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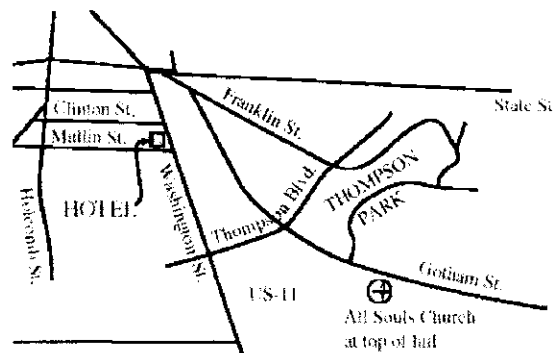
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**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Rooms are reserved at Best Western/Carriage House Inn, 300 Washington St., Watertown, NY. Rates: single-\$59, double-\$64, per night. Call 315-782-8000; ask for NYSCU rate. Rooms will be held until 6 pm unless reservation is made with credit card. Building is handicapped accessible. Check-in is 3:00 pm; check-out is 11:00 am. Parking is free.

Home hospitality is available on a first-come, first-served basis; please check line on registration form. Provide information on number in party, any children, and special needs.

**Directions to Best Western:** From I-81: Take Exit 45. Turn east onto Arsenal St.; follow Arsenal St. for about 1.5 miles to intersection at Route 11; turn Right (south) following Rt. 11 signs and proceed to Clinton St. Turn



Left onto Clinton crossing Sherman St. The hotel is on the corner of Clinton and Washington. Parking is behind it on Clinton, or you can turn right onto Washington and pull into the hotel driveway.

**Directions to All Souls Church from Best Western:** Travel south on Washington St. (also Route 11) to Thompson Boulevard. Turn left onto Thompson Blvd. and continue for 1/2 mile to stop sign at base of hill. Turn right and travel up the hill. All Souls is on the right just after the zoo at the top of the hill.

**Directions to All Souls Church from I-81:** Take Exit 45. Turn east onto Arsenal St.; follow Arsenal St. about 1.5 miles to intersection at Route 11; turn right (south) following signs for Route 11, and proceed to Clinton St. Turn left onto Clinton and go two blocks to Rt. 11 (Washington St.). Turn right and travel south to the light at Thompson Blvd. Turn left onto Thompson Blvd. and continue for 1/2 mile to stop sign at base of hill. Turn right and travel up the hill. All Souls, a modern, wood-stained building, is on the right at the top of the hill.

Turn right into parking lot. Every part of the building is handicapped accessible, including wheelchairs.

AND NOW...

for something completely different:

**Special Friday Day Trip to Kingston:**

9 AM: Leave Watertown. See Canada and the St. Lawrence region from the 400-foot Sky-Tower on Hill Island in the St. Lawrence. View Lake Ontario and Kingston Harbor from Ft. Henry. Tour Fort Henry. Lunch at Chez Piggy in Kingston. Brief walking tour, sightseeing or shopping in downtown Kingston. Tour Rideau Canal. Bus tour of Queen's College. Return to Watertown for evening fellowship.

Cost of trip/tour is \$25 plus the cost of lunch. Email Karen West at [ckwest@dreamscape.com](mailto:ckwest@dreamscape.com) or call 315-938-5582 to reserve a seat.

**REGISTRATION:** Early registration is free for delegates and \$7 for non-delegates. After October 15, the cost is \$15 for everyone.

**ATTENDANCE:** Delegates MUST have signed delegate cards to be reimbursed. Housing stipend: \$30 for delegates. Bus expenses or 20 cents per mile per car (4 people) driving expenses will be reimbursed for delegates only. Check with your board re authorization. Non-delegates will not be reimbursed.

**CHILDCARE** is available 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday, October 26. Note on registration form, or call Karen West at 315-938-5582.

**Schedule:**

**FRIDAY: 7:00-9:00 pm**

Reception, with light refreshments and fellowship, Best Western/Coachman's Room

**SATURDAY:**

8:00-8:50 am—All Souls UU Church  
Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00—Opening Worship with  
Rev. Walter Moulton and Rev. Kathy Sage

9:20—Welcome and greeting

9:30—Keynote Speaker: Thandeka. "Universal Salvation: A Radical Doctrine for Today." Thandeka is Associate Professor of Theology and Culture, Meadville Lombard Theological School; Visiting Scholar, Union Theological Seminary; Affiliate Minister, The Unitarian Universalist Church, Rockford, IL

10:15—Break

10:30—Workshops 1-4

12:00—Lunch

1:15—Business Meeting

2:15—Break

2:30 —Workshops 5-8

3:50—Break

4:00—Election results and thanks

4:15—Closing worship: Harry Green,  
Metro NY District Consultant

Departure—snacks

**WORKSHOP OFFERINGS:**

1. **Thandeka** will lead a roundtable discussion of her keynote presentation, **“Universal Salvation: A Radical Doctrine for Today.”**

2. **The Promises We Make: Creating Congregational Covenants:** The health and growth of a congregation are inseparable from the way its members treat each other, work together, and engage in disagreement. Come and hear stories of one congregation’s on-going process of considering and creating a behavioral covenant.

The **Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt** is minister of Fourth Universalist Society in New York City. She serves as Chair of the Metro New York Growth and Extension Committee, as a member of the UUA Panel on Theological Education, and as a board member of the Mountain, a UU Retreat and Learning Center in North Carolina.

3. **Love and Power Within Universalism:** Universalism is a religion grounded in love. But

how does it deal with power? This workshop will explore the relationship between these two concepts in the history of Universalism.

**Rev. Dr. Tom Chulak** is Acting District Executive of St. Lawrence District. He is a life-long Unitarian Universalist and has been a UU Minister for 23 years. Tom has served four congregations, taught at two theological schools, and been a member of the UUA staff.

4. **Soulful Sundown** was instituted by the Unitarian Universalist Church in Utica as an evening service with music. It was funded by a NYSCU grant. Soulful Sundown was created by the Young Adult and Campus Ministry Dept. of the UUA. Utica’s minister, **Rev. Kaaren Anderson**, met with performers prior to the services to coordinate themes.

**Harv Brockley** is co-chair of Utica’s Soulful Sundown program. Harv has been a UU for 50 years, and has served on the NYSCU board for several of those years.

5. **Growing in Our Faith: One Small Group at a Time:** Too often we rely on our Sunday morning experience as virtually the only way to grow in our faith. As we grow in numbers, we decry our loss of intimacy. Creating intentional small groups helps to answer both needs.

**Rev. Harry C. Green** is UU Metropolitan NY District and Congregational Services Consultant. Harry was ordained in 1978; he has served four congregations. He was District Executive of the Prairie Star District 1986-1994. He served as Director of the Office of Church Staff Finances in the Department of Ministry, UUA and as a Capital Campaign Consultant, UUA.

6. **The Green Sanctuary Program** was developed by the Seventh Principal Project (7PP), a UUA affiliate. Inspired by the Welcoming Congregation Program, it seeks to encourage UU congregations to make more environmentally-conscious decisions for themselves and their building operations, educate members about environmental issues, and encourage community environmental action.

**Jim D’Aloisio** has been at First UU Society of Syracuse for 15 years; currently he serves as Treasurer. He is on the St. Lawrence District Board and NYSCU’s Nominating Committee. Environmentally, he is on the steering committee of the Upstate NY Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council, and is a member of 7PP.

7. **What is Your Vision for the Future of the St. Lawrence District?** In an ideal world, how would you like the District to look? Five years from now, what services would the District be involved in providing for congregations? Join with others; think through your expectations and hopes for SLD.

Presented by **Frances Manly**, convenor/facilitator of the Long Range Planning Committee for St. Lawrence District, or **Karen West**, vice president of All Souls UU Board.

8. **“How Not to Kill Your Grant Application”** will be presented by NYSCU Grants & Loans Chair **Paul Robinson**. Grant writing during hard financial times is indeed challenging. Get the jump on the competition by reviewing the “Key Elements” of a grant proposal. Q&A.

Evaluation forms will be available at the meeting. Input, especially on future workshops, is encouraged.

**REGISTRATION**

Early registration: free for delegates and \$7 for non-delegates. After October 16, the cost is \$15 for all. 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:

10:30 # \_\_\_\_\_ 2:30 # \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need display space? \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare (available Saturday) needed:

child \_\_\_\_\_age \_\_\_\_\_

child \_\_\_\_\_age \_\_\_\_\_

Home hospitality requested? \_\_\_\_\_yes

# in party \_\_\_\_\_ children \_\_\_\_\_ special needs \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to:

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