



The English-Speaking Union of the United States
 Invites the ESU International Council
 to hold its 2011 meeting in conjunction with
 the ESUUS Annual Conference
 entitled



TAKING LIBERTY WITH LANGUAGE

October 5 to 9, 2011
 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

We are honored to host the 2011 meeting of the ESU International Council, and invite you to join ESU members from across the United States to the “city of brotherly love” for an informative and stimulating conference on issues pertinent to our mission and programs. Speakers and panelists will address and debate the theme “Taking Liberty with Language,” exploring the concept that the English language is encoded with the principles of freedom, adaptation and resistance to authority.



Independence Hall

Philadelphia is a fitting venue for this Conference, as it is considered the cradle of liberty in American history. It was the social and geographical center of the original thirteen American colonies and served as the nation’s capital during the Revolutionary War. Philadelphia was home to Benjamin Franklin and other political philosophers whose ideals led to the American Revolution and independence. The city hosted the First Continental Congress; the Second Continental Congress, which crafted the United States Declaration of Independence; and the Constitutional Convention after the war.



The Union League

Our home during the ESU Conference will be the Union League of Philadelphia, a shining, Victorian jewel in the heart of the cultural and commercial district of Philadelphia. Founded in 1862 as a patriotic society to support the policies of President Abraham Lincoln, The League has hosted US presidents, heads of state and visiting dignitaries from around the world and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit www.unionleague.org for more information on The Union League.

Event plans are still in the making, but the intent is to showcase the vibrant, diverse districts that make up Center City Philadelphia today as well as the historic sites, including Penn's Landing, with beautiful views of tall ships in the Delaware River and the battleship USS New Jersey. A dinner is planned at the Franklin Institute Science Museum.



A special reception is planned in the Loft District studio art school of the realist artist Nelson Shanks, who will provide painting demonstrations and speak about the people whose portraits he has painted including Princess Diana, Lady Thatcher, Pope John Paul II, and all of the US presidents since Ronald Regan. Our closing session will take place on the grounds of the home of our nation's birth -- Independence Hall.



More information will be forthcoming as plans develop!

The Liberty Bell