



International Resources

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORKSHOPS

Title: A Faith Without Borders

Friday, June 27, 3:15pm—4:30pm

Leader: Rev. Eric Cherry, International Resources Director, UUA

The UUA's international resources office can be of service to all congregations that are maintaining and developing global ministries. Find out about our history of global engagement and recommendations for best practices. Discover tools for theological reflection about international engagement, and for planning holistically through the "Faith Without Borders" program.

Title: The UUA Holdeen India Program: Empowering Social Change

Friday, June 27, 11:00am—12:15pm

Leaders: Kathy Sreedhar (Director, UUHIP) and Rev. Janne Eller Isaacs (Co-Minister, Unity Church - Unitarian, St. Paul, MN)

For 24 years the UUA's Holdeen India Program (UUHIP) has partnered with social change movements in India, supporting India's most excluded and oppressed people as they organize and demand their rights. Come and learn about UUHIP's strategies, take inspiration from its work, and hear examples of congregational relationships with it.

Title: U/U Theology...Internationally Speaking

Sunday, June 29, 1:30pm—2:45pm

Leaders: Rev. Nihal Attanayake, UU Church of the Philippines;
Rev. Bela-Botond Jakabhazi, Transylvania Unitarian Church;
Prof. Anthony Pinn, Rice University;
Rev. Eric Cherry, UUA IR Office.

The effective international engagement of UU congregations depends upon a solid theological grounding. Join U/U leaders from around the world for an exciting discussion of historical, current and emerging theological issues. Hear what we share, what we disagree about, and the common commitments our theologies point us towards.

Picking up the Pieces: Building a Culture of Peace

The Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) has been hosting an intergenerational seminar every Spring for the past six years. The most recent seminar – "Picking Up the Pieces: Building a Culture of Peace" – brought a diverse group of more than 150 people to New York City for three days of education, planning and inspiration. To read more about the seminar, please visit <http://shurl.org/uuunoconference>.

UUSC-UUA Cyclone Nargis Relief Fund

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and the Unitarian Universalist Association have joined to launch a humanitarian relief fund to help survivors of the recent Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) cyclone (Cyclone Nargis). Both organizations strive to coordinate strategic response to natural or man-made humanitarian crises, especially when rights are threatened or when those in need are overlooked or neglected by traditional relief approaches. Aid, coordinated through the UUSC, will be channeled to humanitarian relief work in an effort to help survivors - especially those left out of traditional relief strategies - regain their lives and livelihoods.

Read more on our blog: <http://uuasocialjustice.blogspot.com/>

Paths to Personal Partnership

The Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council (UUPCC) has announced its launching of "Paths to Personal Partnership," a new program which supports and encourages partnerships with individuals and small groups in UUA churches. The program will provide opportunities for partnership between congregations, individuals and small groups via educational support for individual students; support for organizing community development; support for economic opportunity through microfinance programs; and a building fund for churches and schools.

For more information, visit: <http://shurl.org/personalpartnership>

International Resources on www.uua.org/international

Have you visited the international resources office's pages on www.uua.org recently? In each edition of i-news we'll highlight one or two tools on www.uua.org/international that could be helpful for your congregation. For example:

International U/U Organizations Visit the [index of UU Organizations involved in international work](#) to find potential institutional partners for your congregation. The index contains brief descriptions of a dozen international U/U organizations as well as links to each organization's website.

Have a look and let us know what you found helpful. Or, if there's something you'd like to see added, we'd like to know that too!

For more information, please contact the International Resources Office at:

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E-Newsletter 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/inews>
We'll send an email message to you twice each month with news and practical resources.

All are invited to sign up!

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://uuasocialjustice.blogspot.com>. Or subscribe to an RSS feed for international posts to the blog: <http://shurl.org/uuainternationalrss>

The International Resources office's home on the web is: <http://www.uua.org/international>

ICUU Resources

The most recent ICUU NEWSLETTER (March 2008) is available at: [http://www.icuu.net/download/Global_Chalice_0308\(2\).pdf](http://www.icuu.net/download/Global_Chalice_0308(2).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.

Global Chalice Lighting: June

Our fellowship of freedom shares with the ancient Hebrews a sense of covenant toward a land of promise. Our fellowship shares with the philosophers of Greece a continuing discussion towards truth. Our fellowship cherishes the spirit of Jesus, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Our fellowship cherishes the Reformation spirit, "Everyone shall be a priest."

We keep the faith of Francis David of Transylvania, "You need not think alike to love alike." We keep the faith of English and American prophets who struggled against the slavery of body and brain. We seek the tender compassion of sages in India who held in all things a "reverence for life." We seek the serenity and balance found in the meditation of China and Japan.

Conscious of sacrifices that are the price of freedom, conscious of the continuing threat to life and liberty, we commit ourselves in this community as pilgrims who seek, as persons who serve, as pioneers who build.

-submitted by Richard Boeke
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