JUNE 24-25 CLEVELAND, OH

The Coalition's National Open and Affirming Gathering meets in Cleveland June 24 and 25—right before General Synod! Get your Synod experience off to a great start at this family reunion for our nationwide ONA community, with inspiring worship and music, unforgettable preaching, workshops to strengthen ONA ministry in your congregation, and an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones!

This National ONA Gathering will be special: a chance to celebrate 30 years of steady growth since General Synod's Open and Affirming resolution in 1985. We'll honor our movement's founders and plan together for the future. With your help, we're convinced the best years for the ONA movement are yet to come!

We've an inspiring line-up of speakers: Bishop Dwayne Royster, founding pastor of Living Water UCC in Philadelphia, PA, will preach at opening worship Wednesday night, June 24. The Rev. Dr. Maritza Angulo de González is our keynote on Thursday. She's pastor of Manantial de Gracia (Spring of Grace) UCC in West Hartford, CT, and a leader in the Council for Hispanic Ministries. Both are members of the UCC's Board of Directors.

We'll offer two workshop tracks on Thursday: one for ONA churches, and the second for congregations exploring the possibility of an ONA commitment. The second track will train leaders in the best practices for guiding a congregation towards an ONA covenant in ways that build consensus and reduce the risk of conflict.

Celebrate 30 years of ONA and plan for the future at the 2015 National ONA Gathering!



Cleveland's Tower City illuminated as a rainbow during Gay Games 2014. Photo by Joshua Gunter

And don't miss out on our Synod ONA Banquet Friday night! We promise it will be a night to remember! Our keynoter is the Rev. Dr. Edward Davis: he's Conference Minister for the UCC's Southern Conference, a leader in the "Moral Mondays" movement in North Carolina and an outspoken advocate for LGBTQ rights in the church and beyond. Dr. Davis is also a member of the UCC's Board of Directors. The famous Coalition Choir will perform.

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More info and registration at
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