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ACCOMMODATIONS: A block of 30 rooms has been reserved for both Friday Nov. 3 and Sat. Nov. 4, at the Adams Mark Hotel, 120 Church Street, Buffalo. Rates are: single-\$75, double-\$87, triple-\$99, quad-\$111 per night. Rates are subject to state and local taxes, currently 13%. For reservations, call 1-800-444-2326 and ask for the NYSCU rate. Rooms will be held until Oct. 4, 2000. Check-in is at 3pm, check-out is at 12 noon.

There is a \$5.75 per night parking fee with in and out privileges. There is a in/out baggage handling fee of \$3.50 per person. Luggage carts are not for private use; they have bellmen (and women - we hope).

RESTAURANTS and ENTERTAINMENT: See enclosed info card about activities in Buffalo and near-by Niagara Falls. Call 1-888-2-BUFFNY

REGISTRATION: Registration is free for delegates and \$7 for non-delegates. After October 1, the cost is \$15 for everyone.

ATTENDANCE: Delegates MUST have signed delegate cards to be reimbursed. The housing stipend is \$30 for delegates. Bus expenses or 20 cents per mile per car (4 people) driving expenses will be reimbursed for delegates only. You may want to check with your board re authorization. Non-delegates will not be reimbursed.

ACCESSIBILITY: Major renovations are underway. The elevator may not be available.

CHILDCARE is available from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday Nov. 4, if noted on preregistration form.

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY: 8:00-9:30 PM Reception, with light refreshments and fellowship, at the church

SATURDAY:

8:30-9:00 AM—Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00—Opening Worship with Rev. Joel Miller, UUCB

9:15-10:30—Business Meeting

10:30—Break

10:45—“Our Common Call”

Keynote speaker: Denise Davidoff, Moderator of Unitarian Universalist Association

UUA member congregations, small and large, are gathering to reflect and ponder difficult questions: What do we mean to each other?...What do we mean to the world?...What is the connection between our religious history and the legacy we will leave?...Who are we? This process is “Fulfilling the Promise.”

11:45—Lunch

1:15 - 2:30—Workshops 1-5

2:45 - 4:00—Workshops 6-9

4:15-5:00 —Afternoon worship service

Choral renderings by the choir of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, under the direction of Barbara Wagner.

Barbara Wagner was a member of the commission which produced the *Singing the Living Tradition* hymnal. The UUCB choir sang for the CLF worship service at the '98 GA in Rochester, NY.

WORKSHOP OFFERINGS:

1. ROUNDTABLE

Denny Davidoff will lead a roundtable discussion on her keynote presentation “Our Common Call.”

2. STANDING BEFORE US:

Discovering Universalist Women's Heritage
We stand in a long line of women who have

dedicated their lives to the creation of justice. Learn how the Heritage Society was established to connect us with this empowering past and how *Standing Before Us: Unitarian Universalist Women and Social Reform, 1776-1936* was developed. Hear inspiring words from Universalist women in the anthology, learn about available resources, and find out how you can become involved.

The Rev. Dr. Dorothy May Emerson is a UU community minister, executive director of the UU Women's Heritage Society, an independent affiliate organization of the UUA, and a partner in Rainbow Solutions Financial and Educational Services for the New Millennium.

3. COVENANTING WITH THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE:

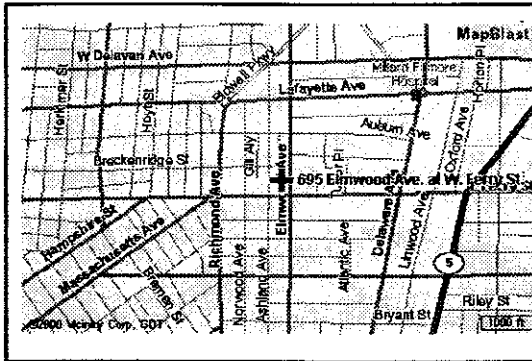
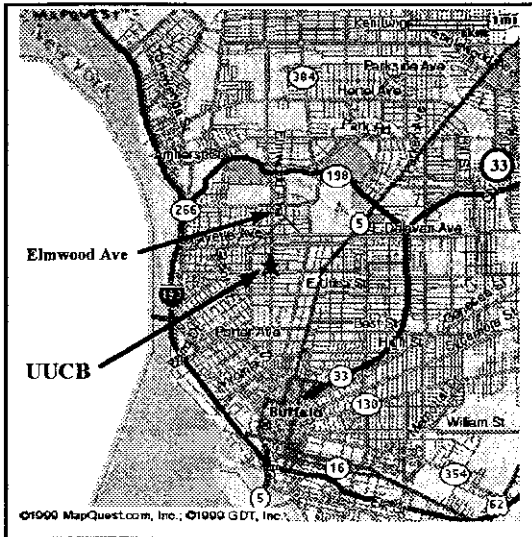
The Murray Grove Association

John Murray preached his first sermon in America exactly 230 years ago on September 30 in Thomas Potter's chapel at what is now called Murray Grove. For over 100 years, the Murray Grove Association (MGA) has held these tender beginnings of the Universalist denomination in America as its most precious treasure. Come join *Ellen Chulak, MGA Executive Director*, to talk about how MGA's distinct history is begin shared today and how it has inspired a new and exciting future that will honor its heritage while serving our UU denomination in vital and innovative ways.

4. BUILDING DREAMS WORKSHOP

We will go through the “process” of church construction: feasibility study, how to choose a builder and/or an architect, and what to expect during construction. Bring coffee and be prepared to speak candidly about the simple, but not easy, process of building or rebuilding our community.

The Rev. Wayne Walder, in a previous career, was president of an award-winning building corporation for more than 20 years. He chaired Toronto First's rebuilding committee when that church was gutted and rebuilt. He is Minister for the new-start “Neighbourhood Congregation” in the East end of Toronto. He hopes that his services will be called upon to start another building project there.



UUCB is located in north-central Buffalo at 695 Elmwood Ave. at the intersection with West Ferry St.

DIRECTIONS:

AIR: Buffalo Niagara International Airport is located outside the city just off Route 33. Airlines include American, Continental, Delta, JetBlue, Northwest, Shuttle America, USAir, United.

The Adams Mark hotel provides a complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport between 6 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

BUS: Greyhound and Trailways provide service to Buffalo. The station is about 1 mile from the hotel and about 3 miles from the church. Taxi fare to hotel is \$3.

CAR: *Directions to the Church:* NY Thruway (I-190) to Rt. 33 west, to Rt. 198 west, to Elmwood Ave. South exit. The church is about 1 mile south on the left. You'll find street parking within a block of the church, nearby on Elmwood or West Ferry. Alternatively, you can park in the lot behind M&T Bank on Elmwood next door to the church. On-street handicapped parking spaces can be found at the West Ferry entrance. The church does not have its own parking lot.

Directions to Hotel: Route 33 west to the end of highway, becomes Oak St., take right onto North Division St., take left onto Church St. Hotel is on the left.

RAIL: Amtrack station in downtown Buffalo. Taxi fare to hotel is \$5 - \$8.

Info on Buffalo area: www.buffalo.com
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District web site and mailing lists, as well as those for his congregation. He also helps maintain the UUA announcement mailing list (UUA-L) and several web sites and mailing lists related to genealogy. Originally from Tulsa, OK, Tom received a Ph.D. in organic polymer chemistry from Colorado State Univ. Just after discovering Unitarian Universalism, he joined the Unitarian Society of New Brunswick, NJ in 1990, where he has been a member ever since, serving on the Board and various committees, including two years as President.

6. JUSTICE MAKING IN THE EMPIRE STATE
Rev. Richard S. Gilbert, Chair, Interfaith Impact of New York State, will tell you how to get involved in

the work of applying religious values in the state capitol. Learn how to become part of a network to inform your congregation about current state issues.

7. WHAT COULD YOUR CONGREGATION DO WITH \$10,000?
 How does the NYSCU Grants & Loans Program function? What is fundable? Also a review of the grant application; responsibilities of grant recipients; examples of previously funded grants and loans. Question-and-answer period.

Paul Robinson is past president of the UU Society of Oneonta. He is serving on the Denominational Affairs, Finance and Endowment Committees. He has been a member of the St. Lawrence UU District's Chalice Lighter Committee the past four years and is the Committee Secretary.

8. UUA 101
 Presented by *Alice Anacheke-Nasemann* and *Tom Reese*

Tom Reese is a past president of the St. Lawrence district, and was a member of the St Lawrence board for seven years. He is a trustee on the board of the NY State Convention of Universalists, and is the annual program fund chair for the St Lawrence district.

Alice Anacheke-Nasemann is serving as the intern minister of UU churches in Hamburg and East Aurora. She is studying to be a UU minister at Andover Newton Theological School. She has served the St. Lawrence district: Religious Education Director in Oneonta for three years, district intern in '96-'97, and student minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Northern Chautauqua (Fredonia) for two years. In her spare time, she chases after her two-year-old son.

9. HOLISTIC MASSAGE THERAPY
 We will discuss the benefits of massage and the relationship of bodywork to spirituality. We will look at new paradigms and modalities for healing.

Shirley Chan has been a UCC minister for 18 years, and a Licensed Massage Therapist for 5 years. She is currently a student at the IM School of Healing Arts.

REGISTRATION

Registration is free for delegates and \$7 for non-delegates. After October 1, the cost is \$15 for all. Please make checks payable to NYSCU.

Name _____

Name on tag _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Delegate _____yes _____no

Check enclosed _____Amount _____

Home congregation _____

Workshop preference:

1:15 # _____

2:45 # _____

Do you need display space? _____

Organization _____

Special dietary needs _____

Childcare needed:

child _____ age _____

child _____ age _____

Please mail to:

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716-681-3405

5. WEB WORKSHOP:

Effective Electronic Communications for your Congregation/ Organization

Get your congregation on the web and include effective content for visitors and members. The elements of an effective web site and synergy with other types of electronic communication will be reviewed. In an interactive Q&A and brainstorming session, we will share what has and hasn't worked for our unique situations. An introduction to basic HTML will be included, if there is time.

Tom Upshaw, Electronic Communications Administrator for the UU District of Metro New York, maintains the