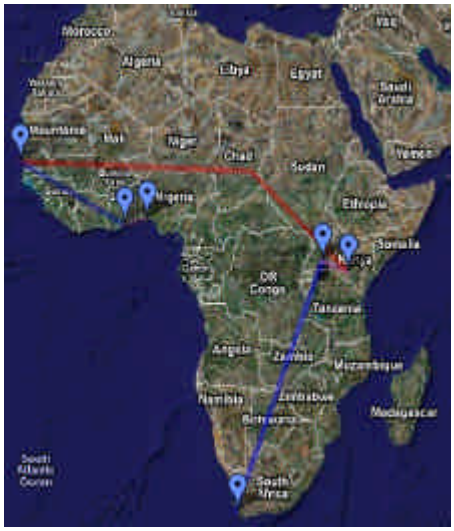
International Resources

A Pilgrimage to Africa

In November 2008 Reverend William G. Sinkford, President of the UUA, will embark on a pilgrimage to six countries in Africa. The purposes of the pilgrimage are:

- to meet with old and new colleagues among the Unitarians and Unitarian Universalists of Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria and South Africa,
- to learn from the experience and wisdom of leaders in Truth and Reconciliation work in South Africa, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu,
- to learn from leaders of social justice and human rights organizations involved in diverse struggles, including: LGBT Rights, Fair Wages, HIV/AIDS, Women's Rights, and Socially Responsible Investing,
- to visit the UNESCO World Heritage site and symbolic center of the Atlantic Slave Trade: Île de Gorée.

Individual UU's and UU congregations can participate with Reverend Sinkford during the journey in a variety of ways:



- by following blogposts, reports, news items, photos and video posted during the journey,
- by joining a Sunday School "web-cast" in real time with Reverend Sinkford each Sunday during the pilgrimage,
- by using the "congregational participation" resource which describes each segment of the journey and the people/organizations Reverend Sinkford will be visiting with,
- by participating in the "Propose a Question" contest - Reverend Sinkford will present the most popular questions to people that he meets with.

Further information about each of these opportunities will be available at www.uua.org/sinkfordafrica. Or, for more information, please contact the UUA's International Resources Office.

Congregational Profiles

There are two new congregational profiles available for viewing on uua.org:

- Unitarian Universalist Society of Black Hawk County, IA
- The International Engagement of the Main Line Unitarian Church (Devon, PA)

Please take a moment to read about the incredible international work some of our congregations are doing by visiting: www.tinyurl.com/uuaprofiles

Interfaith Youth Core: Faiths Act Fellowship

On September 25, 2008 the Interfaith Youth Core launched the Faiths Act Fellows, a partnership with the Tony Blair Faith Foundation to engage exceptional young people whose interreligious leadership will impact the lives of others.

The Faiths Act Fellowship is an opportunity for young leaders from the UK, US and Canada to become ambassadors for interreligious cooperation in the fight against deaths due to Malaria and progress toward the Millennium Development Goals.

Read more about the Faiths Act Fellowship at www.faithsactfellows.org

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!

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.

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: www.tinyurl.com/IRORSS

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 (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.

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