



# Advocacy & Witness News

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## CHANGES A PLENTY!

The office is all a twitter as we move into a time of transition. Our two veteran interns, Elizabeth "EB" Bukey and Meredith Schonfeld-Hicks will be soon leaving us for greener pastures. Meredith will be working at Advocates for Youth, an organization that focuses on comprehensive sexual health training for youth and young adults. EB will continue to work on her passion for civil rights, preferably in the GLBTQ communities.

We welcome in their place, Grace Garner and Lisa Swanson. We are very excited. Grace will be taking over Meredith's position as the Clara Barton Legislative Assistant for Women's Issues. And Lisa will be taking over EB's position as the Legislative Assistant for Racial and Economic Justice. Both are very talented and will be great additions to the office. This summer also saw the addition of Alex Winnett, the Program Associate for Peacemaking. He will be helping the member congregations develop a possible Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking in the Church. He has enjoyed his move into the office.

The Boston Offices have also seen growth as we welcome Rev. Eric Cherry to the reformatting Office on International Resources. The International Office is redesigning to focus on serving UU congregations engaged internationally, and inspiring those that aren't to consider international ministry as a powerful transformative opportunity. Stay tuned for the introduction of a new international resources website.

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**"There is no time left for anything but to make peacework a dimension of our every waking activity."**

*Elise Boulding*

## Calendar

September 15	ANSWER March on Washington to end war in Iraq
September 16	Global Day for Darfur
October 1	Due Date for CSAI Proposals
October 8	Interfaith Fast Day for Peace
October 11	National Coming Out Day
November 11	Armistice Day/ Veteran's Day: Lobby your congress people and candidates to bring our soldiers home

# Interfaith Fast Day for Peace Monday October 8, 2007



Please join thousands of UU's and millions of other faithful people in this day-long vigil for peace and justice.

Created by the Shalom Center and co-sponsored by dozens of religious leaders and organizations, this event will bring together millions of people to share in thoughtful reflection on peace and justice.

For more information on how to prepare for your day of fast, please visit our blog:

Inspired Faith, Effective Action at <http://uuawo.blogspot.com/>

Or, our homepage: <http://uaa.org/uuawo>



Co-sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

## STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

As we move into the later half of the year, there are still plenty of warm weather days for your t-shirts. It is also time to start thinking about gift giving.

Get your favorite UU activist one of our super-popular "Stand on the Side of Love" shirts!

Our handsome shirts come in both adult and children's sizes. And are made from pre-shrunk, 100% cotton materials. Hurry! Stock is limited.

For more information, pictures, and/or to place an order, please go to [www.uaa.org/uuawo](http://www.uaa.org/uuawo) and click on "ONLINE STORE" on the left side of the page)

There is a \$3/shirt discount for bulk orders, so order as a congregation! If you'd rather place an order by phone, please call Kat Liu at (202) 296-4672 x12

"Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

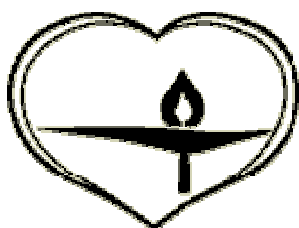
### National Coming Out Day: October 11, 2007 Coming Out as a Welcoming Faith

National Coming Out Day was founded in 1988 to commemorate the Second National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

National Coming Out Day is an opportunity for individuals and communities to celebrate and support BGLT people and identities.

This year, why not celebrate National Coming Out Day in your congregation? Host a celebration or ritual, re-dedicate your pride flag, hold a letter-writing campaign in support of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, or in some other way "come out" in your community as welcoming.

Look for resources—suggested actions and more background—at [www.uaa.org/socialjustice](http://www.uaa.org/socialjustice): click on "Calendar and News". This effort is a partnership between the UUA Office of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Concerns and UUA Advocacy and Witness Team.



**The Elections Are Nearing!**  
Confused on what exactly your church can and cannot do?

Try the *Real Rules!*

Making your 501 (c)3 status understandable.

Well...as understandable as federal tax law can be.

<http://www.uaa.org/uuawo>



### We Need Your Ideas!

The Commission for Social Witness is Looking for your Ideas!

What important topic facing the world should the UUA study next?

On October 1st, 2007, all proposals for the new Congregational Study/Action Issue are due.

Visit <http://www.uaa.org/csw> for more information.