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2014 New York State Rural Women's Conference

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Our Voices • Nuestras Voces Conference Program

FRIDAY

4-6 pm Registration
7 pm Dinner
Speaker: Jessica Lazo - Women's Leadership for Immigration Rights
A Woman of Many Hats: A Performance by Terri Gittens

SATURDAY

9 am Breakfast and Refreshments
Speaker: M. Dele - Climate Shift: Caring for our Land
WORKSHOPS All workshops will be offered **TWICE** - in the morning and again in the afternoon
10:15-11:30 Workshops A, B, C, D
11:45-12:45 Workshops E, F, G, H
1-2 pm Lunch
Speaker: Beverly Bryant - Voices from the Southern Education System
2:15 -3:45 Workshops A, B, C, D
3:45 - 5 Workshops E, F, G, H

5-7 pm Free time to rest, swim, and visit our Marketplace & Resource Fair
7 pm Formal Banquet Dinner
Speaker: Ubaka Hill - Inspiring the Spirit
9 pm Dance Party in the Banquet Hall

SUNDAY

9:30 am Brunch with Community Sharing
Speaker: Cathy Surgenor - Combining Justice and Charity
Music by Jeannine Otis and her ensemble throughout the Conference.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

- A:** Motivational Workshop - Voices from our Destinies
- B:** Dreamers Among Us with Youth Arts Group
- C:** Rejuvenation through Movement
- D:** Women's Health
- E:** Art Workshop
- F:** Improving the Workplace
- G:** Being Heard: Empowering Parents' Voices in the School System
- H:** Our Voices Have Power

MARKETPLACE AND RESOURCE FAIR

On Saturday, merchants and organizations – for profit and not for profit – may display information, resources, and products of interest to rural women. Please reserve your table on the Registration Form.

Fees Merchant & for Profit Tables \$65.00
Not for Profit Tables \$50.00

Daycare provided. Fully licensed and bi-lingual.

Simultaneous Translation available.



DIRECTIONS TO THE HOLIDAY INN ARENA
2-8 Hawley St, Binghamton, NY 13901 607/722-1212

Traveling on Rte 17 East: Take Front St. Exit (#72).
Traveling on Rte 17 West or Rte 81 North: Take the Binghamton Exit (#45)
Traveling on Rte 81 South: Take Binghamton Exit (#45).

The Holiday Inn in Binghamton is set on the bank of the Chenango River, with a lovely promenade for strolling. Within easy walking distance of the hotel is a favorite shopping spot, Boscov's Department Store; a charming small bookstore, River Read; a CVS; and numerous small shops and restaurants.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT FORM

NEW YORK STATE 2014 RURAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
Fri, Sat, & Sun, Dec 5-7; vier, sáb, y dom, dic. 5-7, Holiday Inn, Binghamton, NY

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

ORGANIZATION OR CONGREGATION AFFILIATION _____

YOUR ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

For information or scholarships, call Ruth Faircloth at 845/309-8421 or RMM at 845/485-8627.
Call with questions/Lláme: Rural & Migrant Ministry 845-485-8627.

MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO
Rural & Migrant Ministry, POB 4757, Poughkeepsie, NY 12602.

PAYMENT/ACCOMMODATIONS

Total fee of \$200.00 includes two nights' accommodations (in double occupancy room), four meals, and Conference. Deposit of \$75.00 (non-refundable) due by Oct. 31 to reserve your place. Balance of your fee is due by Nov. 24.

- I want to make a reservation for _____ persons @ \$200 per person (\$75 is non-refundable) \$ _____
- I want to make a reservation for _____ persons for **one day and night only** @ \$100 per person (\$50 is non-refundable) \$ _____
- I cannot attend; enclosed is a contribution \$ _____
- I want to reserve a table space in the Saturday Marketplace @ \$65 (merchants and for profit) or \$50 (not for profits) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
BALANCE DUE BY NOV. 24 \$ _____
For Credit Card payment, call RMM at 845/485-8627.



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Friday, Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 5,6,7, 2014 at the Holiday Inn, Binghamton, NY

SPONSORED BY **RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY** AND **DAUGHTERS OF SARAH**

A gathering for **RURAL WOMEN AND THEIR ALLIES**

Join me and over 100 grandmothers, mothers, daughters and our allies from around New York State to explore our destinies—where we've come from & where we're going.

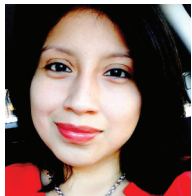


My name is Ruth Faircloth. I grew up in the mid Hudson Valley raised by two loving parents who were migrant farmworkers.

The Rural Women's Conference is a dream come true for me - to empower and bring together women with backgrounds like mine to learn how to have hope. Shame is not the answer because you are rural or a migrant farmworker. It definitely was not the answer for me and my family. We will learn how we can make a difference in our lives and our families. Women in similar difficult situations are now recognizing that their present and future can be changed. Our time together is a unique opportunity. We are able to listen to the stories of others; to share our own stories and to bring encouragement, hope and empowerment to one another. We have always been caretakers for others; this conference allows us to take care of ourselves as well. I invite you to stand with me as we help women to help themselves and to enter into their destinies.

PRESENTERS

JESSICA LAZO



Earned a J.D. Law degree at Florida Coastal School of Law; Worked in immigration rights clinic dealing with refugees and victims of violence from countries such as South Sudan, Haiti, Guatemala, Brazil, Burma, etc.; Assisted farmworkers with attorney Daniela Dwyer of Florida Legal Services; Serves her community as a migration counselor in the immigration services department of Catholic Charities.

UBAKA HILL



Performer, master teacher and inspirational speaker; a creatively authentic, energetic performer, composer, songwriter, recording artist, public speaker, and teacher of hand drumming for more than 30 years throughout the United States and other countries.

M. DELE



Masters of Divinity from Howard University; Adjunct professor at the College of William and Mary; Bringing climate adaptation to our most vulnerable communities; Founder of *Nature's Friends* that trains environmental stewards in underserved communities; Urging faith communities to become hubs of sustainability through local food independence and water security; Board member of the Virginia Interfaith Power and Light affiliate.

BEVERLY BRANT



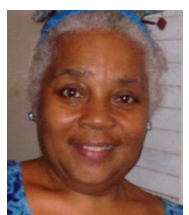
Outstanding leader in her field of Hospitality and Tourism; Serves as Director of the internationally accredited Hospitality and Tourism Administration Program at North Carolina Central University; Graduated from Tuskegee University; Published articles and contributed chapters to University textbooks on Hospitality and Tourism; Past President of the National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners.

CATHY SURGENOR



Member of the National Committee for the Self-Development of People, a non-profit that partners with low-income community organizations which have a plan for addressing their most pressing needs. For her, the Destiny Conference offers a welcoming setting in which women from many backgrounds and sources of wisdom meet to support and inspire each other, aware that our destinies are intertwined. She will address the disempowering effect charity sometimes has on those seeking justice and suggest ways to reverse this.

SONIA "TERRI" GITTENS



This entertainer has reached the community through her creative programs. The character from her one-woman show is a popular neighborhood icon, who is called upon to give guidance on life, love, politics, family

and other issues when the community needs a voice of elderly wisdom.



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Women's Health Care • Diversity • Domestic Violence • Community Building
Strength & Spiritual Life • Family & Education • Women of Faith &
Congregations • Students • Agencies & Organizations

Salud de la Mujer • Diversidad • Violencia Doméstica • Desarrollo de la
Comunidad • Fuerza y la Vida Espiritual • Familia y Educación • Mujeres
de Fe y Congregaciones • Estudiantes • Agencias y Organizaciones



Jeannine Otis and her Ensemble will provide music throughout the conference. Jeannine is the Music Director at St. Mark's Church-In-the-Bowery in NYC.

