

**New York State Convention of Universalists  
179<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
October 12-13, 2007**

**Unitarian Universalist Society Oneonta, New York**

**Keynote address by the Reverend Dr. John Buehrens  
Former President of the Unitarian Universalist Association  
*A House for Hope: Liberating the Spirit of Liberal Religion***

**Opening reception Friday evening at 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Conference Program 8:00 – 4:00 Saturday**

**Workshops led by Rev. Dr. Buehrens Rev. Tom Chulak  
Diana Friedell Shirley Ferguson & Grace Smith**

***How To* by Joyce Gilbert NYSCU Grant and Loans  
Deadline for 2008 awards is December 31, 2007**

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**Registration:** *Detach and mail with your payment to UUSO, 16 Ford Avenue,  
Oneonta, NY 13820; Attention: Margaret Maguire.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee covers all programs, refreshments, luncheon on Saturday and supplies. The fee is \$25 per person before September 30, \$30 per person thereafter. Make checks payable to NYSCU and mail with this form to the UUSO.

*Credentialed delegates will be reimbursed for mileage. The lodging allowance for delegates is \$30 for a single room, and \$40 for a shared room.*

Please indicate any special needs, dietary or other, below.

## Program

*All events are in Chapin Memorial. There is free parking  
in the municipal lot directly across from the church.*

<b>Opening reception</b>	Friday October 12	7:00 to 9:00 pm
<b>Registration and continental breakfast</b>	Saturday October 13	8:00 – 9:00
<b>Opening Worship</b>	Rev. Judith Quarles	9:00
<b>Welcome</b>	Judith Adel, NYSCU President	
<b>Keynote Address</b>	Rev. Dr. John Buehrens	9:20 – 10:00
<i><b>A House for Hope: Liberating the Spirit of Liberal Religion</b></i>		
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<b>Morning Workshops</b>		10:15 – 11:30
<i>Roundtable discussion of the keynote themes</i>		
Rev. Dr. John Buehrens		
<i>Articulating <u>Your</u> Unitarian Universalism</i>		
Rev. Thomas Chulak, St. Lawrence District Executive		
<i>Ideas that Work: Social Justice and Reality</i>		
Shirley Ferguson and Grace Smith		
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Lunch		11:45
Business Meeting		12:30
Celebration		1:30
<b>Afternoon Workshops</b>		2:00 - 3:15
<i>The Bible for Liberals: Why and How</i>		
Rev. Dr. John Buehrens		
<i>Successful Applications for NYSCU funds</i>		
Joyce Gilbert, Grant and Loan Chair		
<i>Guided Meditation( in our new loft!)</i>		
Diana Friedell, Intuitive Counselor		
<b>Closing Worship</b>	Rev. Kenneth Mochel	3:30

## **Directions to Oneonta**

**From the Capital District, Points North and very West** Take NYS Thruway to Exit 25A. Take I-88 West to Exit 15. Turn right off the exit. Turn left on Main ( the first major intersection). Take the second right onto Ford

**From Binghamton Area** Take 1-88 to Exit 15. Turn left at the exit. Turn left on Main, (first major intersection). Take the second right onto Ford.

**From the East** Take Route 23 West to Oneonta. After Walmart and the Southside Mall, turn right on Foster/Lettis Hwy. Pass under I-88 and go left on Main St. Take the second right onto Ford.

**From Downstate** Take NYS State Thruway or the Palisades Pkwy then NY Routes 6 and 17. Either choice will get you to the Harriman Exit. From Harriman take the NYS Thruway to Exit 21. Follow the directions “from the East” above.

**Beware** If you know and like the “Roscoe way” of back roads to Oneonta, be advised that Route 206 from Roscoe to Walton is closed as of this writing due to flooding.

### **Lodging – Note – Deadline for conference hotel rate is September 1.**

The Holiday Inn on Route 23 in Oneonta is holding a block of rooms until **September 1** at a conference rate of \$129. Their phone number is (607) 433-2250 Ext.182. You must mention NYSCU to get the reduced rate. The rooms are available Saturday night also, if you wish to stay on for sightseeing.

From the Holiday Inn to the Church follow directions **From the East**.

Reasonably priced guest housing (\$30 S, \$40 D) is available by contacting Jane Bachman at 607 431-9509, or [bachmanj@hartwick.edu](mailto:bachmanj@hartwick.edu). Credentialed delegates from member churches will be reimbursed.

## **Things to See and Do in the Region**

### ***Cooperstown***

Brewery Ommegang; 655 County Hwy 33 (607)544-1800

National Baseball Hall of Fame; 25 Main Street  
(1-888-HALL-OF-FAME)

Fenimore Art Museum; 5798 State Hwy 80 (888)547-1450

Farmer’s Museum; State Hwy 80 (888)547-1470

### ***Oneonta***

Soccer Hall of Fame; 18 Stadium Circle (off Route 205)  
(607)432-3351

Joseph Popp Jr. Butterfly Conservatory; 5802 State Hwy 7

Yager Museum; Hartwick College  
(607)431-4480 Open Tues-Sun, 12-4:30.

Greater Oneonta History Center; 173 Main Street  
(607)432-0960 Open Sat 10-4.

Antique shops: The Marketplace on Chestnut;  
213 Chestnut Street (607)232-2240