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172nd Annual Meeting

Oct 15 & 16, 1999

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of
Binghamton, NY
183 Riverside Drive
Binghamton NY 13905
(607) 729-1641

Keynote Speaker:

Reverend Alma Faith Crawford

**"The Paralysis of Analysis: The
Crisis in Liberal Leadership"**

Does your congregation think things to death - in the name of democratic process? Does your church equate committees with commitment? Rev. Crawford shares a Universalist vision for bold, courageous action that affirms both individual conscience and collective values - empowering us to break the gridlock of process, process, process, and to effectively live our liberal faith in the new millennium.

Reverend Alma Faith Crawford is a nationally known preacher, writer and workshop leader. Much of her ministry has focused on helping faith communities to integrate their spiritual energy with their social justice vision. She is a graduate of the Howard University School of Divinity, the Women's Theological Center and Trinity College. She has received numerous honors and awards for her service to the reproductive rights, peace, and anti-poverty movements.

Reverend Crawford is co-minister and co-founder of Church of the Open Door, the UUA's only African American congregation. Located on Chicago's South Side, the Church of the Open Door has launched the Open Door Center for Community Change, which serves its Latino, Arab, and Asian American neighbors through educational and organizing programs.

ATTENDANCE

Delegates MUST have their signed delegate slip with them in order to be reimbursed. This year the housing stipend for delegates is \$30. We allow 20 cents a mile per car (4 people) or bus expense. Non-delegates will not be reimbursed.

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY - Reception 8 - 9:30 PM with light refreshments and fellowship at the church.

SATURDAY

8:30-9:00AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00-9:15	Opening Worship
9:15-10:15	Business Meeting
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-12 N	Keynote - Rev. Alma Faith Crawford
12:00-1:00PM	Lunch
1:00-2:20	Workshops
2:20-2:30	Break
2:30-3:50	Workshops
3:50-4:10	Business meeting
4:10-4:25	Closing Worship

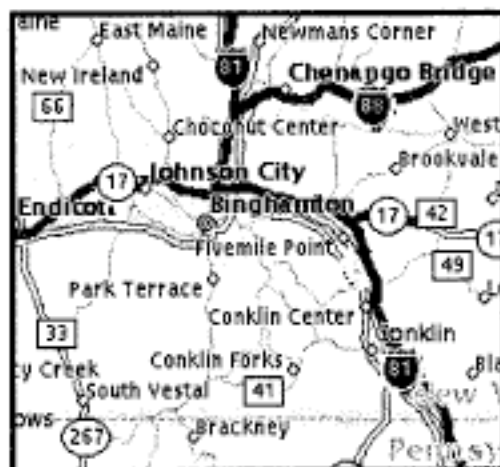
INVITATION:

All are invited to stay for Sunday Service with the Binghamton Congregation at 10 AM on October 17th.

CHILD CARE

From 9AM-4:30PM, if requested on pre-registration form.

Mail to:
Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Attn: Karen Jennings - Laskowski
15 Denton Road
Binghamton, NY 13903



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WORKSHOPS

1:00 PM

1. Integrating Chinese & Western Medicine

Chinese Medicine is being increasingly utilized in a variety of modern medical settings including hospitals. Discussion of how this meeting of "East" and "West" benefits the health of patients.

2. NYSCU Grants and Loans
 Assembling a successful application.

3. Round Table
 Discussion of key note address with Alma Crawford.

4. Lessons from a Finer Walk
 If you walk on fire, you can do almost anything!

5. Where Are We? Reform Judaism's New Platform and the Challenge of Modern Religion
 The new platform in the context of broader trends in American religion: the idea of God within us, ritual, ethnicity and religion.

2:30 PM

A. YOGA For Everyone

B. School of the Americas
 Current activities focused on closing the reputed "school of assassins."

C. Opening NYSCU to new members

Changes under consideration by the Board to expand our membership.

D. Leading Laity

Planning lay-led services in small and medium size churches.

E. Church Library Presentation

Organization and operation

F. People of Blessing

Planning an Interfaith Service

PARKING

Parking in the rear of the church, with additional parking in adjacent rear lot.

RESTAURANTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Information will be available at registration for people staying overnight on Saturday.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Ramada Inn, 65 Front St. in Binghamton. Rate is \$63 a night (single or double) including breakfast. Reservations should be made by Sept. 20th by calling (607) 724-2412. Ask for the NYSCU room rate.

Home Hospitality will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

REGISTRATION

Registration is free for delegates and \$7 for non-delegates. After Oct. 1, cost is \$15 for all.

TRANSPORTATION

BUS - Greyhound and Short Line provide service to Binghamton. The stations are about 1 mile from the hotel. Taxi fare is about \$4.

CAR - From West: Take NY 17E till it joins with I-81S. At the junction take exit 4-S. Follow 363 to the bridge over the Chenango River. From North: Take I-81S till it joins with NY 17E. Follow directions from West. From East: Take NY 17W to exit 4-S. Follow directions from West. To Hotel: After Chenango River Turn Right onto Front St. The Ramada Inn is on left after 1st light. To Church: From Chenango River Go straight (becomes Riverside Drive); pass Lourdes Hospital; church is on the left; park in the back of the building

REGISTRATION

NAME _____

NAME ON NAME-TAG _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (____) _____

HOME CHURCH _____

WORKSHOP PREFERENCE:
 1:00-2:20 _____ 2:30- 3:50 _____

DO YOU NEED DISPLAY SPACE?
 YES _____ NO _____

Equipment needs? _____

NAME OF ORGANIZATION _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS? _____

CHILD CARE: NAMES / AGES _____

HOME HOSPITALITY REQUESTED?
 YES _____ NO _____