



# International Resources

## International/Interfaith Prayers for the Tennessee Valley UU Church

The caring thoughts and prayers that U/U and Interfaith organizations from around the world have offered to the Tennessee Valley UU Church have been collected on [uua.org](http://www.uua.org/spirituallife/117162.shtml) at: <http://www.uua.org/spirituallife/117162.shtml>.

Receiving this spiritual support has been a very great gift.

## UUSC: Tents of Hope

Tents of Hope gives people the chance to respond as a community to the crisis in Darfur by creating tents that are both unique works of art and ongoing focal points for learning about, assisting, and establishing relationships with the people of Darfur. The tents are not answers in themselves. Rather, they are points of entry for more concrete forms of Darfur advocacy. People of all ages can help decorate the tents, while bringing attention to the plight of Darfurians and building support to end the Darfur genocide. Participate in the Tents of Hope project with the UUSC by visiting: <http://www.uusc.org/tentsofhope>

## Faith Without Borders



Introduced at General Assembly, the "Faith Without Borders" program invites congregations to integrate a commitment to faithful global citizenship into many aspects of congregational life. Participants in the program will receive resources, consultation and celebration from the International Resources Office. For more information, visit: <http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/withoutborders/index.shtml>

## "Water Ceremony/Communion" Resource

The UUA's Faith Without Borders program invites and assists UU congregations to design and raise the visibility of their international engagement - their Sixth Principle ministry. Congregations that celebrate an annual water ceremony/communion in early September as an Ingathering/Homecoming ritual can include international themes in a variety of ways. Please make use of new Water Ceremony/Communion planning materials from the International Resources Office by visiting: <http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/leaderslibrary/117567.shtml>

## "UN Sunday" Resources

The UU United Nations Office has created excellent materials for congregations to celebrate UN Sunday on October 26, 2008. They are available at [http://uu-uno.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=40&Itemid=75](http://uu-uno.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=40&Itemid=75). Join with UU congregations in North America to support our UU voice at the United Nations and the 2008 UN Sunday theme:

**Human Rights: Dignity and Justice for Us All .**

A similar UN Sunday resource that makes use of the "Faith Without Borders" framework is available at <http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/leaderslibrary/117477.shtml>

## 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: September 2008

This Global Chalice Lighting, from the Religious Education Director of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville, is to be used during September 2008.

We are safe.  
We are together.  
We are loved.  
And so it will be.

-Brian Griffin

Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

## 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/uainternationalrss>

## International Resources on [www.uua.org/international](http://www.uua.org/international)

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

## International Engagement Workshop: How UUs meet the World

Visit: <http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/leaderslibrary/114109.html>.

There you'll find a description and materials about congregational international engagement. If you'd like to plan a workshop for your congregation, please contact the IRO.

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!

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