

*"Faith In the Border Land"* November 29<sup>th</sup> UU Service

The Sunday Service at the 2009 UUA General Assembly by Rev. Abhi Janamanchi will be shown "Faith In The Border Land." Rev. Janamanchi is a member of the Brahma Samaj, a Unitarian-Hindu reform movement that shares many similarities with Unitarian Universalism. He says he resonates strongly with the central teachings of the oneness of God ("or that invisible creative force that undergirds existence"), religious tolerance, human equality, and showing compassion for the poor.

Rev. Abhi Janamanchi is the minister of the UUs of Clearwater. Born in India, he graduated from Andhra University with a degree in Physics and pursued graduate studies in Quantum Physics and Electronics. He served as a lay-minister of a liberal Hindu organization, called the Brahma Samaj. Encouraged by this group and inspired by his experience with them, Abhi took a "leap of faith" and enrolled in Meadville/Lombard Seminary to prepare for full-time ministry in India. Abhi graduated in 1998 and was ordained at the Unitarian Church of Evanston, Illinois that year.

His preparation included Ministerial Internship in Evanston, Clinical Pastoral Education at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical center, and a Field Education Tutorial as the Student Interim Minister at the UU Community Church in Park Forest, Illinois. He then served the First Unitarian Society of Madison, Wisconsin as their Interim Associate Minister.

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