

## **Foundation statement and request to offer additional resources for planning observances of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the events of 9/11/01**

In anticipation of the tenth anniversary of the events of 9/11/01, a cluster of Unitarian Universalist peace leaders, ministers, UUA staff, and leaders of UU related non-profits have mobilized around the hope that this anniversary will honor a dream of peace for all humanity. On September 11, 2010, voices of peacemaking were all but drowned out by the hate-filled rhetoric condemning the building of a Sufi community center near Ground Zero. This high decibel Islamophobia, coupled with a bullying nationalism, intensified nationwide, sadly co-opting an opportunity to remember that individuals from close to 90 nations perished that day. Our hope is to transform that remembrance into interfaith actions of peacemaking and compassionate justice.

Over the past months, we have sought to prepare a roster of resources for our larger UU world to tap in planning interfaith observances of this tenth anniversary, resources that will enable us all to plan mindfully and compassionately for this tenth anniversary. You will find resources that span liturgy, public witness/social justice events, interfaith partnerships, and ongoing activities catalyzed by what we do on this milestone day.

We invite you to help expand these resources into a rich repertoire of possibilities by sending your responses to the following questions to Rev. Alex Holt at [revalexholt@earthlink.net](mailto:revalexholt@earthlink.net) by August 11. Specifically, for the tenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001:

- What are your plans for liturgy?
- What are your plans for public witness and social justice events?
- What are your plans for interfaith partnerships?
- What are your hopes for ongoing activities inspired by what we all do on 9/11/11?

You will find the resources at <http://911peacecircles.wordpress.com/resources/>, growing day by day. Within and beyond Unitarian Universalism, we can stand on the side of love by doing the work that love calls us to do.

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