

## SCHEDULE

9:00: Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:45 Welcome and Greetings

10:00: Ingathering Worship:  
Rev. Tim Ashton, Parish Minister  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst

10:15: Welcome from the SLD  
Rev. Tom Chulak

10:30: **Key Note Rev. John Buehrens**  
**"Maintaining a House of Hope"**

11:15: Q & A Moderated by Rev. Dick Gilbert

12:00 to 12:45 Lunch Emerson Room

12:45 pm **Plenary Session** Emerson Room

"Race, Class and Economic Justice"

Moderator: Rev Richard Gilbert

Response by: Rev John Buehrens

Formal remarks will be followed by facilitated discussion at each table.

1:45 pm Introduction of workshop presenters.

2:00 pm to 2:15 pm Move to workshops

2:15 pm to 3:30 pm Selected Workshops

3:30 pm Closing Worship Rev. Joel Miller  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo

## AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

### **Workshop 1 Jacqui C. Williams** **What role does race play in economic justice?**

Jacqui C. Williams, Co Chair of Catalyst will facilitate a discussion around some historical and recent examples where access to economic opportunity has been along racial lines.

Unevenly distributed forms of risk call us to look at the role of race in understanding the needs and impact of economic justice.

### **Workshop 2 Rebecca Elgie** **The Shifting Sands of Universal Health Care**

Rebecca Elgie, Co-Director of Tompkins County Health Care Task Force will explore the very latest proposals and assess the state of the current debate in congress.

### **Workshop 3 Rev. Richard Gilbert** **Class Issues**

#### **Among the Unitarian Universalists**

Demographically Unitarian Universalism tends to be a faith for the educated and affluent. Why? And what should we do about it? The workshop will examine this perennial issue

### **Workshop 4 Robb Smith** **Race, religion and political street fights in the NYS Senate**

Robb Smith, Executive Director, Interfaith Impact of NYS will explore this summer's coup that brought the legislative session to a halt and how that has affected legislative issues that are important to liberal faith communities.

## REGISTRATION FORM

**Please pre-register by November 1.**  
**Pre-registration fee (incl. lunch): \$30**  
(Child care and Friday night hospitality only with pre-registration)

**Registration fee at door \$35**  
**Lecture only \$10**  
**Students \$10**

**Make checks payable to "St. Lawrence District"** and mark for "SJC Conference"

Mail registration form and check to:

St Lawrence District,  
Attn. Sue Tabone  
695 Elmwood Ave,  
Buffalo, NY 14222-1697

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Request for display table \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide details for special dietary concerns, accessibility concerns, or if child care is needed.

(only available with pre-registration)

Child Care Needed \_\_\_\_\_ (ages) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Night Home Hospitality needed

### **Workshop Preferences**

First choice

Workshop 1 Jacqui C. Williams \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop 2 Rebecca Elgie \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop 3 Rev. Richard Gilbert \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop 4 Robb Smith \_\_\_\_\_

### **REVERAND JOHN BUEHRENS**

Reverend Buehrens brings not only a national perspective on economic justice, but also the understanding of a parish minister. He has been a prominent figure on the national religious scene for years, has served as special advisor to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and is a prolific author.

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### **CONFERENCE THEME**

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This fourth annual conference of the St. Lawrence District Social Justice Council features John Buehrens, former President of the UUA. John brings not only a national perspective on economic justice, but also the understanding of a parish minister. He has been a prominent figure on the national religious scene for years, has served as special advisor to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and is a prolific author. Skinner House Books will soon publish his book, co-authored by Rebecca Parker of Starr King School for the Ministry, *Maintaining a House of Hope*.

Workshops led by activists will focus on this theme through specific topics of interest to UU's in New York State and beyond. Welcome to the conversation - a conversation we hope will be prelude to action.

## **DOING JUSTICE IN AN ECONOMIC TSUNAMI**



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NOVEMBER 7, 2009  
9:00 AM TO 4 PM**



**THEME SPEAKER:  
REV. JOHN BUEHRENS  
FORMER PRESIDENT,  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
ASSOCIATION,  
PARISH MINISTER,  
FIRST PARISH  
NEEDHAM, MA (UU)**