

2013 Lecture Series

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Rev. Fred Plumer

Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham • September 27th & 28th, 2013

After an extensive background in building management, real estate development and restaurant ownership and management, Fred Plumer made a career shift in 1981. He earned his M.Div. degree at the Pacific School of Religion while doing work in an inner city community center. In 1984 Rev. Plumer was called to the Irvine United Congregational Church in Irvine, California to lead a UCC new start church. The church became known throughout the denomination as one of the more exciting and progressive mid-size congregations in the nation.

Rev. Plumer served on the Board of Directors of the Southern California Conference of the United Church of Christ (UCC) for five years, and chaired the Commission for Church Development and

“Progressive Christianity - What Is It?”

Friday, September 27^h, 2013

**Session 1: “Everything Changes-
It Either Evolves or Dies”**

Time: 7 pm

Saturday, September 28th, 2013

**Session 1: “The Christian Church -
Is There a Future?”**

Time: 9 am

**Session 2: “A New Christian Paradigm for
the 21st Century.”**

Time: 11:00 am

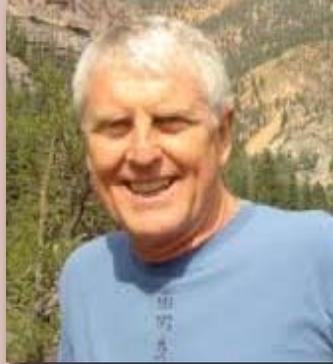
Place: Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham
4300 Hampton Heights Drive, Birmingham, AL

Price: \$20 Friday Night
\$20 Saturday or \$35 for both days

Additional Info:

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Evangelism for three of those years. In that time the Southern California Conference put in place one of the most aggressive church development plans in its history. Rev. Plumer regularly gives workshops on church growth.

He became a member of the Executive Council for The Center for Progressive Christianity in 1995 and has written The Study Guide for TCPC’s “eight points.” He has had several articles published on church development, building faith communities and redefining the purpose of the enlightened Christian Church.

Always interested in the latest and best scholarship, Rev. Plumer has been involved with the Jesus Seminar since his graduate work in the early eighties. Rev. Plumer was the executive producer of a video and workbook on the Open and Affirming process in the UCC. This highly acclaimed video, “A Journey of Faith,” has now been used in five countries and in thousands of churches of several denominations as a teaching tool for those interested in studying the subject of the church and sexual orientation issues. In 1990 he was the recipient of ECCO’s Humanitarian Award for his work in this area.

In September of 2004 Rev. Plumer retired from the Irvine church so he could devote more time to writing and his passion - reclaiming the message of Jesus. In January of 2006 after Jim Adams, founder of TCPC retired as President, Fred was elected as the new President.

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