

International Resources



Teleconference for UU Ministers who have visited Israel and/or Palestine

Many UU ministers have traveled to Israel/Palestine for purposes of pilgrimage, interfaith dialogue, study and witness. All are invited to join a teleconference and share what they've learned during these travels. Together we'll consider ways of leveraging our shared wisdom for the development of peace and understanding.

The teleconference will be held on **Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 7:30pm EDT**. Please RSVP to the UUA's international resources office for the call-in number.

UUA President responds to "A Common Word"

In the Fall of 2007 a communication entitled "A Common Word between Us and You" was distributed to the leaders of 26 Christian churches and generally to "Leaders of Christian Churches, Everywhere". The letter had been written and signed by 138 Muslim scholars and clerics who sought to shape and re-engage a Christian-Muslim dialogue for the sake of mutual understanding and peace. Since then it has been signed by more than 220 Muslim leaders from all over the world who represent a wide diversity of Islamic thought and practice.

The letter described two core principles that are shared by Muslims and Christians: "Love of the One God" and "Love of Neighbor"; and recommend that dialogue about this shared ground might lead to "peace, harmony and mutual goodwill." You can find the full text of the letter, signators, responses and much more at <http://www.acommonword.com>.

UUA President Bill Sinkford's response to "A Common Word" can be read at <http://shurl.org/uuainternationalnews>.



ICUU Global Chalice Lighting: March, 2008

from the UU Christians of Pakistan - by Inderias Bhatti

English

May God through this chalice
lighting
Take us to the pathways of Love,
And may the chalice's warmth
keep us bound to those paths,
As we from our individual liberty
Progress and continue toward the
common good of this world,
Keeping our commitment of Love
Through our thoughts, words and
deeds.

Urdu

Khuda Karray yah Roshine hammain;
Payar kay aasaan rastatoon paar laay
jaiay;
Or iss kee garmee hammain;
Jorray rakaay;
Or hum appni zati azzadi say;
Bartaay houey tammam dunia;
Maien muhabat kay;
Khayalat; bataan or Ammal;
Kartay jaiyan;
Amen!!!

The most recent ICUU newsletter (November 2007) is available at <http://www.icuu.net/download/GlobalChalice1107.pdf>. Stay tuned here, or sign up for the IRO email list to receive ICUU Global Chalice Lighting readings, the ICUU newsletter, and other ICUU news.

Email communication from the UUA International Resource Office (IRO)

It can be challenging for congregational leaders to keep up-to-date on the latest news and resources for UU international engagement. Let the IRO help.

- If "breaking news" about UU international engagement is important to you.
- If you want to hear success stories from UU congregations that are engaging internationally
- If you're interested in resources that can help your congregation be effective in its international engagement
- If you want to make sure you receive the latest materials for including international elements in your congregation's worship services and RE programs
- If you're interested in the work of the multitude of international U/U organizations, and opportunities for collaboration.

Join the IRO's email list by visiting:

<http://shurl.org/i-news>

We'll send an email message to you twice each month with news and practical resources.

All are welcome to participate.

Inspired Faith, Effective Action: The Blog

For recent information about international U/U engagement, and entries from the entire UUA Advocacy and Witness staff, visit our blog: <http://uasocialjustice.blogspot.com>. Or subscribe to an RSS feed for international posts to the blog, <http://shurl.org/uuainternationalrss>

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