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To: Churches of the South Central Conference

We invite you to the annual gathering of Open & Affirming Congregations to spend a day learning more about what is happening in the Open and Affirming movement and what is happening in the ONA churches of our Conference. **The 2012 event will be on Saturday-January 21 at Church of the Savior in Cedar Park, TX (Mary Wilson-Host Pastor).**

This year, we are blessed to have Andy Lang, Executive Director of the UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns as our Keynote Speaker. We have revamped the way we will spend the day with longer worship, conversation and feedback with the Keynote Speaker, opportunities for two workshops and a brief closing worship to send us on our way. Please share the brochure with persons in your congregation who might be interested in attending. We hope for representation from each ONA church in our Conference, including six ONA New Church Starts.

We have moved the meeting location from New Braunfels, TX, to Austin, TX, meeting this year at Church of the Savior in Cedar Park, TX. Please note the registration deadline and the increased registration fee after the deadline. If you have questions, contact Cheryl von Ehrenkrook via E-mail: [cheryl-sccucc@att.net](mailto:cheryl-sccucc@att.net)

In the Spirit of Christ,

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*There is an offering in the Opening Worship Service for the UCC Coalition to support its national ministry of supporting LGBT issues and concerns. Checks should be payable to: South Central Conference, with a memo line: UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns or simply Coalition.*

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