



# Small Group Ministry Institute 2010

Tuesday, August 31 (1pm) – Friday, September 3 (11:30am), 2010  
Camp deBenneville Pines  
4150 Jenks Lake Road W., Angelus Oaks, California 92305

- ❑ Explore the powerful impact of Small Group Ministry/Covenant Groups in congregations.
- ❑ Build the skills of new facilitators and enhance skills in problem resolution.
- ❑ Create and select effective sessions, including the use of art, music, and movement.
- ❑ Learn how to lead your church's Small Group Ministry/Covenant Group program
- ❑ Develop Small Group Ministry for all ages (including children and youth).
- ❑ Take home a vision and plan for Small Group Ministry/Covenant Groups in your own setting

Come yourself—and *bring a group from your congregation, including youth and young adults!* Bringing a team from a congregation allows for fuller participation in all the conference has to offer as well as opportunity to develop a team approach when you return home.

Individuals and teams from *congregations of all sizes* – very small to large -- learn about and practice Small Group Ministry. Sessions are designed for *new and experienced program organizers, facilitators, ministers, religious educators, and congregational leaders*. The week includes presentations, hands-on workshops, daily small group ministry/covenant group sessions, sharing, networking, informal chats, worship. *As a group, we will expand our understanding by sharing from our experiences and wisdom.*

AND there will be some time each day to enjoy what the area has to offer—including a swimming pool and recreational features! Visit <http://www.uucamp.org/>

The Institute will incorporate the varied ways that Small Group Ministry/Covenant Groups enhance our congregations and Unitarian Universalism. There will be general information and in depth workshops around special focuses (Examples: facilitation or coordination, Small Group Ministry for all ages, Small Group Ministry in congregations of various sizes). We will be including emerging resources and Small Group Ministry developments. Each participant will receive a resource notebook.

**Cost:** Lodging and Program Fee: \$350, with \$25 discount for registration before July 1, and \$25 discount for UU Small Group Ministry Network members (from a Member Congregation, and individual members)

To Register, visit [www.smallgroupministry.net](http://www.smallgroupministry.net) and click on Conference Registration.

For more information and questions, or for suggestions,  
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More information about the program will be sent when registration is received. See the Network Website at [www.smallgroupministry.net](http://www.smallgroupministry.net) for information on this and previous Institutes.

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