

## International News from the UUA

### IARF U. S. Chapter Conference Clearwater, FL January 14—17th, 2010

Explore the challenge and complexity of reconciliation in this world of diverse religious beliefs and interfaith encounters. The U. S. Chapter of IARF and The World Congress of Faiths invite you to attend a winter conference, "Reconciliation with the Earth, Each Other and the Stranger" **January 14—17th, 2010** in Clearwater, Florida.

Further details and registration materials can be viewed online at:

<http://tinyurl.com/IARF-Jan09>

### Upcoming Events

**December 3—9, 2009:** Parliament of the World's Religions, Melbourne, Australia

**March 5—16, 2010:** UUPCC Pilgrimage to the Philippines

**April 8—10, 2010:** UU-UNO Intergenerational Spring Seminar

**July 9—13, 2010:** U-U Ministers Conference, Eindhoven, the Netherlands

**July 13—17, 2010:** Third ICUU International Theological Symposium, Eindhoven

For further details about these events, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/IRO-Events>

### ICUU Resources

The most recent ICUU NEWSLETTER (November 2009) is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/GCNov09>. 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](http://www.uuwithoutborders.blogspot.com)

### Global Chalice Lighting

The International Council of Unitarians and Universalists announces the 76th in its monthly series of global chalice lighting readings. Congregations worldwide are invited to participate.

All ICUU-affiliated groups have been asked to submit brief chalice lightings for the project. 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.

This Global Chalice Lighting is to be used during December 2009.

### English

*Knowing we must die, we question what life means.*

*Final answers may elude us, but by living the questions, we create and discover meaning where we can.*

—Rev. Forrest Church (1948-2009)  
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 UU organizations, and opportunities for collaboration.

Join the IRO's email list by visiting:

[www.tinyurl.com/UUAInews](http://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



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](http://www.uua.org/fwb) for more information.

### International Engagement Workshop: How UUs meet the World

Visit: [www.tinyurl.com/FaithfulEngagement](http://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.

### News From the Holdeen India Program

Shramajivee Mahila Samity (SMS)-India, a partner of the UU Holdeen India Program, received this year's Harriet Tubman Award from international human rights organization, Free the Slaves. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/SMS-Freedom>

A new DVD resource, which gives an introductory overview of UUHIP, is available for free! Please visit here for more info: <http://tinyurl.com/UUHIP-DVD>

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