

**New York State Convention of Universalists
193rd Annual Meeting/Conference
October 25-26, 2019**

Keynote Speaker

**Rev. Susan
Frederick-Gray**

**President of the
Unitarian Universalist Association**

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**“Universalist Theology and
the Beloved Community”**

**First Universalist Church of Rochester
150 South Clinton Avenue, Rochester, NY 14604**

All Unitarian Universalists and friends are warmly invited to attend.
Registration information will be posted at nyscu.org.

Annual Meeting/Conference Fee: \$25 pre-register, \$30 at the door

Directions: UURoc.org/directions/ Set GPS for 150 South Clinton Ave., Rochester

Housing: Holiday Inn Express--University Area, 717 East Henrietta Rd., Rochester, NY; 585-272-7800 – breakfast, indoor pool, fridge, microwave and Keurig in each room (not the pool)

Rate is \$99 night if reserved by September 25, 2019. Use NYS or NYSCU for group rate.

Home hospitality is available for \$40/night. Email nyscu_registration@uurc.org for details

Things to do in Rochester: www.visitrochester.com

NYSCU Conference and Annual Meeting,

Friday Evening Entertainment: 7:00 to 8:30, at the First Universalist Church of Rochester

Come together for fellowship

Saturday Schedule at First U Rochester:

- 8:00 Continental breakfast & registration
- 9:00 Opening worship –
Rev. Lane Campbell
- 9:15 10:00 Keynote by UUA President,
Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray
- 10:00 10:30 Keynote Dialogue
- 10:35 break
- 10:50 Business Meeting
- 11:45 Lunch (carnivore, vegetarian, vegan,
gluten-free choices provided)
- 12:45 First workshop session
- 1:45 Break
- 2:00 Second workshop session
- 3:00 Closing worship – Rev. Campbell
- 3:15 Meeting adjourns

Opening Worship: Rev. Lane Campbell

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WORKSHOPS – Session I:

“What Is the UUA and Where Is It Going?”

Rev. Frederick-Gray will offer a short presentation on the Unitarian Universalist Association and then take questions.

One Congregation’s Journey to Justice

Theo Munson and Elizabeth Osta (FIRE Co-Chairs)

Join FIRE (the First Universalist Initiative for Racial Equality) for an open discussion on effective strategies to address systemic and institutional racism from historical, congregational and personal perspectives. Stories, experiences and resources will be shared.

WORKSHOPS -- Session II:

“The Power of We: Beyond the Gender Binary”

Have you wondered how to create welcome for transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive people within your congregation and in your community? Join Rev. Lane Campbell and experts from local LGBTQIA+ organizations for a conversation about what Unitarian Universalists mean by the word “we” when speaking about our faith and our church communities. Expect a lively conversation and resources to bring back to your congregation.

“The Doctrine of Christian Discovery (DoCD)” –

*Philip P. Arnold, Associate Professor and Chair,
Department of Religion, Syracuse University*

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Women’s right to vote, one initiative at the “Christian Domination and the Failure of ‘Truth and Reconciliation’” conference will focus on the Haudenosaunee influence on the Women’s Suffrage Movement -- their roles in traditional matrilineal societies and how that has been systematically disrupted by religion. The conference is scheduled for August 2020. Sponsoring organizations—the Indigenous Values Initiative (IVI) and the American Indian Law Alliance (AILA)—are deeply involved with the work of revealing and dismantling the DoCD.

“Secrets of the Archives” Karen Dau, NYSCU

Archivist extraordinaire, will provide a talk-and-tour. The small Lee Universalist Archive, located at the First Universalist Church of Rochester, is the repository for many of NYSCU's historic holdings. It was named for the late Frederick Harlow Lee, a 4th generation Universalist whose first-generation ancestor in this faith knew John Murray. The holdings come from all over New York State.

Closing worship: Rev. Campbell