



International Resources

President Sinkford's Pilgrimage to Africa

In November 2008, President Sinkford embarked on a 19-day pilgrimage through Africa, visiting South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, Senegal, Ghana and Nigeria.

There are a number of video clips, photos, and blog posts of the journey available on the internet. Read reflections of the time spent in each of these countries and see video updates from President Sinkford and his companions as they share impressions of their journey, including participation in a worship service in Cape Town, as well as meeting and worshipping with Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Please visit www.uua.org/sinkfordafrica and <http://uupilgrimage.blogspot.com> to learn more!

UU Church of the Philippines Sabbatical Program

Experienced UUA ministers are invited to consider applying to spend 3-4 months of a sabbatical with the UUCP providing skill development in these and other areas. Successful applicants should expect to be engaged in this ministry for approximately 20-hours/week. Contexts will include worship services, traditional classes and less formal discussion groups. The unique skills that a successful applicant brings to this ministry will also be integrated.

The staff and the UU leaders of the UU Church of the Philippines seek to further develop their skills in order to offer effective ministry. Key areas for skill development are:

- Nurturance of the UU faith through teaching and articulation of theological concepts.
- Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Project development, management and community work.
- Church administration, leadership and financial management.

For more information, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/UUCPSabbatical>

New Transylvanian Bishop Elected

The current minister of First Unitarian Church in Kolozsvár, Transylvania, Rev. Bálint Benczédi Ferenc, was elected the new Bishop of the Transylvanian Unitarian Church on Friday, December 5, 2008.

Read more about the election by visiting: our news page <http://tinyurl.com/IRONews>

Events

- **February 26 - March 1, 2009:** International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women, Houston, TX
- **April 16-18, 2009:** UU-UNO Spring Seminar: "All in the Name of Faith: Rights, Religion, and Responsibility," New York, NY
- **September 1-5, 2009:** ICUU Council Meeting, Kolozsvár, Transylvania

Please visit our Events page for further information about each upcoming event: <http://tinyurl.com/IROevents>

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

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.

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.

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The most recent ICUU NEWSLETTER (November 2008) is available at: www.tinyurl.com/GCLNov. 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.

- You can find the monthly Global Chalice Lighting on the internet at: <http://tinyurl.com/ICUUgcl>
- The ICUU also has a blog available at: www.uuwithoutborders.blogspot.com