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ACCOMMODATIONS: Rooms are reserved for Friday night at Hampton Inn, 20 Crystal Run Crossing, Middletown. Rates: single [with king] – \$119, double [two beds] – \$119. Call 845-344-3400; ask for NYSCU rate – code SCU. Reservations under NYSCU rate must be made by Monday, September 22. Rooms will be held for reservation made with credit card. Building is handicapped accessible. Check-in is 3:00 pm; check-out is 11:00 am. Parking is free.

Directions to Hampton Inn:

From I-84 - Exit 4 East to Route 17 East, Exit 122. Take right at light; left at next light on Crystal Run Crossing.

From Rte 17 West - Exit 122, take left on Crystal Run Crossing.

From Rte 17 East - Exit 122, take right at light and turn left at next light on Crystal Run Crossing.

Directions to UU Church of Middletown from Hampton Inn: Go Southwest; right on Crystal Run Crossing and go West for 300 feet; left on ramp at Rte 17 W and go Southwest for 900 feet; continue on Rte 17 for 1.1 miles; leave Rte 17 at Exit 120 – NY 211 to Middletown/Montgomery; go left on Rte 211 E for 1.5 miles; continue on Wickham Ave., Rte 211 for 0.8 mile; left on North St. for 0.26 mile; left on Orchard St. for 0.14 mile.

OR

Go East on Crystal Run Crossing toward Crystal Run Road; right onto Crystal Run Road; stay straight to go onto CR-67/ E Main St. for 2.96 miles.

Directions to UU Church in Middletown from Rte 17: Exit 120–NY 211 to Middletown/Montgomery; left on Rte 211 E and go West for 1.5 miles; continue on Wickham Ave., Rte 211 for 0.8 mile; left on North St. for 0.26 mile; left on Orchard St. for 0.14 mile.

The UU Church in Middletown, a 100+ year-old stone building, with Tiffanyesque windows, is on the corner. The parish house is handicapped accessible, including wheelchairs.

We have a small UU Church parking lot, street parking, and access to a larger parking lot at The Congregational Church on East Main.

And for something different:

Dr. Schulz will be available to sign copies of his newly-published book: "Tainted Legacy: 9/11 and the Ruin of Human Rights."

REGISTRATION

Early registration: free for delegates and \$10 for non-delegates. After October 1, cost is \$20 for everyone. Special: (non-delegate) students – \$5 early and \$10 late.

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 11. Note on registration form, or call Ann Maney at 845-692-2567 or email at bananabob@go.com.

Schedule:

FRIDAY: 7:00-9:00 pm

Reception, with light refreshments and fellowship, Hampton Inn

SATURDAY:

8:00-8:50 am— UU Church in Middletown Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00— Opening Worship with REV. DAVID E. MONROE, Minister Emeritus

9:20— Welcome and greeting

9:30— Keynote Speaker: DR. WILLIAM F. SCHULZ, "Tainted Legacy: 9/11 and the Ruin of Human Rights." Bill Schulz is Executive Director of Amnesty International USA. An ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, Dr. Schulz was President of the Unitarian Universalist Association 1985-1993.

10:15— Break

10:30— Workshops 1-4

12:00— Lunch

1:15— Business Meeting

2:15— Break

2:30 — Workshops 5-7

3:50— Break

4:00— Election results and thanks

4:15— Closing worship: HARRY GREEN,
Metro NY District Consultant

Departure—snacks

WORKSHOP OFFERINGS:

1. **Bill Schulz** will lead a **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION** of his keynote presentation, "Tainted Legacy: 9/11 and the Ruin of Human Rights."

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

3. **UNIVERSALISM OF HOWARD THURMAN: 20TH-CENTURY AFRICAN-AMERICAN THEOLOGIAN; REV. DR. TOM CHULAK.** Rev. Dr. Chulak is District Executive of St. Lawrence District. He is a life-long Unitarian Universalist and has been a UU Minister for 24 years. Tom has served four congregations, taught at two theological schools, and been a member of the UUA staff.

4. **SEEKING COMMONALITIES IN OUR THEOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, JOYCE GILBERT;** The UUA Commission on Appraisal's topic for a 2005 study is "What is the Core in Our Theological Diversity?" We're finding quite a bit of interest in Universalism — but no agreement on what the name means, either historically or currently. Information gathered during this workshop will feed into the data. The study process will be in the final writing stages starting in January 2005.

Joyce, a member of the NYSCU board, is also a member of the Commission on Appraisal.

5. **OUR HUMAN RIGHTS: FROM WELFARE TO POST-9/11 AMERICA, JACKIE LADD,** Unitarian Universalist Service Committee; Tulsa Workshop: In its Welfare and Human Rights Monitoring Project, UUSC found that "Burdensome government rules and regulations exist which obstruct due process for welfare clients, impose unlawful sanctions, and invade the privacy of recipients." This workshop will look at how privacy issues discovered by WHRMP have become issues for all in the wake of September 11, 2001. Learn how to become a UUSC human rights monitor.

Jackie, UUSC Programs Associate, super-

vised the Welfare and Human Rights Project, UUs United and will manage the free speech monitoring project. She facilitated UUSC's TANF reauthorization campaign and worked with two partner organizations to produce a guide to advocacy and a manual for working with media.

6. **SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING, JIM GUNNING,** UUA Committee on SRI; Jim has been active in SRI, shareholder activism, campaign finance reform and anti-racism.

He serves on the Board of Trustees of the UUSC and chairs its Investment Committee; he is the representative for both the UUA and UUSC to the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. Jim is a member of the First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn, NY; he is on its Transformation Team Against Racism, and chairs its Investment Committee.

He is a member of the Boards of the NJ Chapter of Common Cause, the UU United Nations Office, and People to People International. He served for 25 years as volunteer Director and Treasurer of the National Council on Aging.

7. "HOW NOT TO KILL YOUR GRANT APPLICATION" will be presented by NYSCU board member and Grants & Loans Chair **PAUL ROBINSON.** Grant writing during hard financial times is indeed challenging. Paul will help you get the jump on the competition by reviewing "Key Elements" of a grant proposal. Q&A.

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

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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 _____

Please mail to:

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