

## *UU – Introducing Michael*

### **Our guest speaker this morning is the Rev. Michael Dowd.**

Since April 2002, Michael and his wife (UU science writer and fellow climate activist Connie Barlow) have traveled North America delivering talks in some **500 UU congregations**, summer camps, and minister retreats, as well as for other religious and secular groups.

Their pro-science ministry was featured as the **cover story** of our national membership magazine, *UU World*, in the spring of 2006. They've also been featured in *The New York Times*, *LA Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Discover Magazine*, and on television nationally: on CNN, ABC News, and even FOX News.

Michael and Connie were honored as "**UU Religious Humanists of the Year**" at General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, in 2016.

On \_\_\_\_\_ [day] at \_\_\_\_\_ [time] Michael will be with us again, presenting a richly illustrated multi-media presentation that builds on his 2014 TEDx talk and his book, *Thank God for Evolution*, which was **endorsed by 6 Nobel Prize-winning scientists**, noted skeptics, and by religious leaders across the spectrum.

Michael tells me that his follow-up program is **a great way to introduce your non-UU friends and family** members to the bridge-building perspectives that we celebrate in our diverse congregations.

Michael and Connie support their itinerant ministry mostly by selling **books and dvds**. We encourage you to visit their book table, \_\_\_\_\_ [where].

*UU – Introducing both Michael and Connie*

Our guest speakers this morning are **CONNIE BARLOW** and **REV. MICHAEL DOWD**.

Since April 2002, Connie and Michael have lived **entirely on the road**, delivering talks in some **500** UU congregations, summer camps, and minister retreats, as well as for other religious and secular groups.

Their work was featured as the **cover story** of our national membership magazine, *UU World*, in the spring of 2006. They've also been featured in *The New York Times*, *LA Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Discover Magazine*, and on television nationally on CNN, ABC News, and FOX News. Michael and Connie were honored as "**UU Religious Humanists of the Year**" at General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, in 2016.

CONNIE is the author of **4 popular science books** that bridge evolution and meaning.

MICHAEL is the author of ***Thank God for Evolution***, which has been endorsed by **6 Nobel laureates** and other science luminaries, included noted skeptics, and by religious leaders across the spectrum.

Michael will be offering a free 90-minute program here on \_\_\_\_\_ [date and time], which is similar to his 2014 TEDx talk and a program he delivered at the United Nations.

Connie and Michael not only speak about the marriage of science and religion; they live it! The couple support their itinerant ministry mostly by **selling books and dvds**. We encourage you to visit their book table, \_\_\_\_\_ [where].

## *UU – Introducing Connie*

Our guest speaker this morning is **CONNIE BARLOW**.

Connie is the author of **4 popular science books** that bridge evolution and meaning. Her 2001 book, *The Ghosts of Evolution*, was Amazon.com's top-recommended science book.

Her 1997 book, *Green Space Green Time*, was excerpted as the cover story of the December 1998 issue of *UU World*.

Since April 2002, Connie and her husband (Michael Dowd) have traveled North America and delivered talks at some **500** Unitarian Universalist congregations, summer camps, and minister retreats, as well as for other religious and secular groups.

They were honored as “**UU Religious Humanists of the Year**” at General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, and their pro-science ministry was featured as the cover story of our national membership magazine, ***UU World***, in the spring of 2006.

Their work has also been featured in *The New York Times*, *LA Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Discover Magazine*, and on television nationally.

Connie's husband, Michael, is the **guest minister this morning** at \_\_\_\_\_ [what church].

On \_\_\_\_\_ [day] at \_\_\_\_\_ [time] Michael will be here, presenting a richly illustrated talk that builds on his 2014 TEDx talk and his book, ***Thank God for Evolution***, which was endorsed by **6 Nobel science laureates**, noted skeptics, and by religious leaders across the spectrum.

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