

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarship support is available for lay and clergy persons seeking to become certified Rural Chaplains (a two year process). Applications must be complete with required recommendations filed with the RCA membership secretary 30 days prior to the annual FOCUS gathering.

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A limited number of scholarships are available to assist certified Rural Chaplains in retaining certification & in "special needs" situations.

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**LODGING is at Best Western Windjammer Inn (Burlington Airport, 1076 Williston Road, South Burlington, VT. 05403) Phone 802-863-1125. The same room rates apply 2 days before and after our gathering. For those planning to arrive early or stay late, make reservations directly with the hotel for extra nights only. Indicate you are with Rural Chaplains.**

**REGISTER BY SEPT 1<sup>st</sup> to SAVE \$50. (After September 1st: \$425. Dbl & \$590. Single)**  
**Registration deadline: SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

\_\_\_\$375. Double or \_\_\_\$540. Single ROOMMATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_ special need? \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE RURAL CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION**

4705 Alabama Hwy #40, Dutton, AL 35744

## AN ANNUAL GATHERING

Is sponsored by the Rural Chaplains Association to provide both lay and clergy persons a supportive setting for sharing insights and perspectives on the state of rural communities, institutions, environmental/economic challenges and religious/family life concerns. The gatherings bring together dynamic innovative practitioners from a wide variety of settings to share vital ministries that are transforming communities, institutions and congregations across the USA and beyond. While most Rural Chaplains certified by the association serve in the United States, there are others serving in Russia, Canada and England. Outside of the USA there are other groups that train and utilize rural chaplains (i.e. Australia).

**FLY (or drive) TO BURLINGTON, VERMONT**



## RURAL CHAPLAINS FOCUS VISIT TO VERMONT FARMS; CHURCHES & THE CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

**University of Vermont**

**OCT. 23-26, 2017**



Morgan Covered Bridge, Belvedere, VT

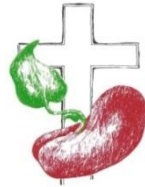


Harvesting maple sap for syrup

**BURLINGTON, VERMONT  
RURAL CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017**

Arrive Burlington, Vermont by 5 PM with hotel pick up by Best Western Windjammer Inn & Conference Center, 1076 Williston Road South Burlington, VT 05403 Ph. 802-863- 1125



**4-6:30 PM REGISTRATION**

Lobby of Best Western Windjammer Inn  
6:30 Welcome with dinner at the hotel (Native American & Others)  
Introductions & Orientation to Vermont  
Sharing Our Journey & Evening Devotions

**TUESDAY, OCT 24, 2017**

Hotel Complimentary BREAKFAST with INTERVIEWS  
8:30 AM leave for Univ. of Vermont  
8:45 Morning Devotion  
9:00 Center for Sustainable Agriculture Presentations by four Staff from Center



**Ben Waterman, New Farmer Coordinator/ "Forest Grown Shiitake Mushrooms"**



**Dr. Linda Berlin, Center Director "Local Food & Food Access"**



**Dr. Joshua Faulkner "Farming & Climate Change"**



**Jennifer Colby, Pasture Program Coordinator/ Water Quality**

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

- \*TO EXPERIENCE FIRST HAND, THROUGH VISITS AND PERSONAL STORIES, THE CHALLENGES AND REWARDS OF SMALL, DIVERSE, SUSTAINABLE FARMS IN VERMONT.**
- \* TO EAT MEALS THAT COME IN PART FROM LOCAL FARMS VISITED WITH LOCAL FOOD PREPARATION. (i.e. Vegetables; mushrooms; maple syrup etc.)**
- \* TO VISIT AND LEARN FROM LOCAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES SERVING IN THE RURAL AREAS OF VERMONT.**
- \*TO LEARN FROM THE STAFF OF UNIV OF VT CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON FARMING & OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES (i.e. WATER QUALITY & ORGANIC APPLICATIONS ETC.)**
- \*TO EXPLORE AND ENJOY THE RURAL COUNTRYSIDE/CHURCHES OF VERMONT IN THE FALL**

**LUNCH By GOOD FOOD TRUCK**  
Continued presentations/  
conversations with staff from Center  
for Sustainable Agriculture  
**3:00 Conclusion of Presentations**  
**RCA Business Session**  
**Supper**  
**Vespers**  
**Return to hotel**



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017**

Hotel Complimentary BREAKFAST  
9:15 BUS Leaves for TOUR of AREA FARMS  
(1)Pine Island Community Farm or Intervale Community Farm  
(2)Wild Roots Farm (Jon Turner VT Chapter of Farmers Veterans Coalition)

LUNCH at the farm; by the farm!  
(3) Champlain Valley Farm Coalition  
(4) Dakin Farm & Store Tour (maple syrup)

SUPPER at CHURCH  
Sharing about Church & Ministries  
RCA CERTIFICATION SERVICE  
Return to hotel

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017**  
Hotel Complimentary BREAKFAST  
Departure