

New York State Convention of Universalists
189th Annual Meeting *“Connections”*
October 23-24, 2015



Keynote speaker:

Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed

Historian; Meadville Lombard Theological School Affiliated Faculty

When Dr. King Came to Call

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered the keynote address at the 1956 NYSCU Annual Meeting. His topic was the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Using that event as a springboard, this talk will explore what we can learn, and gain, from Universalism's engagement with African Americans.

Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta
12 Ford Avenue, Oneonta, NY 13820

All Unitarian Universalists are warmly invited to attend

**NYSCU Annual Meeting and Conference Fee:**

\$25 pre-register [<https://www.formdesk.com/uiforms/NYSCU>], \$30 at the door

Students may attend at no charge; \$5 fee for lunch

One free registration to any congregation that has not attended in five years

Driving directions at www.uuso.org

Housing: Clarion Hotel, 55 Market Street, Oneonta, NY Phone: 607 432-7500

Rate is \$99/night if reserved by October 17, 2015. Mention NYSCU for group rate.

Limited Home Hospitality is available at \$40/night. Contact office at uusos@uuso.org

Friday Tourism: Attractions in nearby Cooperstown include the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, the Fenimore Art Museum and the Farmers' Museum. See www.thisiscooperstown.com

Friday Evening Entertainment: 7:00 to 8:30

Join us for refreshments, fellowship, entertainment and inspiration, provided by the UUSO Chancel Players and Friends. "The Egg" by Andy Weir will be performed, followed by a light-hearted musical program.

Refreshments include wine, cheese, coffee, tea and desserts from our fabulous bakers.

Saturday Schedule:

8:00 Continental breakfast & registration

9:00 Opening worship

9:15 – 10:00 Keynote

10:00 - 10:30 Keynote Q&A

10:30 break

10:50 Business Meeting

11:45 Lunch (vegetarian choices provided)

12:45 First workshop session

1:45 Break

2:00 Second workshop session

3:00 Closing worship

3:15 Meeting adjourns

Opening Worship: Rev. Craig Schwalenberg,
UU Society of Oneonta

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Workshop Session I:**Strengthening our Future as a Class-Inclusive Faith Community**

Presenter: Denise M. Moorehead

Often the elephant in the room, stereotypes about class

differences keep us from making deep personal and spiritual connections. This interactive workshop will help explore your own class background, address class bias, and identify new ways to create a more inclusive, cohesive, social justice-focused faith community.

Jung and Yoga

Presenters: Margaret Maguire & Kathryn Smith
Margaret is a Trustee of the CG Jung Foundation; Kathryn is a Kripalu certified yoga instructor.

Carl Jung had interesting ideas about religion and some controversial things to say about yoga, including a warning to westerners not to study yoga! We will examine some of those ideas, have a chair yoga lesson, and enjoy a brief period of meditation in the Siddha tradition. No need for mats or cushions, Just bring your consciousness.

Workshop Session II:**Eight Keys to Attracting People of Color**

Presenter: Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed

Every UU congregation that has become diverse followed the same pattern. The necessary conditions and steps taken are clear. Find out what they are.

Social Justice Projects that Work

Presenters: The Mali Task Force and the Friends of the Oneonta Community Health Clinic
UUSO initiated two ambitious social justice programs in the last decade: The Mali Project supports the education of 50 children per year in a school in West Africa. The OCHC provides free primary care for uninsured adults. The Clinic is now a separate entity, and the school has its own well and a library. Both projects have received significant community support.

Closing Worship: Rev. Schwalenberg