

Mail-in Registration

NYSCU paid by Oct. 6: \$25 \$ _____

(NYSCU at door: \$30)

IINYS Advocacy Day: \$15 \$ _____

Check enclosed: TOTAL Amount \$ _____

Please make check payable to NYSCU.

Delegates MUST have signed delegate cards to be reimbursed. Housing stipend for delegates is \$30. and mileage will be reimbursed.

Name: _____

Name on tag: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Delegate? YES NO

Home congregation: _____

Workshop preference:

____ 11:00 am # ____ 2:00 pm

Dietary needs: _____

Childcare (available Sat.) needed:

Child _____ Age _____

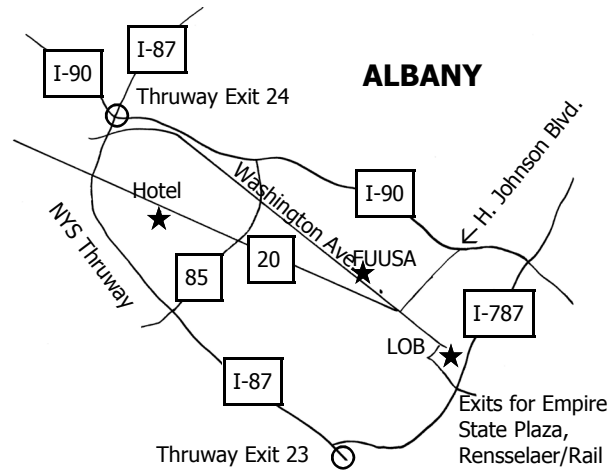
Child _____ Age _____

For Advocacy Day: NYS Senator and Assembly Member : _____

Please mail to:

Fred Boreali, NYSCU Annual Meeting
C/o FUUSA
405 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12206

Your registration will be confirmed by email: please include email address above.



Directions to FUUSA

From the West: Take the NYS Thruway to Exit 24. Continue on I-90 east.

From the North: Take the Northway (I-87) south to Exit 1E. Continue on I-90 east.

From the South: Take the NYS Thruway to Exit 23. Take I-787 north to I-90, go west on I-90.

From the East: Take the Mass. Pike (I-90) to NYS Thruway Exit B-1, go west on I-90.

Continuing from I-90: Take Exit 6 (Arbor Hill) onto Henry Johnson Blvd. and continue to a stoplight intersection at Central Ave. Continue straight through the light, and turn right about 20 feet later on Washington Avenue. In one block, go with right fork to continue on Washington Avenue. In about three blocks you will be facing our front door and steeple. The University at Albany Hawley Lot will be on your left at the corner of Robin St.

Directions to hotel

From the South: Take 87 (New York Thruway) to exit 24, Follow Exit 1-S to the end at traffic light. Turn left onto Rt. 20E (Western Avenue), hotel is 1 mile on your right.

From the North: Take Interstate 87 South (Northway) to the end at the traffic light. Turn left onto Rt. 20 E (Western Avenue), hotel is 1 mile on you right.

From the East: Take Interstate 90 West (Mass. Pike) to 87 North (NY Thruway) to exit 24. Follow exit 1-S to the end at traffic light. Turn left onto Rt. 20 E (Western Ave), hotel is 1 mile on your right.

From the West: Take Interstate 90 East (NY Thruway) to exit 24. Follow exit 1-S to the end at traffic light. Turn left onto Rt. 20 E (Western Ave), hotel is 1 mile on your right.

Lodging

Best Western Sovereign

1228 Western Ave. (across from uptown SUNYA Campus), Albany, NY 12203, (518) 489-2981

\$89.00/night —Individual reservations must be received by hotel reservationist by **September 14, 2006**. Please ask your group to refer to the NYS Convention of Universalists when confirming reservations to guarantee the quoted rate. In order to guarantee reservations for late arrival, all reservations must be accompanied by a check or credit card for the first night's accommodations.

Bed and Breakfast by FUUSAns

Lodging in homes of FUUSA members, includes coffee and juice on Saturday morning (continental breakfast provided at church) and breakfast with host on Sunday.

\$40 one person in room per night, \$50 for two persons in room per night. Call Meredith Mercer to make your reservation: 518-489-1086. When reservation is confirmed, payment should be made out to FUUSA and mailed to M. Mercer at 39 Clifton Way, Slingerlands, 12159.

Transportation

Rail: Amtrak to Albany/Rensselaer station

Air: to Albany International Airport

Taxi service from airport or rail station to hotel should be about \$15.

Parking at FUUSA

For this event parking will be permitted in the University at Albany's Hawley Lot (on Robin St.) and if that is full the Thurlow Terrace Lot (on Western Ave.) Street parking is also available.

Handicapped Access

There is a ramp entrance to FUUSA on West Street. Please ring the bell for admission.



**“There’s a Story Here:
Growth Into
Excellence”**

To be held at
**First Unitarian Universalist
Society of Albany**

405 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
518-463-7135

Visit www.fuusalbany.org
and www.nyscu.org

Building Up, Reaching Out

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany is building a multi-purpose community room to seat over 300, pictured here at the left end of the complex.

Schedule

Friday, Oct. 6

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Opening Program "Give Them Hope and Courage" a dramatic reading about John and Judith Murray. Written by Mark Harris and adapted for the UU Society of Oneonta by June Edwards. Performed by Grace and Duncan Smith

Saturday, Oct. 7

8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 Opening Worship—Rev. Sam Trumbore

9:30 Keynote —Rev. Michael Schuler, "Growing Into Excellence".

10:30 Roundtable discussion immediately following Keynote with **Linda Hoddy** of Saratoga Springs, NY, **Douglas Taylor** of Binghamton, NY, and **Vanessa Southern** of Summit, NJ. Rev. Dr. **Tom Chulak**, Moderator

11:00 Workshops # 1-3

Following the Keynote and Roundtable Discussion there will be three separate "discussions" from which participants may choose. There'll be an opportunity to consider the application of Rev. Schuler's insights as they would apply to growth and excellence in our own congregations. The segments will be:

1. Outreach and Social Justice—Rev. Tom Chulak, District Executive, St. Lawrence District

2. Excellence in Programming and Worship—Andrea Lerner, Program Consultant, Metro NY District, and Douglas Taylor

3. Community Building with Small Group Ministry—Rev. Calvin Dame, Interim District Executive, Metro NY District

12:00 Lunch

1:15 178th Annual Meeting

2:00 Workshops # 4-7

4. Preserving the Past for the Future: Archival Techniques—Roger Heimstra, Loren Broc, Karen Dau
Which congregational records and artifacts--or personal ones--should be saved? How? Where? What help is available? Roger Heimstra (Syracuse) and Loren Broc (Albany) lead a hands-on workshop on record preservation. NYSCU archivist Karen Dau updates participants on the contents of, and access to, NYSCU archives.

5. Stitchery for Celebration, Creativity, and Compassion
Members of one congregation stitch stoles for each minister they ordain. Another has made quilts which are loaned to members in need of TLC for a time. Learn about these creative, personalized activities and share yours, complete with a hands-on opportunity.

6. Handbell Choirs—Ann Maney
The Barbara Lee Handbell Choir was introduced at the UU Church in Middletown in 1958. The Choir performs at Easter and Christmas Eve services, and fills the pews. Players range from folks who can read music to those who can count. A NYSCU grant assisted in the renovation, repair and reconditioning of the set. Come play with us.

7. Using Drama in Lay-Led Services—June Edwards, PhD, UU Society of Oneonta
Short dramatic readings about prominent Universalists were adapted for a series of successful summer services. Participants will see "Olympia Brown Meets P.T. Barnum," followed by a discussion with the actors, Carol Dean and Steve Hiscox, and the writer who adapted the material.

3:30 Closing Worship—Rev. Calvin Dame

Sunday, Oct. 8

9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services "Five Elements of a Spiritual Education"— Rev. Michael Schuler

Make the voice of liberal religion heard in Albany. Now is the time!

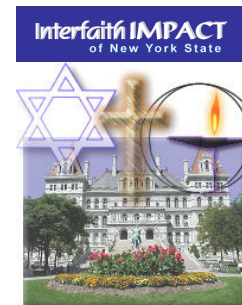
Legislative Advocacy & Education Day

Friday, Oct. 6, 11:00–4:00
Room 711A, Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY

Presented by Interfaith IMPACT of New York State, NYSCU, and the St. Lawrence and Metro New York Districts of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

- Advocacy tips and presentations by leading liberal religious and progressive advocates
- Presentations by key legislators
- Advocacy team meetings with legislators
- Meetings with Program and Counsel staff
- Networking with activists from across the state
- Top three issues: comprehensive sexuality education, emergency contraception, and marriage equality
- Box lunch included in registration fee

For more information, go to www.interfaithimpactnys.org, e-mail interfaithimpactnys@verizon.net or call 518-463-5652



\$15.00 registration fee per person (includes box lunch). Register on the same form as the NYSCU Annual Meeting, write one check for both events.

Keynote speaker

The Rev. Dr. Michael A. Schuler is Parish Minister of the First Unitarian Society of Madison, WI—currently the largest UU congregation in North America—which was named a "Breakthrough Congregation" at this year's General Assembly.



Theme: "Growing Into Excellence"

Growth springs inevitably from excellence. What would an excellence strategy look like? What are its qualities and what would such a commitment mean in the context of church life?

This event is sponsored by:



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