



International Resources

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>

A Pilgrimage to Africa

In November, 2008 UUA President William G. Sinkford will journey to a variety of countries in Africa. While there he will meet with:

- Unitarian and Unitarian Universalist leaders in Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria and South Africa
- Social justice partners of the UUA, the UUSC and the UU-UNO.
- and leaders in Truth and Reconciliation work including Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Visit www.uua.org/africa for detailed information about this historic journey, resources for congregational involvement, and live blogging during the journey.

UU-UNO Takes Lead on LGBT Human Rights

"Reaffirming Human Rights for All: the Universal Declaration at 60," which began September 3, is a three-day conference taking place at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. Sponsored by the UN's Department of Public Information and presented in cooperation with the many nongovernmental organizations with consultative status at the UN, the UU-UNO (UU-United Nations Office) is taking the lead on addressing LGBT Human Rights issues. Read more at: <http://www.uua.org/news/newsubmissions/118624.shtml>

Pilgrimages with Project Harvest Hope

Video resource now available: Learn about the Project Harvest Hope Pilgrimages to the Unitarian Homeland in Transylvania! Visit: www.tinyurl.com/PHHPilgrimages

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. Please visit www.uua.org/fwb for more information.

"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 www.tinyurl.com/UNSunday. 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 www.tinyurl.com/UNSundayIRO.

Of Terrorism, Horrorism, Covenant, and Rebellion

The Fall '08 issue of UU World features an article by Rev. Denis McCarty abridged from "Of Terrorism, Horrorism, Covenant, and Rebellion," a paper presented at the Theological Sym-posium of the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists in Kolozsvár, Romania, in 2006 and published in "The Home We Share: Globalization, Post-Modernism, and Unitarian/Universalist Theology," edited by Clifford M. Reed and Jill K. McAllister. Read the article at: <http://www.uuworld.org/ideas/articles/117934.shtml>

International Engagement Workshop: How UUs meet the World

Visit: www.tinyurl.com/FaithfulEngagement. 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.

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:

www.tinyurl.com/UUAInews.

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://uasocialjustice.blogspot.com>. Or subscribe to an RSS feed for international posts to the blog: www.tinyurl.com/IRORSS

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The most recent ICUU NEWSLETTER (July 2008) is available at: www.tinyurl.com/GCJuly. 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: October 2008

Every month, a reading will be distributed to Unitarian and Universalist congregations around the world. We ask each congregation to use the reading for at least one worship service in the designated month, identifying it as the "Global Chalice Lighting" for that month and naming the group which submitted it. Readings will be circulated in English and, where different, in their original language.

It is hoped that the ICUU Global Chalice Lighting Project will enhance the worship experience in our congregations and raise awareness of the international dimensions of our religious movement.

Bless the work that we do,
And the silence that falls upon us,
And the joy that stirs within us.
And let praise rise to our lips
Naturally out of the fullness of our hearts.

-Sheila Crosskey
British General Assembly of
Unitarian and Free Christian Churches

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