

**2010 NYSCU Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all applicable items:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I need childcare for Friday evening, October 22nd

\_\_\_\_\_ I need childcare for Saturday, October 23rd

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ I am a Delegate from my congregation

*(Delegates are eligible for mileage and housing allowance. Please have delegate credentials properly signed.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ I'd like a display table

\_\_\_\_\_ I have special needs (food, access, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Indicate your Workshop Choices**

Morning (A-D) First Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Afternoon (E-G) First Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE REMIT FEES AS FOLLOWS:**

Registration:

Adult \$30/person in advance, \$35 on site) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send registrations to:** Margaret Maguire at NYSCU, P.O. 428, Oneonta, New York 13820. Registrations must be received by October 15, 2010.



182nd Annual Meeting of the New York Convention of Universalists

# Local Action - Global Connection

# 21st Century Universalism

**October 22-23, 2010**

**First Unitarian Universalist Society of Syracuse**  
109 Waring Road, Syracuse, New York 13224  
[www.nyscu.org](http://www.nyscu.org)



*Honoring our heritage by **strengthening** our future*

**See inside** for detailed workshop and registration information on this weekend of exciting and enriching UU activities

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### Featured Speakers

#### Ruthie Rosauer - "Singing Meditation"



Recover the voice of your soul and reclaim your birthright to sing. **Ruthie Rosauer** shares the spiritual practice of singing meditation, which combines repetitive singing of short, simple, interfaith songs with periods of undirected silence. Singing meditation uses the power of song to connect the heart and mind.

Join Ruthie Rosauer to further explore the experience of Singing Meditation. Enjoy more time to enjoy the practice with Ruthie and learn how you can introduce this life affirming experience to your own congregation.

#### Gini Courter - "Living in a Time of Great Changes"



A native of Flint, Michigan, **Gini Courter** was raised a Methodist but left the church at age 14. For the next 13 years, she explored different religions. At the suggestion of a friend, she visited a Unitarian Universalist church and immediately felt a connection. Today, Gini is an information technology consultant and a nationally recognized speaker on office collaboration and productivity tools. A founder and partner in TRIAD Consulting, she is the author or co-author of 29 books on information technology. Ms Courter currently serves as moderator for the GA.



### Directions

#### Coming from North of Syracuse

Take I-481 South. Take Exit 2 toward Jamesville Road/Jamesville. Turn right onto Jamesville Road. Turn left onto Nottingham Road. Turn right onto Waring Road and drive for 0.2 miles. Parking for the church is at the bottom of the hill.

#### Coming from East of Syracuse

Take I-90 West towards Buffalo. Take Exit 34A towards I-481/Syracuse/Oswego. Go straight to get on I-481 South towards Syracuse/Cortland. Take Exit 2 towards Jamesville Road/Jamesville. Turn right onto Jamesville Road. Turn left onto Nottingham Road. Turn right onto Waring Road and drive for 0.2 miles. Parking for the church is at the bottom of the hill.

#### Coming from South of Syracuse

Take I-81 North. Take Exit 16A to get on I-481 North towards DeWitt. Take Exit 2 towards Jamesville Road/Jamesville. Turn left onto Jamesville Road. Turn left onto Nottingham Road. Turn right onto Waring Road and drive for 0.2 miles. Parking for the church is at the bottom of the hill.

#### Coming from West of Syracuse

Take I-90 East. Take Exit 39 towards I-690 East towards Syracuse/Fairgrounds. Take Exit 14 towards Teall Ave. Take a slight right onto Teall Ave. Go straight on Columbus Ave. Turn left onto East Genesee Street. Turn right onto Scott Ave. Turn left onto Cross Road. Turn right onto Bradford Heights Road. Turn left onto Tecumseh Road. Turn right onto Waring Road. Parking for the church is at the bottom of the hill.



### Lodging



#### Parkview Hotel

1060 East Genesee St.  
Syracuse, New York 13210

1-800-365-HOME for reservations  
Mention NYSCU for the \$109 room price  
Group rate in effect until September 22

For information regarding  
home hospitality, contact Donna Rohde  
at [donnarohde@yahoo.com](mailto:donnarohde@yahoo.com).





## Afternoon Workshops

### G. Hydrofracking Mini-Conference

This Hydrofracking Mini Conference will cover a wide range of concerns. Expert speakers will present information during the first hour. Questions and discussion will follow in the second hour. Members of the general public will be invited to this part of the conference. This event will provide many opportunities for networking with people well versed in the issues.

#### Speakers

**Joe Heath**, *General Counsel for the Onondaga Nation*

- The Science of the Hydrofracking Process
- Environmental Impact
- Legal Issues related to leasing

**Dr. Richard Weiskopf**, *Physicians for Social Responsibility*

- Environmental and Public Health Concerns

**Jeanne Shenandoah**, *Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force*

- Stewardship of the Earth
- Organizing

**Geri Aird**, *Sierra Club Water Sentinel leader*

- Citizens in Action

**Peter Black**, Professor of Water and Related Land Resources, emeritus, SUNY ESF

- To Frack or Not to Frack

*Barry Lentz, member of First UU and board trustee, will serve as moderator.*



## Schedule of Events

### Friday, October 22nd

6:30 - 7:00 pm	Registration and pick up packets
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Ruthie Rosauer – Singing Meditation
8:00 - 8:30 pm	Reception

### Saturday, October 23rd

8:00 - 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast and Registration
9:00 - 9:20 am	Opening Worship - Rev. Holly Baylis Thanksgiving Prayer
9:20 - 10:20 am	Keynote: Gini Courter
10:20 - 10:30 am	Break and refreshments
10:30 - 11:30 am	Session I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Gini Courter Roundtable</li> <li>B) International UUism – Rev. John Rex</li> <li>C) What Happens To Us After We Die? – Dave Bennett</li> <li>D) Marketing Your Congregation – Kathy McGowan</li> </ul>
11:45 - 12:45 pm	Lunch (Pick your favorite 'Table Topic')
1:00 - 1:45 pm	Business Meeting
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Session II More Singing Meditation with Ruthie Rosauer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E) Habitat Gardening for Life - Janet Allen</li> <li>F) Becoming a Teaching Church – Rev. Linda Anderson</li> </ul>
2:00 - 4:00 pm	- G) Hydrofracking Mini-Conference Expert panel considers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of hydrofracking in New York State</li> <li>• Impact on drinking water, public health and wildlife</li> <li>• The political and economic landscape</li> <li>• How to get involved</li> </ul>

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### Saturday, October 23rd

4:15 – 4:30 pm      Worship – Rev. John Rex



## Morning Workshops

### A. Gini Courter Roundtable

The roundtable workshop will provide time for questions and discussion with Gini. Here is an opportunity to go deeper into issues of the keynote or bring up concerns or questions not addressed in her morning talk.

### B. International UUism – Rev. John Rex

What would you like to know about ways Unitarian Universalists are connected with groups around the world? Meet with Rev. John Rex, who recently returned from the 33rd Congress of the International Association for Religious Freedom in Kochi, India, and from a visit with the Khasi Unitarians in Northeast India, with whom he had served a ministry in 1998-1999. John was a UUA observer at the formation of the International Association of Unitarians and Universalists in 1995. He served in the Peace Corps in Africa in 1962-1964 and in Namibia in 2003-2004. His recent travels include two weeks as part of Habitat for Humanity International building houses in Debre Berhan, Ethiopia, the village where he taught school in the 1960s. Even this Habitat experience had a UU connection! If you have visited a partner church or had other global UU experiences, please come and share that experience with others as well.

### C. What Happens To Us After We Die? – Dave Bennett

Dave Bennett, a speaker on TV and radio, and a national lecturer, had a near death experience (NDE) in 1983. He drowned while serving as the Chief Engineer of an ocean research vessel. Dave will share his experience and the ways in which it has changed his life.



## Morning Workshops

### D. Marketing Your Congregation - The Power of Clusters

- Kathy McGowan

Clusters are a powerful way of congregations working together to accomplish things that no one congregation could do alone. Come hear how we came together in the capital region and launched a marketing campaign, brought a year long spiritual deepening program to all of the congregations and hold annual joint worship services.



## Afternoon Workshops

### E. Habitat Gardening for Life - Janet Allen

Caring for our own yards and church grounds is the most immediate way we care for the earth. By providing habitat for even the smallest creatures and by using earth-friendly landscaping practices, we can help create a healthy planet and preserve biodiversity for future generations. Just as important, we can reconnect with the natural world as we enjoy our own little piece of the earth every day. Become a habitat gardener and watch our land come to life.

### F. Becoming a Teaching Congregation – Rev. Dr. Linda Anderson

Congregations play an invaluable role in the formation of ministers, which is one reason why those who wish to be Unitarian Universalist ministers undertake an internship with a congregation. What role is that, you ask? Come and hear a panel of congregational leaders and ministers and interns tell you their stories and learn how your congregation might become a teaching congregation.

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