

New York State Convention of
Universalists

181st Annual Meeting

October 16-17, 2009



Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Richard Gilbert

**The Missing U in Unitarian
Universalism: Our Universalist Heritage,
Its Meaning for Today and
Tomorrow”**

Hosted by
First Universalist Church
150 S. Clinton St
Rochester, NY 14604
585-546-2826
www.uuroc.org

Schedule

Friday Oct 16 7:30-9:30 pm

Concert by Rochester's First Universalist's own John Akers. He is a talented singer/musician. You will be amazed!

Meet and greet with refreshments served.

Saturday Oct 17

At First Universalist Church

8:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 am Opening Worship and Welcoming Words

Rev. Sally Hamlin First Universalist

Judi Adel NYSCU President

9:20 am Keynote speaker

Rev. Dr. Richard Gilbert

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Workshops

12:00 pm Lunch

1:30 181st Annual Meeting

2:30 pm Workshops

4:00 pm Closing Worship

Lodging

Home Hospitality at \$50 per night is available.

Please contact Connie Valk at 1-585-467-3191
cvalk@frontiernet.net

The **Quality Inn Rochester Airport** is holding a block of rooms at a conference rate of \$89 per night until Sept. 23. Please mention NYSCU to get that rate.

1273 Chili Ave. Rochester, NY 14624 1-585-464-8800:
toll free 1-800-424-6423

Directions from Hotel to First Universalist Church

1273 Chili Ave 6 miles approx 12 minutes

Chili Ave to I-390 (turn left to I-390) .2 miles

Take exit 20A merge on I-490 E 3.9 miles

Exit 15 South Ave/Inner Loop/NY-15

Left at 1st fork

Right at 2nd fork; follow signs for Monroe Ave .2 miles

Left at Monroe Ave /Chestnut St .1 miles

Left at Woodbury Blvd .1 miles (parking garage here)

First Right S. Clinton Ave (one way street)

Right on Court St. (one way street)

Mail-in Registration Form

Detach this form and mail with your payment

Please mail to

First Universalist Church

c/o NYSCU Kris McCarty-White

150 S. Clinton St.

Rochester, NY 14604

Make checks payable to NYSCU.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Home Congregation: _____

Registration fee of **\$30.00** covers all programs, refreshments, luncheon on Saturday and supplies.

Delegate must have signed delegate card to be reimbursed. Mileage and housing are reimbursed for delegates. Delegate cards are mailed to each member congregation. See your church office.

Workshop preferences

#_____Morning #_____Afternoon

Dietary needs: _____

Mobility needs: _____

First Universalist is handicapped accessible.

Rochester Area Tour Oct 15-16, 2009

#_____ of people x **\$156.00** includes home hospitality Thursday night.

Directions to First Universalist Church

From the East

490 W Take exit 16 onto S Clinton Ave. Turn right at Court St.

From the West

490 E to exit 15 South Ave/Inner Loop/NY-15

Bear left at 1st fork

Bear right at 2nd fork; follow signs for Monroe Ave .2 miles

Left at Monroe Ave /Chestnut St .1 miles

Left at Woodbury Blvd .1 miles (parking garage here)

First Right S Clinton Ave (one way street)

Right on Court St. (one way street)

From the South

I-390 N exit 15

Merge on I-590 N

Exit to I-490 W

Exit 16 onto S Clinton Ave. Turn right at Court St.

Parking

Very limited small lot directly behind the church on Court St. **Please leave for mobility impaired.**

Large parking lot behind church off Court St.

OK to park there on Friday evening.

Saturday AM parking also available at the Woodbury Square Blvd Garage across from Geva Theatre across S. Clinton Ave . Entrance at 111 Woodbury Blvd. 1 block from the church. **Free parking on the weekends.**

Workshops Saturday

10:45 am

1) Rev. Dr. Richard Gilbert leads a **round table discussion** of his keynote address *The Missing U in Unitarian Universalism: Our Universalist Heritage, Its Meaning for Today and Tomorrow.*

2) The Lee Universalist Archive of NYSCU. See what our NYSCU archivist Karen Dau has accomplished, along with her "deputy archivist" Laretta Young. She will talk about the technology they are using to save NYSCU and Universalist history, such as scanning, photographing, cataloging, and burning CDs. Included will be a map of New York State counties showing a count of Universalist congregations. Research your heritage! This is a limited hands-on workshop.

3) Near Death Experience (NDE) Workshop - Have You Ever Wondered What Happens to You after Your Body Dies? Mary Grace, a former upstate social worker, will share her experience of dying and how this powerful experience transformed her life. PBS has included her in a program on NDEs and Mary is about to release a book on this topic. A question and answer session will be included in this workshop, so be sure to bring your questions for this friendly, down-to-earth speaker.

2:30 PM

4) Tom Chulak will speak on his recent **sabbatical/** pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Cairo and the Nile, Tanzania, South Africa and Morocco. We were so excited to have him back safe and sound after his two months, and I know we will all benefit from his learning and his perspective on these very different cultures

5) Unitarian Universalist In-House Congregational Leadership Program. This workshop describes the in-house leadership program piloted in the Southern Tier Cluster of Saint Lawrence District and made available to all UUA congregations. Join Karen Palmer, who was the SLD board liaison and project coordinator, and Jeanne Crane, program developer and train-the-trainer facilitator. They will present an overview of the program using segments of it in their presentation. This is an excellent program for leadership development. Highlights need-to-know areas of congregational leadership. Honors the experience and wisdom of professional and lay leaders. Points out areas where congregations work differently than other systems. Grounds the work in UU values This program was funded by the New York State Convention of Universalists (NYSCU) in 2008.

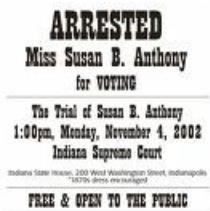
6) The Lee Universalist Archive of NYSCU. See 2) above for workshop description.

Come a day early to see what Rochester has to offer

All of this for \$156 per person. This includes housing Thursday night.

Thursday Oct 15.

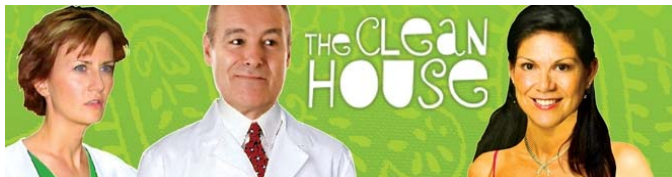
1:00 pm Meet at church
 Tour the houses of two prominent Rochesterians:
George Eastman and Susan B Anthony.



George Eastman House

5:00 pm Dinner

7:30 Play "The Clean House" at Geva Theatre (on the same block as the church)
 This is a 2005 Pulitzer Prize finalist. The path to true happiness might be messy.



Friday Oct 16

10:00 am Meet at the Genesee Country Village and Museum in Mumford, NY (approx 45 minute drive)
 Visit Genesee Country Village & Museum, a living history museum breathing life into an authentic 19th-Century Country Village. Explore 68 furnished buildings, including an octagon house. In season, costumed interpreters demonstrate historic activities. One of the largest living history museums in the country, it is also home to the John L. Wehle Art Gallery and a nature center. www.gcv.org



Hyde (Octagon) House



Quaker Meeting House



Shaker Trustee Building

Lunch at the GCVM
 Dinner on your own.
 7:30 pm See the Annual Meeting Schedule.

In addition: Saturday night 10/17/09
 Free concert at the newly refurbished Eastman Theatre 7:00 pm

Come to hear:
 The Eastman Wind Ensemble is America's leading wind ensemble. Its core of about 50 performers includes undergraduate and graduate students of the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester.