

# Peacemaking Success Stories

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Being a compilation of diverse stories gleaned from congregations who are members of the Unitarian Universalist Association and who are participating in the Peacemaking Congregational Study Action Issue.

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## **Introduction**

[A] Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) is an invitation for congregations and districts to take a topic of concern confront it, reflect on it, learn about it, respond to it, comment on it take action—each in their own way. A CSAI is NOT a statement—[it] is a question. ...

The Study/Action Issue adopted at the 2006 General Assembly started with the question: "...should the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) reject the use of any and all kinds of violence and war...and adopt a principle of seeking just peace through nonviolent means."<sup>1</sup>

In attempting to answer the above questions the Peacemaking Action Resources Working Group, part of a network of volunteers and groups working to implement the Peacemaking CSAI, came up with their own. Are there any actions that an individual congregation can take that will help build a culture of peace? Can one really measure that success? Can a congregation of less than one hundred, with only three or four active committee members on their peacemaking task force make a difference? The answer to all these questions is yes.

It was felt by the group that to help encourage and inspire congregations of any size or activity level in the peacemaking process, that it would be helpful to compile a collection of peacemaking success stories and thus this now modest volume.

Is your story not in here? This is meant to be a growing work. Until we all live in a culture of peace, we need to hear the stories of those actions and activities that will help build that culture.

If you have a story to tell, please complete the form in the appendix and send it to:

[gking@praydailyforpeace.org](mailto:gking@praydailyforpeace.org) or [rev.carpenter@fuse.net](mailto:rev.carpenter@fuse.net)

For more ideas and resources please visit [www.uua.org/peacemaking](http://www.uua.org/peacemaking) .

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<sup>1</sup> "Peacemaking", *Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations*, , 07 Feb., 2008  
<http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/peacemaking/index.shtml>

## Congregational Peace Ministry

<b><i>A Peaceful Congregational Growth Project</i></b>	
Activity: A Peaceful Congregational Growth Project	
Congregation Name & Address: UU Community of El Paso (TX) 1995 – 1997  Currently UU Church of Kent (OH)	Contact Name and preferred contact info (email or phone or address)  Mac Goekler 330 633 1846 mgoekler@neo.rr.com
Congregation size: <u>70</u>	Military bases in area? (Y/N) <u>Y</u>
Number of congregation involved: <u>All</u>	Defense industry in area? (Y/N) <u>Y</u>
Is your area Urban, Suburban, Rural, <u>Urban</u>	If other groups involved, describe:
Other information about your congregation or area Congregation was all Anglo in an Mexican-American City and was not growing	
<p><b>Describe your activity:</b> Upon my asking questions about the diversity (lack of) and growth (lack of) it was suggested that I form a group/team to take this on. Clearly, this was an uphill effort – but the few of us wanting to succeed did not want this to be an uphill battle. We started by having an open meeting – and many of the “no-change” folks came. We listened respectfully and completely. We very purposefully wanted everybody to be heard and took the posture of wanting to learn. We made a point of neither critiquing the current situation nor trying to win any one over to our side. We followed with a congregational survey – asking for suitability and desire for change. Being lay lead, we conducted a Sunday Service – this time we did make a case for change, but always respecting our congregation’s culture and history. We wanted to spread our “Good News”. Upon returning from the 97’ GA, I conducted a service on Congregational Polity (based on the COA report) and without pointing at our congregation, I made the case for why some congregations grow and some do not. After this service we suggested that we needed a congregational covenant – and we did so. By this time we had built enough inertia that many of the key leaders succeeded in getting the congregation to move forward starting with ministerial search.</p>	
<p><b>What made it a success?</b> Our core team of four was well grounded in the concept of loving-kindness. We knew that only a peaceful approach would work and though we didn’t call it “appreciative inquiry” – this was essentially one of our main strategies. We also took our time as we felt that changing hearts and minds required a steady hand, not harsh words. A lot of the mindset changing came from one-on-one coffee hour discussions. We had to overcome not only the “fear of change”, but also the fear of upsetting long time members.</p>	
<p><b>What would you do differently?</b> In the middle of this year and half effort we decided that it would be a good idea to change the congregation’s name from UU Community of El Paso to UU Congregation of El Paso – a bad idea as it brought back the “fear of change” folks. The name change idea failed. The lesson is “stay on message”.</p>	

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<b>Conflict Resolution Team</b>	
Activity: Conflict Resolution Team	
Congregation Name & Address: UUF Raleigh 3313 Wade Avenue Raleigh, NC 27607 919-781-7635  <a href="http://www.uufr.org/">http://www.uufr.org/</a>	Contact Name and preferred contact info (email or phone or address) Lynda Hambourger [lhambourger@gmail.com]
Congregation size: 452	Military bases in area? (Y/N) N
Number of congregation involved:	Defense industry in area? (Y/N) Y
Is your area Urban, Suburban, Rural, _Suburban_____	If other groups involved, describe:
Other information about your congregation or area Close to universities.	
<b>Describe your activity:</b> In our congregation a few years ago, during a time of congregational strife, we started a conflict resolution committee. That committee has grown and changed since it began and has transformed itself into a ministry called LEAF--Leadership, Education and Facilitation. Its mission is: "To promote healthy relationships within our community by providing training, resources, referrals and by facilitating forums and conversations." They have done a great job to teach our congregation members about conflict resolution, appreciate inquiry and similar techniques, and they have provided a wonderful service by serving as trained facilitators for workshops, forums, and trainings in many areas of congregational life.	
<b>What made it a success?</b> LEAF is obviously inwardly focused, not a traditional social action activity. But the Peacemaking curriculum includes a session on "Congregational Peace". LEAF has helped UUFR make great strides in that area.	
<b>What would you do differently?</b>	

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<b>Discussion Forum entitled "Hot Topics"</b>	
Activity: Discussion Forum entitled "Hot Topics"	
Congregation Name & Address:  Channing Memorial Church 135 Pelham Street Newport, RI 02842	Contact Name and preferred contact info (email or phone or address)  Thomas R. Beall <a href="mailto:tom_beall@cox.net">tom_beall@cox.net</a> 401-230-7357
Congregation size: 180 members	Military bases in area? (Y/N) Y
Number of congregation involved: Various	Defense industry in area? (Y/N) Y
Is your area Urban, Suburban, Rural: <u>Suburban</u>	If other groups involved, describe:
Other information about your congregation or area  Located in Newport, RI – a small city of 25,000, Channing was built in 1880 (there has been a Unitarian congregation in Newport since 1835) as a memorial to the Rev. Dr. William Ellery Channing.	
Describe your activity: "Hot Topics" is a discussion forum is primarily a means to diffuse conflict within the Congregation. Channing membership includes a few military personnel as well as a significant number of people employed by DoD or in the defense industry. Conflict arose in 2003 over the Iraq war – some congregants supported it, some did not. The idea was to give any member of the Congregation an opportunity to express her / his views in a non-confrontational environment and then discuss the issue with others in that environment. To address the conflict head on, our first "Hot Topic" was entitled, "Is War Ever Just?"  "Hot Topics" begins with a potluck supper. Following the meal, the discussion begins. Often participants have been provided with two short readings beforehand – each taking a different side of the issue – so that they can be better informed during the conversation. Discussion is normally moderated by a church member who is well informed on all sides of the issue under consideration. The usual format for the discussion is to give each person an opportunity to state her / his position and then open up general discussion. Detailed ground rules and procedures can be found at: <a href="http://www.channingchurch.org/Archives/Blurbs/2005/groundrules.html">http://www.channingchurch.org/Archives/Blurbs/2005/groundrules.html</a> .	
What made it a success? We have held a number of "Hot Topics" forums on various issues. "Hot Topics" works best when the issue is one for which there is definite disagreement among members of the Congregation – in other words, the potential for conflict exists. If there is broad consensus on the issue then the discussion is not as interesting or engaging. Often, it is surprising to find an issue over which we have assumed consensus only to find there are deeply rooted differences of opinion.  <b>Providing people with an opportunity to state their views and to have those views respected is the key to stemming the tide of potential conflict and reinforcing our mission to care for and minister to one another.</b>	
What would you do differently?  We have tried a number of permutations on the basic approach sketched out above. We have formally afforded everyone the opportunity to speak and have also just opened the conversation up to general engagement at the outset. We have had formal presentations precede the conversation and have brought in speakers representing differing views on the issue. We have found that the key to success is to always afford people the opportunity to provide insight or offer an input.	

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**Various Peacemaking activities**

Activity: Various Peacemaking activities

<p>Congregation Name &amp; Address: Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road Morristown NJ, 07960</p> <p><b>973-540-1177</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.muuf.org/index.html">http://www.muuf.org/index.html</a></p>	<p>Contact Name and preferred contact info (email or phone or address) Eleanor Mason [eleanormason@att.net] 6 Sunrise Drive, Morris Plains NJ 07950</p>
Congregation size: 350 Members 350 Friends	Military bases in area? (Y/N) Y
Number of congregation involved:	Defense industry in area? (Y/N) N
Is your area Urban, Suburban, Rural, __Suburban__	If other groups involved, describe: NJ Peace Action Coalition for Peace Action of NJ
Other information about your congregation or area Half the offering each Sunday goes to Social Justice projects	

Describe your activity:

1. All Fellowship Luncheon Meeting, April '07. Presentation of the Peace SAI by Karen Burns – Social Justice Chair, Jo Sippie-Gora – Ch. “Seeds of Peace” (an ongoing MUF activity- movies, discussion, etc.) and Eleanor Mason, Contact Person – 15 members signed up for peace activities. From these and the above mentioned, a Peace Team was formed. The minister and RE Director are always invited.
2. September 23 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MUF Festival of Peace – Workshops, Brunch and Concert. Sunday Sermon – “Anger’s Antidote”, Coffee Hour and Peace Brunch on the Terrace. Children Make Peace Tee Shirts and Banners after RE classes. 3 workshops for those interested – 1) “Reconciliation: Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me”, 2) Touch Drawing – “Explore the mystery within you”, 3) Compassionate Communication, (This has been and is an ongoing group). Urgent UUA Petition Letter – Sinkford’s call to action, 25000 Petition for Peace, Room 100. FINAL EVENT – PEACE CONCERT – An outdoor event, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Karen Burns, SJ.
3. 4 sessions in October – “Moral Victories of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: an Examination of the Triumphs of Nonviolent Resistance Movements”, Rev. Allen Wells, facilitator
4. Team meetings – once a month – LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ALL PEACE ACTIVITIES, beginning with the Peace Book Group, “Peace Within/Peace Without”, discussion of peacemaking at all levels meeting on Wednesdays, once a month, beginning with Marshall Rosenberg’s “Speak Peace in a World of Conflict: What You Say Next Will Change Your World”, Paul Snellgrove, peace team member – facilitator
5. Fliers posted for “Mindful Communication” December 1, held at local Church.
6. PR – MUF Newsletter, October – MUF PEACE TEAM WORKING FOR US – a description of the SAI and the process formulated by the MUF Peace Team for study and action. December and January MUF Newsletters – Organization of ”PEACE SOUP LUNCHEONS”, one each in January, February, March, and April, to continue the process of understanding and action on the “Peace” UUA SAI. The following is a summary of the topics and processes for the “luncheons”:  

**January** – Meeting with speaker – Stacey Patten – Discussion of her book, “That Mean Old Yesterday.” Stacey Patten traces the human spirit’s potential for surviving abandonment and abuse by summoning the insight and will to acquire the best in education. She confronts and forgives her past, reclaims her life, and hopes to have a positive impact on others.

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**February** – Peace Soup Luncheon – Another SAI presentation. Personal “Right Relations”

**March** – Peace Soup Luncheon – Comments and Discussion led by Bob Moore, Director of NJ Coalition for Peace Action. National and international aspects of the SAI.

**April** – Peace Soup Luncheon – Meeting for comments to be forwarded to the CSW for consideration re: SAI presentation at UUA GA, June, 2008.

Peace Book Group continues, as well as group meetings on Compassionate Communication.

What made it a success?

What would you do differently?

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<i>Dialogue on Islam with Muslim Women</i>	
Activity: Dialogue on Islam with Muslim Women	
Congregation Name & Address: St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church 320 Resor Ave Cincinnati, OH 45220	Contact Name and preferred contact info (email or phone or address) (rev.) Frank Carpenter Rev.carpenter@fuse.net
Congregation size: 260	Military bases in area? (Y/N) Wright Patterson 1 hour
Number of congregation involved: about a dozen	Defense industry in area? (Y/N) GE
Is your area Urban, Suburban, Rural, _Urban_____	If other groups involved, describe: Muslim Mothers Against Violence, CAIR-Ohio, Peace Village
Other information about your congregation or area	
<p><b>Describe your activity:</b> There is a mosque around the corner from our church. We share some public parking with them. After two pipe bombs went off damaging the mosque, we sought more intentional ways of being better neighbors. Through Peace Village which organizes an annual 9/11 peace vigil, a number of church members had gotten to know the head of the local chapter of CAIR-Ohio. With her and the head of the Peace Village, we became aware that a newly formed group, Muslim Mothers Against Violence, was having difficulty finding venues to talk with non-Muslim congregations. This group had formed as a response to the bombings in London on 7/7. St. John's became the first place where Muslim Mothers Against Violence held a dialogue with non-Muslims. About a dozen members attended a stimulating conversation. Once the word was out that the Unitarians had welcomed the Muslim Mothers, other congregations also began to open their doors. Now a pamphlet for this form of dialogue is available on the website of Cincinnati's Freedom Center: <a href="http://www.freedomcenter.org/dialogue-zone/Handbook.html">http://www.freedomcenter.org/dialogue-zone/Handbook.html</a></p>	
What made it a success? Several attendees had worked together on peace issues before. Also, some of the attendees had other experiences with Islamic cultures.	
What would you do differently? This was a good focus group for the Muslim Mothers. More promotion would have been a good idea.	

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**Raising Awareness**

Activity: Raising Awareness

<p>Congregation Name &amp; Address: First Unitarian Church of Oakland</p>	<p>Contact Name and preferred contact info (email or phone or address) Emily Stoper, Justice Convenor <a href="mailto:Estoper1@yahoo.com">Estoper1@yahoo.com</a> or 510-655-9332 Micky Duxbury 510.848.2674</p>
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<p>Congregation size: 400 adult members, about 150 children</p>	<p>Military bases in area? (Y/N) N</p>
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<p>Number of congregation involved: 1</p>	<p>Defense industry in area? (Y/N) N</p>
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<p>Is your area Urban, Suburban, Rural, __urban_____</p> <p>Other information about your congregation or area Oakland is a highly diverse city of about 300,000 in the middle of the San Francisco Bay Area. The congregation is largely white, but growing more diverse.</p>	<p>If other groups involved, describe: See below.</p>
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Describe your activity:  
Last spring, our Declaration of Peace Committee placed a banner on the side of our church reading “Act Now for Peace: End the War” in a place where it is highly visible to the neighboring freeway. We held a well-attended press conference when it was hung and got some media coverage.  
We have also organized large groups of members (including the parish minister) on several occasions to attend larger peace marches in San Francisco and Concord, with signs identifying our church.  
Soon after 9/11, we held a major event, attracting over 400 people, in cooperation with 2 other churches, with a high-quality panel educating people about Islam – religion, politics, and culture. It was in our church.  
We also did an exchange with the largest local mosque. A group of about 15 of us went to the mosque, participated in their service, socialized with them – and one of our members, a lawyer, gave an excellent presentation on military tribunals and the PATRIOT Act treatment of Muslims. A group from the mosque then visited us.

What made it a success?  
Attracted attention from others to the message. Raised awareness. Educated people about the issues. Created good will with Muslims in our community. The mosque subsequently joined the Oakland Coalition of Congregations, so it works together with churches and synagogues on social issues.

What would you do differently?  
Involve a lot more of our members.  
Follow up on our relationship with the mosque.

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<b>Bridge of Peace Ceremony</b>	
Activity: Ceremony in which representatives of groups in conflict, e.g. Muslim & Christian, crossed a symbolic Bridge of Peace.	
Congregation Name & Address:  Unitarian Coastal Fellowship, 1300 Evans St. Morehead City, NC 28557	Contact Name and preferred contact info (email or phone or address)  Lee Miller <a href="mailto:Jer-leemiller@att.net">Jer-leemiller@att.net</a>
Congregation size: approx. 90	Military bases in area? (Y/N) Y
Number of congregation involved: 5	Defense industry in area? (Y/N) N
Is your area Urban, Suburban, Rural, __all _____	If other groups involved, describe: A Unificationist proposed the idea and a Quaker was also part of the planning committee. A Unity minister served as master of ceremonies and our UU minister gave a toast to peace. Members of both Unity and UCF churches attended as well as others from the public.
Other information about your congregation or area: MHC (pop. 9,000) is located in Carteret county (pop. 64,000) on the Crystal Coast of North Carolina. A state port is located in MHC and the traditional occupation of commercial fishing is rapidly being replaced by tourism. The entire area is under severe development pressure, with many large second homes for wealthy families being built. Down East, a culturally unique part of the county stretching along the coast of the sounds separating the mainland from the outer banks, is fighting extinction of the traditional way of life. Nearby military bases influence the political tone of the city as does its location in the center of the Bible Belt. The UCF has been active in the community since the 1980s. Social justice is part of our mission statement and social action has always been a core value of the congregation. Expressions of this have included home repair and disaster assistance as part of an interfaith group, participation in an organic food co-op by several members, becoming a welcoming congregation, working toward green sanctuary goals, supporting and providing meeting space for a PFLAG group, participating in peace demonstrations, and contributing to local food security and housing-related activities.	
Describe your activity: The county contains a population diverse in racial, cultural, and economic respects and there are many examples of citizens who have or continue to face situations of conflict, and are working through them to practice peace in their daily lives. Through a ceremony on the International Day of Peace, September 21, 2007, we sought to represent a variety of conflicts, addressing both wider issues such as war and local ones such as coastal land use. Racial, cultural and religious issues were included and those chosen represented some conflicts already resolved and some still pending resolution. We chose 5 pairs to represent: Muslim/Jew, US/Germany after WWII, Native American/early settlers, Down East communities/U.S. Park Service, Black/White communities. We rented a centrally located, well-known venue holding about 100 people. It had a stage with steps on both sides and the center. We borrowed poles and swags from a bank to flank the center stairs and represent the bridge. As the audience entered, each person was given a carnation (donated by a local flower shop). They placed this in a "peace bouquet" in the center of the main aisle before they sat down. As they left, they took a different flower with them. As the audience was entering, a local flute ensemble, the Solar Winds, played classical music.	
The ceremony began with Peace Day proclamations from the Mayors of both Morehead City and Beaufort, the	

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neighboring city. The Master of Ceremonies (MC) then explained the concept of the Bridge of Peace and the concept of reconciliation it represented. Essays written by local school children about what Peace meant to them and how it could be practiced and influenced by them in their lives were read by a fellow student. A short interpretive dance followed, presented by two high school students who were members of a local dance studio. Then two members of the organizing committee took the stage and each one introduced one member of the pairs crossing the bridge. They used a short paragraph written either by a member of the organizing committee or by the participant, describing the issue being represented and the person's relationship to it. As each person was introduced, he/she stepped to the front of the stage and prepared to hug, shake hands, or otherwise make contact with the person representing the opposite side. The type of contact was left up to the participants, but in all of our cases, the pairs hugged, and then exchanged carnations. They walked together down the center steps to the vase containing the flowers placed by the audience and added their own to the peace bouquet. As each pair was going through this ceremony, the Solar Winds played Let there be Peace on Earth quietly in the background.

The ceremony was followed by a toast to peace, given by our UCF minister, Rev. Sally White. Cider was passed out in small cups for the toast. The Unity Minister who had served as MC gave a concluding statement, then the audience passed by the peace bouquet to choose a flower before they left. Two spontaneous events occurred. The Native American participant, Director of the Heath Department and a published author, led the audience in a chant, and after the ceremony, a couple from the Unity Church held an impromptu jam session with their guitars.

What made it a success?

A number of factors contributed to the success of the project. The organizing committee was compatible, with complimentary skills so that no one was burdened with all the work. Several of the committee members were long-time community activists with many contacts. Planning started well in advance, about 6 months before the event. The idea seemed to resonate with a number of people so that we were able to get good cooperation and recruit able participants and presenters. The fact that the MC was from a different church boosted the potential audience. The ceremony was purposely non-confrontational, allowing more people to feel comfortable participating. The description of the issues was carefully worded, using terminology designed not to give offense. Many kinds of publicity were used: a letter to the editor of both local papers (one published weekly, the other 3 days/week), explaining the idea and soliciting participation was sent early in the summer. A short notice ran in the ad section of the weekly newspaper for several months. An article appeared August and September in our UCF newsletter and there were announcements from the pulpit as well. The Unity church also publicized it among their congregants. About three weeks before the event, papers were contacted and copy provided for inclusion in weekly "things to do" sections. Copy went to the Eastern Carolina Public Radio affiliates, as well as to regional TV stations. These sources were receptive and published advertising for the ceremony. We had hoped for some articles, and/or live coverage of the event, but these were not forthcoming. A week before the event, we strung a large banner advertising it on the front of the History Place, the venue we used. It is located on the main street in Morehead City and a lot of traffic passed by it. We did not get an accurate count, but estimate that there were at least 60 people in attendance. Members of both Unity and UCF provided about 20 of these.

What would you do differently?

We will begin advertising earlier next year and hope perhaps to obtain interviews and a newspaper article based on the success of this year's event. We will expand the coverage area of the publicity as well by sending information to the daily papers in two cities about an hour away by car, Jacksonville to the south and New Bern to the North. We will begin earlier trying to obtain participants on opposing sides of more local issues such as commercial fishing and development, and the status of the Hispanic migrant population. We also hope to probe the inter-cultural nature of the community and its surroundings, making a larger role for the Native American participant and his chanting and perhaps add an international potluck. We offered the opportunity for anyone in the audience who wanted to acknowledge a personal reconciliation to cross the bridge after the ceremony. We plan to formalize this as part of the program next year.

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<b>MLK Day Celebration</b>	
Activity: MLK Day Celebration	
Congregation Name & Address:  First Church Unitarian Universalist 15 West St Leominster, MA 01453	Contact Name and preferred contact info (email or phone or address)  Rev. Dr. Susan Suchocki Brown <a href="mailto:revsusanuu1@verizon.net">revsusanuu1@verizon.net</a> (978) 537-0310
Congregation size: 85	Military bases in area? (Y/N)
Number of congregation involved: 5	Defense industry in area? (Y/N)
Is your area Urban	If other groups involved, describe: Fitchburg, Gardner and Leominster school systems, Multiservice Center, Health Alliance Hospital, Mount Wachusett Community College.
Other information about your congregation or area	
Describe your activity: Martin Luther King Jr Coalition is going into its 10 <sup>th</sup> year marked by a ceremony held on MLK day weekend. There are generally music, artwork, speeches by an invited keynote speaker who addresses a theme chosen by the committee and an essay contest. The essay contest is directed toward Jr. High youth and is geared toward the chosen theme. This year's was "After 40 years, have we achieved Martin Luther King Jr's dream? A meal is provided as part of the celebration.	
What made it a success? This activity is becoming institutionalized in the greater Leominster area. It focuses on Dr. King's legacy, his commitment to non-violence, economic and racial justice. The event's organization is a model of diverse coalition building. Other neighboring towns and groups are beginning to adopt the idea.	
What would you do differently? One challenge in dealing with diverse speakers and groups is that it is difficult to monitor off the cuff remarks. Guidelines for judging the essays also need to be made more clear. Broaden the coalition beyond schools to businesses and more diverse members.	



# CALL FOR SUCCESSFUL PEACEMAKING STORIES

Has your congregation or social justice committee had a successful program reaching out to your community in peacemaking? We'd like to hear about it. We are compiling a 'storybook' of concepts for UU congregations across the continent. We want your experience included.

Have you allied with a local Muslim group for an educational event? ***Organized an interfaith conference for peace? Have you hosted a bus load of people for attending a peace march?*** We'd like to know!

Some information that would help readers would be: ***How large is your congregation? What allies in your community did you work with? What was your planning process? What contributed to the success of your initiative?***

***We're looking for great stories about how UUs are visible in their communities doing peacemaking work. Let us know your successes!***

Send your story to [rev.carpenter@fuse.net](mailto:rev.carpenter@fuse.net) and [gking@ants.edu](mailto:gking@ants.edu) with 'success story' in the subject line. Use the attached form to help tell your story.

Appendix

**Peacemaking Success Story Request**

Activity:

Congregation Name & Address:

Contact Name and preferred contact info (email or phone or address)

Congregation size:

Military bases in area? (Y/N)

Number of congregation involved:

Defense industry in area? (Y/N)

Is your area Urban, Suburban, Rural, \_\_\_\_\_

If other groups involved, describe:

Other information about your congregation or area

Describe your activity:

What made it a success?

What would you do differently?

Return to [gking@praydailyforpeace.org](mailto:gking@praydailyforpeace.org) or [rev.carpenter@fuse.net](mailto:rev.carpenter@fuse.net)