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ACCOMMODATIONS: A block of rooms (20 for Thursday, 30 for Friday, and 20 for Saturday), has been reserved for the NYSCU at the Quality Inn, Everett Road, (mailing address is 3 Watervliet Ave.), Albany. Rates, which include a full breakfast, are: single-\$70, double-\$70, triple/quad-\$75, per night. Rates are subject to state and local taxes. For reservations, call 1-800-228-5151 or 581-438-8431 and ask for the NYSCU rate. Rooms will be held until Oct. 15, 2001. Check-in is 2:00 pm, check-out is 11:00 am. There is no parking fee. Complimentary shuttle service is available from the airport, train and bus stations. Please call the Inn upon arrival. Home hospitality will be available on a first-come, first-served basis; please indicate your interest on the early registration form.

To get to FUUSA by automobile:
From the East, West or South: Take the Thruway to Exit 24. Take I-90 (Albany, Troy,

Boston) east. *Exit at Exit 2 (Washington Avenue, Fuller Road, State University). Turn left onto Washington Avenue and head east toward downtown Albany. Go about 3 miles. FUUSA is on the left at the corner of Washington Avenue and Robin Street. From the North: Take the Northway (I-87) south to Exit 1E (I-90 East). Follow the directions above beginning at the *.

Parking is available on the street anytime and in the University at Albany lot at the corner of Robin and Washington on Sundays only.

There is a wheelchair entrance to FUUSA on West Street. Ring the bell for admission.

Visit www.digitalcity.com/albany/ for more information about the Albany area.

REGISTRATION: Registration is free for delegates and \$5 for non-delegates. There will be no penalty for late registrations this year.

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. Please see your congregation's President/Moderator for delegate credentials. Non-delegates will not be reimbursed.

CHILDCARE is available from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday, November 3, You must request childcare by October 26 to ensure availability.

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY: 8:00-9:30 PM

Reception, with light refreshments and fellowship, at FUUSA

SATURDAY:

8:30-9:00AM—

Registration/
Continental Breakfast

9:00—Opening Worship

Rev. Samuel A. Trumbore:
**“Returning to the Heart of
Universalism”**

9:15-10:30—Business Meeting

10:30—Break

10:45— “Universalism in Action”
Keynote speaker: Jose Ballester

*I would challenge us all to live
our Universalist values in our
everyday lives.
The Just Works program of work
camps is modeled on the old
Universalist workcamps of the
1950s. They are successful
because at the very heart of the
program is our faith driving us
to do justice.*

11:45—Lunch

1:15 - 2:30—Workshops 1-5

2:30-2:45—Break

2:45 - 4:00—Workshops 6-10

4:00-4:15—Break

4:15-5:00—Afternoon service: m

Walking the (Seven-Circuit)

Labyrinth, with Judy Clough

The 11-circuit medieval labyrinth from the floor of Chartres Cathedral is being used as a walking meditation and a tool for transformation. Cretan seven-circuit labyrinths go back to ancient times.

WORKSHOP OFFERINGS:

1. **Jose Ballester** leads a roundtable discussion on his keynote presentation “Universalism in Action.”

2. **Kathryn McIntyre of the SLUUD Board** provides up-to-date information on the metamorphosing situation of CUC vis-a-vis UUA.

3. **Susan Davison Archer, RE Consultant, Metropolitan District of NY**, presents “How Is It with the Children?” Masai warriors, upon meeting one another, offer this greeting: ‘How is it with the children?’ Individual well-being is measured by the well-being of their tribe’s children. We will explore

ways to support our religious education ministries to our children and youth, so that we may respond: “Our children are well; all is well.”

4. Social Action in Action

Rev. David E. Monroe presents the “interesting” history of The Clubhouse, a space created by the small but energetic Middletown, NY congregation, which provides a safe haven, with life-skills programs, for folks who are or who have been in the mental health system. It’s a major social action program, which continues to grow.

5. Get your congregation on the web.

The elements of an effective web site and synergy with other types of electronic communication will be presented and reviewed during “Effective Electronic Communications for your Congregation/Organization,” led by **Tom Upshaw, Electronic Communications Administrator.**

6. “An Evolving Partnership: The Rise of Universalism Since Merger.”

John Murray preached his first sermon in America 231 years ago in Thomas Potter’s chapel at what is now called Murray Grove. Come join **Tom Chulak, Acting District Executive for St. Lawrence District**, in a reprise of his Murray Grove lecture, delivered at GA 2001: “An Evolving Partnership: The Rise of Universalism Since Merger.”

7. Justice Making in the Empire State

Interfaith Impact of New York State members discuss religious advocacy in Albany. IINYS is composed of UUs, Reform Jews and mainline Protestants from the NYS Community of Churches; it seeks to present a progressive religious voice on public issues. Learn how to get involved in the work of applying religious values in the state capitol.

8. The ever-popular “What Could Your Congregation Do With \$10,000?”

will be presented by **Paul Robinson, chair of the NYSCU Grants & Loans Program.** He offers a review of the grant application; responsibilities of grant recipients; examples of previously funded grants and loans. Question-and-answer period.

9. CUC RE Video will be introduced by

Susan Shaw, the wonderful, multi-talented, multi-tasking secretary of the NYSCU board. She will screen the video and facilitate a short discussion.

10. Lights, Camera, Social Action!

provides hands-on knowledge of how social responsibility and theater intertwine to strengthen the understanding and expression of our UU Principles. **Sacred Stories Theater** is an innovative program for religious education that was supported by a NYSCU grant in 2000-2001. It will be presented by **Sheila Schuh, DRE, First UU Syracuse.**

EARLY REGISTRATION

Registration is free for delegates and \$5 for non-delegates. See your President/Moderator for delegate credentials. Please make checks payable to NYSCU.

Name _____

Name on tag _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Delegate yes no

Check enclosed Amount _____

Home congregation _____

Put me on the NYSCU mailing list yes!

Workshop preference:

1:15 # _____ 2:45 # _____

Do you need display space? _____

Organization _____

Special dietary needs _____

Childcare (available Saturday) needed:

child _____ age _____

child _____ age _____

Home hospitality requested? yes

Please mail to:

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