

**NEW YORK STATE
CONVENTION
OF
UNIVERSALISTS**



172nd Annual Meeting

Oct 15 & 16, 1999

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

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

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

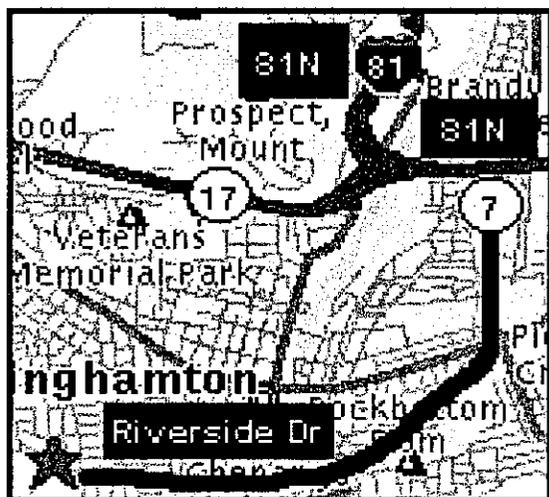
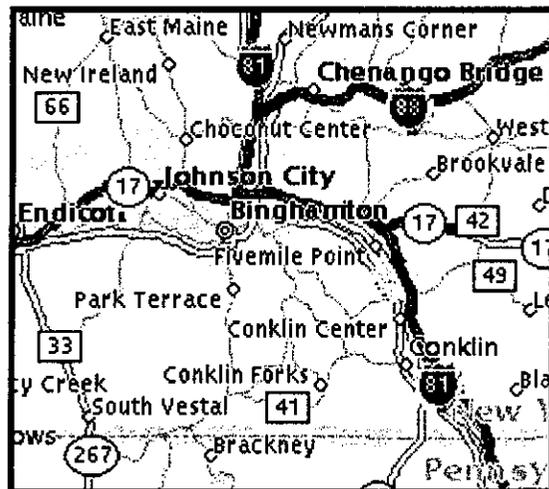
8:30-9:00AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00-9:15	Opening Worship
9:15-10:15	Business Meeting
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-12 N	Keynote - Rev. Alma Faith Crawford
12:00-1:00PM	Lunch
1:00-2:20	Workshops
2:20-2:30	Break
2:30-3:50	Workshops
3:50-4:10	Business meeting
4:10-4:25	Closing Worship

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.



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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? _____

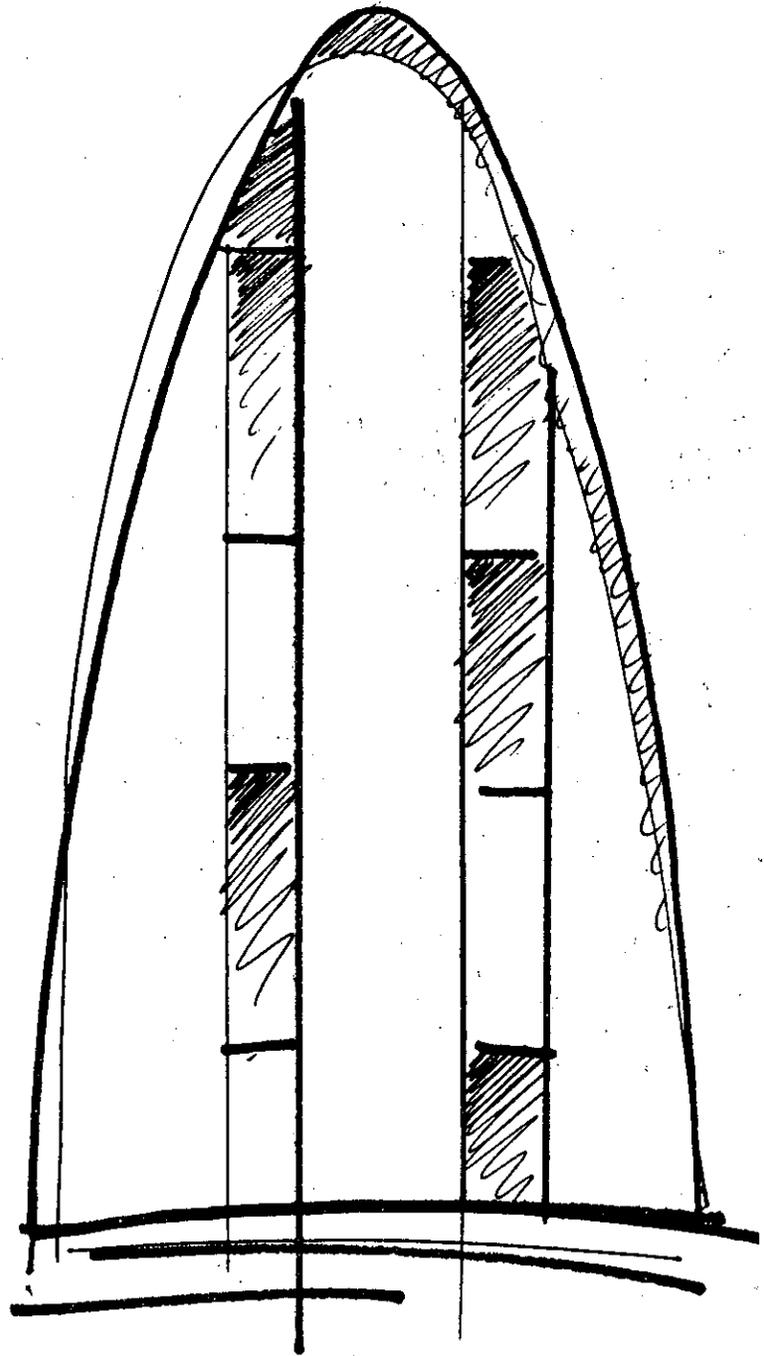
NAME OF ORGANIZATION _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS? _____

CHILD CARE: NAMES / AGES _____

HOME HOSPITALITY REQUESTED?
 YES _____ NO _____

Welcome
To



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH OF BINGHAMTON



unitarian universalist church of binghamton, new york

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Binghamton is proud to welcome the New York State Convention of Universalists. That the Convention should gather in Binghamton this year is especially fitting since this is our Centennial year. There has been a Universalist presence in this city dating to 1835 but this congregation was gathered in 1891.

Thus we are especially proud to host your Annual meeting. Our own roots are Universalist and we celebrate the living dynamic tradition of Universalism within the Unitarian Universalist Association. Ours is a religion with heart. Ours is a religion open to the possibilities of the Mystery. Ours is a religion that remains open to truth known and unknown. We who are the dreamers of a better world yet to come take satisfaction in the fact that we are still here and that we are growing both in numbers and in influence. We are delighted that our voices will be part of the concert.

Marcel P. Duhamel,
Minister

The Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Binghamton is happy that the New York State Convention of Universalists has accepted its invitation to hold the 162nd Annual Session in Binghamton. Records indicate that a Universalist Society existed in Binghamton in the early 1800's and met in the Court House. In about 1843 a Universalist Church was built on what is now the Court House Square. This church burned in 1867 and activities stopped until 1890-91 when this Universalist Society was formed. For four years meetings were held in the Grand Army of the Republic Hall until the Church of the Messiah was built across the street from the present Court House Square. In the early 1920's the congregation moved to a beautiful old mansion on Front Street. This property included a carriage house where church school classes were held and theatrical presentations were enjoyed. In 1957 the congregation sold the property to the American Civic Association and built this modern church building on Riverside Drive and extending to the Susquehanna River. In the late 1960's additional classrooms were added to the original building.

Marion Angelo,
Moderator

Statement of Principles and Purposes of the
Unitarian Universalist Association of Churches
and Fellowships, enacted at the
1986 General Assembly

We the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist
Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- ◆ The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- ◆ Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- ◆ Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiri-
tual growth in our congregations
- ◆ A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- ◆ The rights of conscience and the use of the democratic
process within our congregations and in society at large;
- ◆ The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and
justice for all;
- ◆ Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of
which we are a part.

The living tradition we share draws from many sources:

- ◆ Direct experience of that transcending mystery and won-
der, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal
of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and
uphold life.
- ◆ Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which
challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil
with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of
love.
- ◆ Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in
our ethical and spiritual life.
- ◆ Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond
to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.
- ◆ Humanistic teachings which counsel us to heed the guid-
ance of reason and the results of science, and warn us
against idolatries of the mind and spirit.
- ◆ The Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions
which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to
live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Mission Statement

As the sun gives us warmth,
so may our Community be supportive and compassionate,
so may we cherish our children and each other, and
so may we provide the warmth of a safe haven.

As the rainfall quickens growth,
so may we educate ourselves and our children in love, and
so may we nurture lifelong spiritual, intellectual,
emotional, and ethical growth.

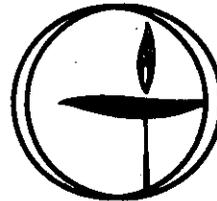
As the wind scatters seeds,
so may we reach out and exchange ideas freely, respecting
diverse cultures and religious beliefs.

As gardeners till the soil,
so may we apply our Unitarian Universalist Principles in
our daily lives, and in our service and actions through-
out the local community and in the larger world.

As Earth blooms and fruits,
so may we celebrate the joy and beauty of life, with laughter
and with the love that also supports us in times of need
and sorrow.

As the moon and stars light the night sky,
so may truth guide us in our search for justice.

As the sky is open,
so may we welcome all.



Unitarian Universalists generally do not embrace any particular reli-
gious symbol. The flaming chalice is among the few exceptions.
Uniquely UU, not borrowed from any other tradition, it was first used
by the Unitarian Service Committee during the Spanish Civil War.
Several variations can now be found gracing the decor of UU Congre-
gations in the United States and Canada.

Welcome to the

Unitarian Universalist

Congregation

of

Binghamton, New York



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Our History

Though there is evidence of a Universalist presence in Binghamton as early as 1835, this particular church was founded in 1891. Incorporated as the First Universalist Church of Binghamton, the members understood God as love and offered a liberal response to the predominant Calvinistic theology of the era.

Nineteenth century Universalism was non-creedal, as is contemporary Unitarian Universalism, but celebrated its Judeo-Christian roots in an unabashed way. Few documents remain from the very early days but the local church was an active member in good standing of the New York State Universalist Convention.

The Winchester Profession of Faith, adopted at the 1803 New England Convention of Universalists was one attempt to articulate the Universalist faith. It is:

Article I. We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament contain a revelation of the character of God and of the duty, interest and final destination of mankind.

Article II. We believe that there is one God, whose nature is Love, revealed in one Lord Jesus Christ, by one Holy Spirit of Grace, who will finally restore the whole family of mankind to holiness and happiness.

Article III. We believe that holiness and true happiness are inseparably connected, and that believers ought to be careful to maintain order and practice good works; for these things are good and profitable unto men.

Our contemporary church would not embrace such a document as speaking for all, but in its day, this was radical theology.

Today, we would use more gender inclusive language and omit Trinitarian references.

During the tenure of the Rev. Richard Woodman, 1954-63, the congregation relocated to its present quarters on Riverside Drive.

When the Universalist Church of America merged with the American Unitarian Association to form the Unitarian Universalist Association in May of 1961, Universalism as a separate denomination ceased to exist and this church became the Unitarian Universalist Church of Binghamton.

In May of 1992, the membership voted to be known henceforth as the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton, the name we now bear proudly.

Worship

Worship services can and do vary considerably from one UU congregation to another. They can be very informal or very formal. What is generally true is that the weekly worship service will reflect a dynamic balance between custom and tradition of the local church and the style and preference of the minister presently serving the congregation. The present minister, the Rev. Stephen H. Furrer, was appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve in an interim capacity while a Search Committee reviews profiles and interviews candidates, one of whom will be presented to the congregation--most likely this coming spring. Following a favorable congregational vote she or he will become the congregation's 21st settled minister, probably beginning in September, 2000. From September '99 through June '00, Rev. Furrer will lead our Sunday morning services three times a month from September through June. The other Sunday each month is the responsibility of the Sunday Services Committee which strives to achieve the broadest possible range of worship experiences. Informal summer services are another opportunity to experience a different style of worship from when the minister is in the pulpit. The Sunday Services Committee is always looking for people to help and execute services.

Religious Education

We believe that religious education is a never-ending process. Under the direction of the Director of Religious Education, Debby Herman, and the supervision of the Religious Education Committee, we try to offer a broad range of education that affirms the individual and encourages a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

Polity

Ours is a congregational church in the sense that governance is all at the local level. This is a free church which governs itself. Our by-laws require the election of officers (Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Treasurer-Elect) and seven Trustees who together form an eleven member Board of Trustees, or twelve members when we have Co-Moderators. Major decisions such as the calling or dismissal of the minister, or the expenditure of dollars not in the present budget, occur only at congregational meetings. The annual budget is determined mostly by the annual canvass. The church realizes some other revenue, such as space rental, but mostly we operate from year to year on what members are willing and able to contribute. The minister serves in an advisory role on the Board but has no vote.

Hence, it can be said that a UU congregation is whatever its membership decides it will be. We profess no exclusive domain on Truth. We are non-creedal, non-dogmatic, and non-doctrinal. We believe individual human beings have both the right and the responsibility to live their own lives and to find meaning where they perceive and discover it. Ours is a difficult and demanding faith where doubt is affirmed and celebrated. In this church, Christians, Jews, Humanists, Neo-Pagans and Buddhists sit in the same pew and worship together, learn from one another and are enriched by the religious diversity which unites us rather than separates us. If you are comfortable with this way of being religious in the world, you are invited to discuss membership with our minister.

Ours is a human institution. We make no claim to having the only true path to a meaningful understanding of the holy. Ours is not the One True Church. We struggle together and we are proud of our heritage. We celebrate our unique process and welcome all seekers as fellow travelers on the path in pursuit of the good.

WHO'S WHO ON THE PROGRAM

THE REVEREND FRED C. LEINING, D.D.
Superintendent Universalist Churches in New York
Syracuse, New York

THE REVEREND L. WARD BRIGHAM, D.D.
Minister Emeritus First Universalist Church
Binghamton, New York

THE REVEREND CLINTON A. MOULTON, D.D.
Minister Emeritus First Universalist Church
Dolgeville, New York

THE REVEREND CLAUDE A. MCKAY, D.D.
Minister First Congregation Church
Binghamton, New York

THE REVEREND HOWARD B. GILMAN
Minister St. Paul's Universalist Church
President New York State Convention of Universalist Churches
Little Falls, New York

MR. IRA F. CASE, *Moderator*
First Universalist Church
Binghamton, New York

THE REVEREND RUSSELL W. LOCKWOOD
Minister-Elect
First Universalist Church

The Reverend Russell W. Lockwood comes to us from Pennsylvania, where he served as minister of our Universalist Churches in Brooklyn and Kingsley. He is a graduate of St. Lawrence University and Canton Theological School and formerly served in Henderson, New York.

THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

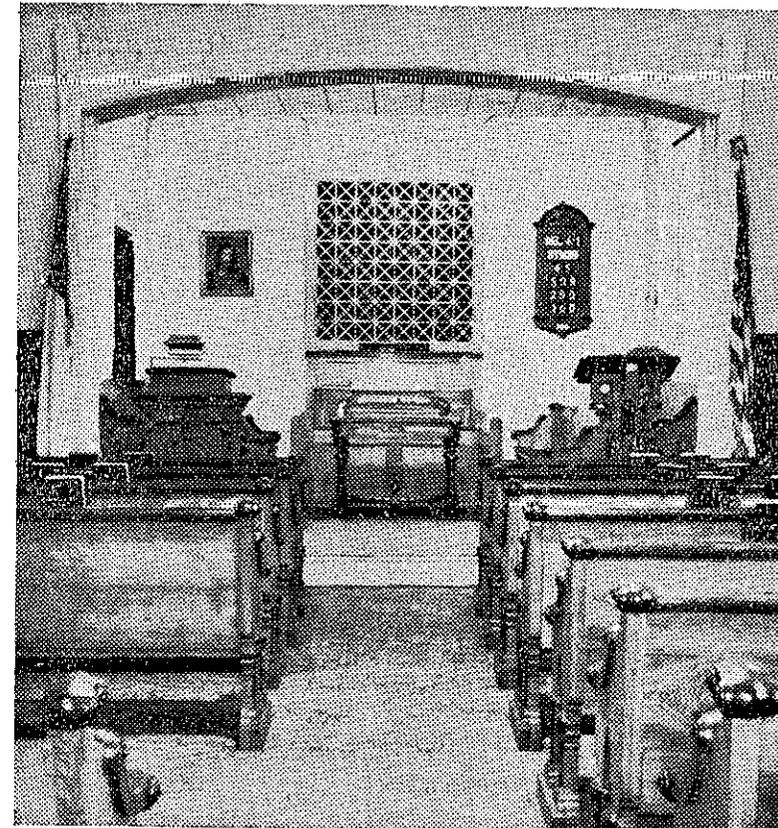
The current Universalist society had its beginnings in Binghamton February 10th, 1890.

Fifty persons met for Universalist services in the rooms of Dwight Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Washington and Court Streets. The Rev. James P. Curtiss was the first ordained minister to serve the present organization.

A Universalist Church edifice was built in 1892 on the site of the present Binghamton Savings Bank. The old records still are extant, written in the hand of Cortland A. Wilber, who was a charter member.

In 1928 the Savings Bank purchased the downtown church site, and the society moved to its present location.

One charter member of the 1890 organization remains: Mrs. Mabel Tinker Card of Camden, New York.



Service of Installation

*of the Reverend Russell W. Lockwood as Minister
of the First Universalist Church*

Binghamton, N. Y.

Sunday Evening, April 23, 1950

7:30 o'clock

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Second Sonata" Part I
Miss Donna Noyes, organist

Mendelssohn

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 310

INVOCATION

The Reverend Clinton A. Moulton, D.D.

RESPONSIVE READING (*See Insert*)

SCRIPTURE READING

The Reverend Clinton A. Moulton, D.D.

CHORAL SELECTION

"I Consecrate Myself to Thee" (14th Century)

A. Arkhangel'sky

Edward C. Butler, director

SERMON

The Reverend Howard B. Gilman

HYMN NO. 449

ACT OF INSTALLATION

Mr. Ira F. Case, presiding

Russell Lockwood, we desire to install you as the settled minister of this church. We would have you dwell among us preaching and teaching the word of truth in freedom and love; rebuking evil and maintaining righteousness; ministering to us alike in our joys and in our sorrows; setting forth no less by your example than by your precept the Christian way of life.

(Turning to the congregation)

I now ask you, my fellow-worshippers, to rise and say with me:

We, the congregation of the First Universalist Church in Binghamton, do hereby install you as minister of this church. On our part we

solemnly pledge ourselves, so far as in us lieth, to walk with you in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in all the ways of God, known or to be made known unto us.

(The minister-elect)

FRIENDS: With a deep sense of responsibility, trusting not in my own strength, but in the grace and power of God, I take up the ministry of this church, to which you have called me.

I do pledge myself, so far as in me lieth, worthily to maintain the freedom of this pulpit; to speak the truth in love, both publicly and privately, without fear of persons; diligently to fulfill the several offices of worship, instruction and administration, according to the customs of this congregation and our Universalist Fellowship; and in all things so to live as to promote piety and righteousness, peace and love among this people and with all men. May God guide and direct us all as we seek to further his Love among those to whom we minister through the channels of this church.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

The Reverend Clinton A. Moulton, D.D.

THE CHARGE TO THE MINISTER, *followed by*

THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

The Reverend Fred C. Leining, D.D.

THE CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

The Reverend L. Ward Brigham, D.D.

THE WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY

The Reverend Claude A. McKay, D.D.

RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 269

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Russell W. Lockwood

POSTLUDE—"Fugue in F Major"

Miss Noyes

Bach

DIRECTIONS...

To: Howard Johnson Motel
700 Front Street
Binghamton, NY 13905
(607) 724-1341

- * From North - Rt 81 South, Exit 5
- * From South Rt 17 West to Bing.
Signs to Rt 81 N,
Exit #5
- * From East - Rt 17 West to Rt 81 N
Exit #5

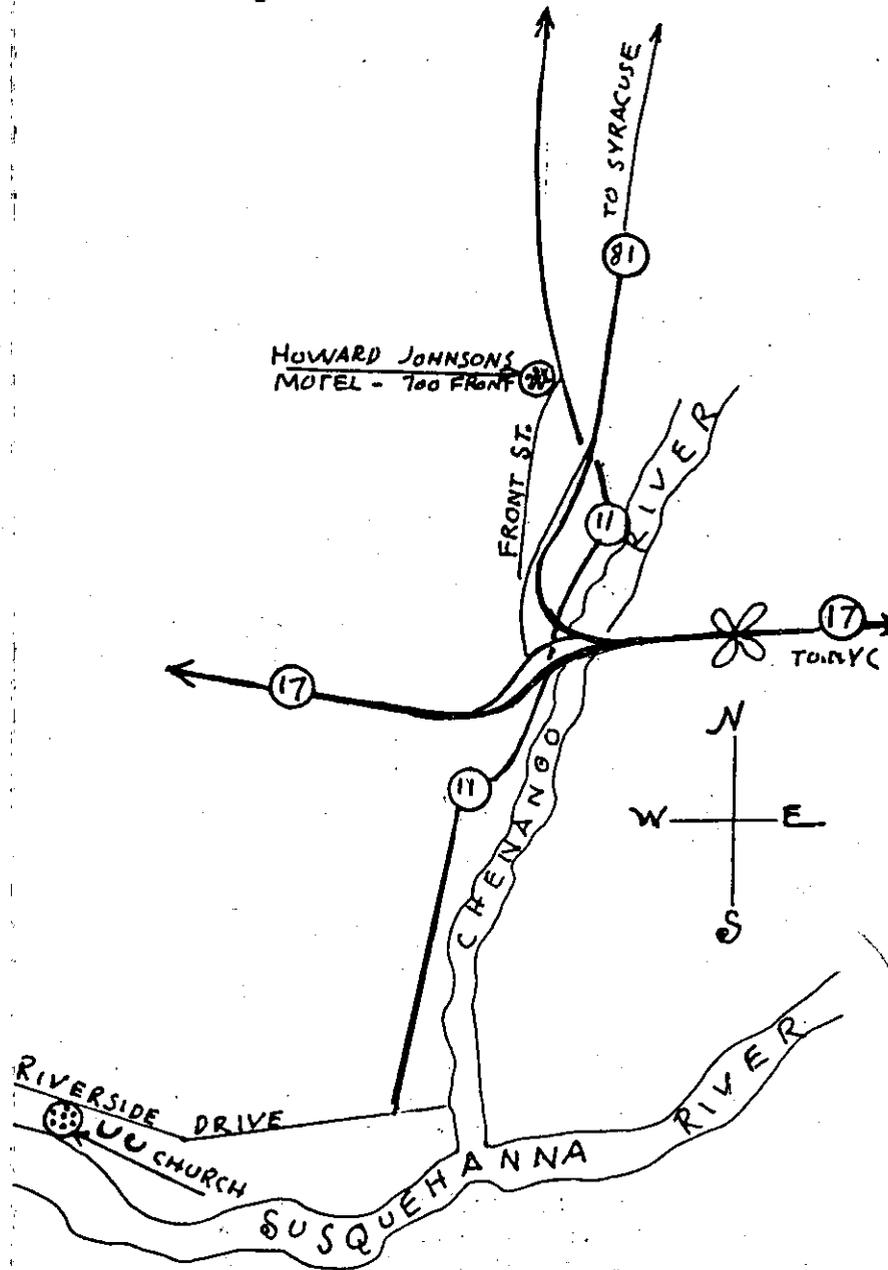
TO: Unitarian Universalist Church
183 Riverside Drive
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(From Howard Johnsons)

- * At Motel traffic light, turn right onto Front Street. (Rt #11S)
- * Travel about 3 miles to end and right onto Riverside Drive (west)
- * Church is on left, about 1 mile, after Lourdes Hospital

OTHER INFORMATION...

- * Nice running park across from motel
- * Come early; motel has restaurant
- * Bring instruments for Coffee House
- * Motel has; airport pick up; ,
ground floor handicap ; non-smoking.



162nd

Annual Session of the

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS



Oct. 12, 13,
1990

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Binghamton, N.Y.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Hotel: Howard Johnson , 700 Front Street,
Binghamton, NY 13905 (607)724-1341
Rates- Single=\$36; 2=40 ;3=44; 4=48
(Rooms held until Oct. 1)

Delegate Travel: \$25 per delegate is author-
ized in support of hotel costs. A travel
subsidy of .22 per mile plus tolls, per car
is authorized on the basis of 4 delegates per
car. (a society with 3 delegates = 1 car;
6 delegates = 2 cars)

Home Hospitality: Complete form below and
mail by October 1, 1990 to :

Ms Dawn Leonard, 9 Murray Street
Binghamton, NY 13905

Information: Harv Brockley (315)793-3006

REGISTRATION

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Church _____
Delegate _____ Non-delegate _____ minister _____
Hotel Reservation made Yes ___ No ___
Home Hospitality Requested:
Number _____ Fri. _____ Sat. _____
Smoking _____ Non-smoking _____
Need transportation to H.H.? yes ___ No ___
Baby Sitting (Sat only) _____
Diet Restrictions _____

Workshop Sign-up: (Select one in Block A
and one in Block B)

- A 1___, 2___, 3___
- B 1___, 2___, 3___

(Please mail this form to Dawn Leonard by
October 1, and the Motel Card to the Motel
by October 1)

SCHEDULE

Friday October 12, 1990

7:30 - 10:00 PM at Howard Johnson Motel...
Registration and social hour **COFFEE HOUSE**
sponsored by Binghamton UU Church. (also
meeting place for Home Hospitality)

Saturday October 13, 1990

All programs & lunch (at no charge) will
be at the Binghamton UU Church, located at
183 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, NY

- 8:45 - 9:15 Registration / coffee
- 9:15 - 9:45 Opening Service, led by
Marcel Duhamel, minister of
Binghamton UU Church.
- 9:45 - 10:45 **Keynote address by Cynthia
Grant Tucker - The Prophetic
Sisterhood in the
Universalist Experience**
- 10:45 - 11:00 Break/ coffee & fruit
- 11:00 - 12:00 Business Meeting Part #1
Harry Burkart, President
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch at the church
- 1:00 - 1:45 Workshop Block A
- 1:50 - 2:35 Workshop Block B
- 2:45 - 3:15 Business Meeting Part #2
- 3:15 - 3:45 Closing Service &
Necrology

Throughout the day books and displays will
be available in the social room. Books by
Cynthia Grant Tucker, Joella Vreeland and
the collection of Keynote papers published
by the NYSCU will be available for review
and purchase.

WORKSHOPS

Timeblock A 1:00 - 1:45

1. **Like A Phoenix Rising...** the How,
What, Where & Why of doing historical
research for your church.
Joella Vreeland & Karen Dau
2. **Unitarianism & Universalism:** A
theological perspective on their
differing origins.
Rev. Ray Nasemann
3. **Grants & Loans Roundtable:** discussing
grants and loans from the present and
past with the aim of developing some
unique proposals for 1991. Applications
available.
C.Wilson Lattin, VP NYSCU

Timeblock B 1:50 - 2:35

1. **Lay Led Worship...** methods for
planning lay led services, with an
emphasis upon utilizing the talents
and skills in your congregation.
Rev. Harry Thor
2. **The Prophetic Sisterhood...** with
readings from her books and the
opportunity to talk over ideas with
the author.
Cynthia Grant Tucker &
Jill Carter
3. **Universalism "101"...** a brief and
clear summary of the history and
meaning of Universalism.
Rev. Peter Lee Scott

(Select one workshop in each Block)

February 22, 1964

Dr. Norman Elton, Moderator
Unitarian-Universalist Church
Binghamton, New York

Dear Dr. Elton:

The Executive Board of the Convention recently voted to abolish aid to churches as a function of the New York State Convention of Universalists.

This action means that your church will no longer receive the annual payment of \$26.00 from the Convention. This sum had come from the Voluntary Trust Funds which also have been abolished by Board action.

The action of the Board takes place immediately and therefore there will be no payment in the fiscal year 1964-1965.

If you have any question about this please feel free to write me.

Sincerely yours,

Robert W. Sterling

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

183 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

December 14, 1961

Mr. Cleon G. Wait
Treasurer, N. Y. State Convention of Universalists
565 Hillside Avenue
Rochester 10, New York

Dear Mr. Wait:

We were delighted to find the mortgage extension agreement ready for execution in the mail in time for our regular December meeting of our Executive Board on December 11. I signed the agreement, as authorized, and it is on its way.

We are so grateful for this extension, enabling us to recommend a realistic 1962 budget including increases that we should now be able to give to the UUA and the Universalist Development Fund, as well as to our minister.

Again, our thanks for your speedy authorization and execution in the matter.

Sincerely,

Mary T. Gagne

Mary T. Gagne
Moderator

MINISTER RICHARD M. WOODMAN
68 CRARY AVE., BINGHAMTON, N.Y. CHURCH TELEPHONE
TELEPHONE SWARTHMORE 7-1122 RAYMOND 9-1641

This Indenture,

Made the 12th day of OCTOBER Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-seven

Between THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK, 131 Front Street, Binghamton, New York, and NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS,

a corporations organized under the laws of State of New York, having an office at 373 Argonne Drive, Hammon, Essex County, New York,

ies
parties of the first part, and

SAMUEL H. PEARIS, EMORY C. RESSEGUIE and ROBERT D. STONE, Press Building, 19 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York,

Witnesseth, that the parties of the first part, in consideration of

- ONE AND MORE - Dollar
(\$ 1.00) lawful money of the United States,

paid by the parties of the second part,

do hereby grant and release unto the parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns forever, all THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the City of Binghamton, County of Broome and State of New York, on the west side of North Front Street, being a lot taken from the north side of the lot formerly owned by Thomas Jackson. Said lot is seventy-seven (77) feet front and rear and about sixteen (16) rods deep, be the same more or less.

Being the same premises conveyed to the FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH by Warranty Deed dated February 15, 1929 and recorded in the Broome County Clerk's Office on February 15, 1929 in Book 389 of Deeds at page 469.

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**The Following
Image(s) are the
Best
Copies Available**

BIEL'S

BINGHAMTON N. Y.
KRAMER, NIGHT & WATERS
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Together with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of the party of the first part in and to said premises,

To have and to hold the premises herein granted unto the parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns forever.

And the parties of the first part covenants as follows:

- First.** That the party of the first part ^{ies} ~~is~~ seized of said premises in fee simple, and ~~has~~ good right to convey the same;
- Second.** That the parties of the second part shall quietly enjoy the said premises;
- Third.** That the said premises are free from incumbrances;

Fourth. That the party of the first part ^{ies} will execute or procure any further necessary assurance of the title to said premises;

Fifth. That the party of the first part ^{ies} will ~~forfeit~~ **Warrant** the title to said premises.

Sixth. That in compliance with Sec. 13 of the Lien Law, the grantors will receive the consideration for this conveyance and will hold the right to receive such consideration as a trust fund to be applied first for the purpose of paying the cost of the improvement and will apply the same first to the payment of the cost of the improvement before using any part of the total of the same for any other purpose.

In Presence of

In Witness Whereof, The ^{ies} ~~ies~~ have

party of the first part ~~has~~ caused ~~its~~ these presents to be signed by ~~its~~ ^{their} authorized officers the day and year first above written.

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS
BY: Reverend D. Sturtevant
Vice-President

THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK
Wm. S. Willis
Moderator

Aug Sept 14 1902

Rev B B Fauchald

Dear Bro,

I do not know as I have much to re-
port to the Executive Board. One encouraging thing about
this locality is that meetings are at present being held
at Oxford and Sherburne. I hope the movement in
these places may take root. I thought I was
about to see things going at Smithville Falls but
through a misunderstanding in arrangements it was
no go. Mr Doughty who was regularly or duly
appointed to transfer our property to the Convention is
still seriously sick with brain trouble.

With good will,

Ben F. Butler

THIS INDENTURE, made the 31st day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, between the First Universalist Church of the City of Binghamton, New York, a religious corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and located in the City of Binghamton, Broome County, New York, party of the first part, and the New York State Convention of Universalists, a religious corporation organized and existing under Chapter 188 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1862 as amended, party of the second part,

WHEREAS, the party of the first part is a church of the Universalist denomination of the State of New York in fellowship with the party of the second part, and

WHEREAS, at a regular parish meeting of the party of the first part held at the usual place, namely, in the church edifice in the City of Binghamton, Broome County, New York, after public written notice of such meeting signed by the parish clerk and specifying the place and time of such meeting had been duly given by posting three copies of said notice in conspicuous places in said City of Binghamton, New York, for ten days prior to the time of said meeting, this conveyance is duly authorized by a majority vote of the parish of said Church,

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of One dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, and other good and valuable considerations paid by the party of the second part, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 7 and 9 of Chapter 188 of the laws of 1862 as amended, does hereby grant and release unto the party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever,

"ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the City of Binghamton, County of Broome and State of New York, on the west side of North Front street, being a lot taken from the north side of the lot formerly owned by Thomas Jackson. Said lot is Seventy-Seven (77) feet front and rear and about sixteen (16) rods deep, be the same more or less. Being the same premises conveyed by Mary A. Sampson to Harper Dusenbury by deed dated December 7, 1878 and recorded in Broome County Clerk's Office on December 10, 1878 in Book 107 of Deeds at page 365.

Being the same premises conveyed to the party of the first part by deed dated February 15, 1929 and recorded in Broome County Clerk's Office on the 15th day of February, 1929 in Book 389 of Deeds at Page 469."

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IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED between the parties hereto as a part of the consideration for this conveyance, that the party of the first part shall remain in possession of the premises hereby conveyed and shall have the use and benefit thereof as long as the party of the first part shall be and remain duly organized and existing as a Universalist Society under the rules and regulations provided by the party of the second part for the fellowship of societies under its jurisdiction.

TOGETHER with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of the party of the first part in and to said premises.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the premises herein granted unto the party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever.

AND party of the first part covenants as follows:

FIRST: That the party of the second part shall quietly enjoy the said premises.

SECOND: That the party of the first part will forever warrant the title to said premises.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the party of the first part has caused these presents to be signed by its trustees and their respective seals to be hereunto affixed the day and year first above written.

Consideration nominal.

THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF
THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK.

By Floyd B. Sweet L.S.
Trustee

Ernest A. Young L.S.
Trustee

Raymond Smith L.S.
Trustee

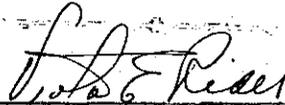
Robert Williams L.S.
Trustee

William E. Gardner L.S.
Trustee

Donald W. Hamer L.S.
Trustee

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)
COUNTY OF BROOME) ss:

On this 31st day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, before me personally came, FLOYD D. SWEET, ERNEST A. YOUNG, L. RAYMOND SMITH, ROBERT E. WILLIAMS, WILLIAM E. GARDNER and DONALD W. KRAMER, to me personally known, who being by me duly, severally sworn, did depose and say each for himself, that he resides in the City of Binghamton, Broome County, New York; that he is one of the trustees of the First Universalist Church of the city of Binghamton, [New York], the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that said corporation has no seal and that he signed his name to said instrument by order of the Board of Trustees of said corporation.



Notary Public.

BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

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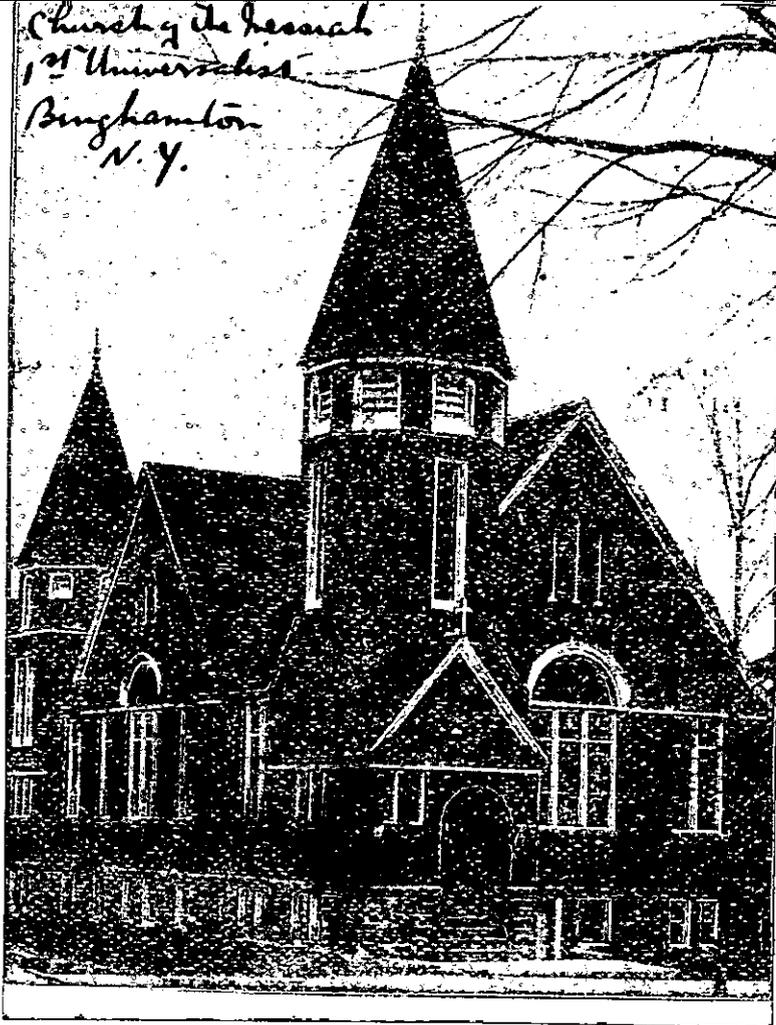
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Dated: March 31st, 1934.

ROOME COUNTY, SS
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Church of the Messiah
1st Universalist
Binghamton
N. Y.



**FORMER UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
BINGHAMTON, BROOME COUNTY, NY**