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2.9 External Relations

Policy: The President shall not fail to take advantage of appropriate opportunities for collaboration with other religious and/or secular organizations, guided by considerations of our Shared Vision (ENDS) and our UUA [Unitarian Universalist Association] Principles and Purposes.

Operational Definition: We interpret this policy as recognizing that the UUA can be most effective in achieving its ENDS if we do so in partnership with other organizations. Additionally, we understand this to mean that relationships with both secular *and* religious organizations are important to create and maintain as each has a unique role to play in American and world culture. While the number of organizations with whom we could collaborate is endless, hard decisions must be made. Before initiating or accepting invitations to collaborate, UUA staff reference the UUA ENDS, our Principles and Purposes, and our desire to ensure the health and sustainability of Unitarian Universalism long into the future.

Rationale: Below is a list of many but not all of the organizations with whom President Morales initiated or accepted invitations for collaboration. Some relationships go back many years (i.e. Rissho Kosei-kai) and some are relatively new (i.e. some Justice GA partners). Note there is an impressive balance of secular and religious organizations listed.

Arguably, every one of the partnerships and collaborations below are related to the UUA's Global End (1.0) and most relate to End 1.2. Beyond that, the End to which they most closely relate are listing in the right-hand column.

Supporting Data: The number of partnerships created or maintained, listed above, is evidence of staff being in compliance with this policy.

Collaborative Bodies:	Description of Collaborative Effort:	End to Which the Effort Most Closely Aligns:
Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, faculty at faculty and practitioners from	The <i>UUMA/UUA Beyond the Call: Entrepreneurial Ministry Initiative</i> is a two-year multifaith program that enrolled 26 religious professionals to develop their innovative ideas for spiritual community using the principles of design thinking as	1.5; 1.7

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<p>Stanford University, Kellogg School of Management, Brandeis University, Duke, The Center for Progressive Renewal, IDEO and more.</p>	<p>taught in leading business schools and businesses. Participants include those in</p>	
<p>Fetzer Institute and Harvard Divinity School</p>	<p>The Multifaith Futures Initiative began in May of 2015. The UUA convened a group of interfaith leaders and funders to begin to discussing new forms of multi-religious community. UUA consultant Rev. Brock Leach has been the project lead and is now working with two Harvard Divinity School entrepreneurs who are taking this initiative to the next level with the backing of \$80K from the Fetzer Institute to bring together 80 spiritual innovators to identify resources and imagine a religious innovation start up community.</p>	<p>1.5; 1.7</p>
<p>United Church of Christ</p>	<p>Our collaboration with the UCC deepened this year through our <i>Multifaith Futures Project</i> and the <i>UUMA/UUA Beyond the Call: Entrepreneurial Ministry Program</i>. Leadership from the UUA also attended and presented at their multifaith Multiple Religious Belonging gathering. Rev. John Dorhauer, UCC president and General Minister spoke at our General Assembly at the welcome, the witness event and participated in a workshop on spiritually innovative communities.</p>	<p>1.4</p>

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<p>Union for Reform Judaism</p>	<p>URJ is a partner in the Multifaith Futures initiative, and have sponsored two rabbis to participate in Beyond the Call: Entrepreneurial Ministry. URJ President, Rabbi Rick Jacobs spoke at our Multifaith themed General Assembly and participated in a workshop on spiritually innovative communities.</p>	<p>1.4</p>
<p>Islamic Circle of North America</p>	<p>The ICNA is a partner in the Multifaith Futures initiative. Naeem Baig, president of the ICNA, spoke at our GA witness event in solidarity with several multifaith leaders to counter racialism, ethnic conflict, homophobia, ignorance and fear. He also participated in a workshop sponsored by our international office on interfaith efforts to confront Islamophobia.</p>	<p>1.4</p>
<p>Not One More Deportation</p>	<p>Not One More Deportation is a national campaign made up of groups made up of primarily Latino working class (documented and undocumented) people who are united to end deportations. Mijente is the Latino base building organization that houses the campaign. SSL collaborated with them on 30 Days of Love in 2016. SSL regularly partners on communication work and we have received (and given) technical assistance support. In Oct 2016, we will partner on mobilizing for a national day of action to defeat Sheriff Joe Arpaio.</p>	<p>1.3; 1.4</p>
<p>Unitarian Universalist College</p>	<p>Standing on the Side of Love and our Youth and Young Adult office</p>	<p>1.5; 1.9</p>

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<p>of Social Justice (UUCSJ)</p>	<p>have been collaborating with the CSJ to offer <i>GROW Racial Justice</i> curriculum development, planning, facilitation and evaluation. SSL also hosted our 3rd CSJ intern, Abhimanyu Janamanchi.</p>	
<p>Black Lives Matter</p>	<p>Black Lives Matter (as an organization) is a network of 26 local chapters and is a major force in the Movement for Black Lives. At GA 2016, we hosted a very well-attended conversation between Alicia Garza (Co-founder of BLM) and Standing on the Side of Love Campaign Director. We regularly co-strategize with various BLM leaders. The Revive Love Tour (fostering social engagement and support for the movement for Black, LGBTQ, and immigrant lives is partnering with (or connecting with) BLM leaders in every city where SSL and BLUU (Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism) are going. In 3 cities, local BLM chapters have co-sponsored the Revive Love Tour.</p>	<p>1.3; 1.4</p>
<p>NAACP-NC</p>	<p>Rev. William Barber, II, NAACP-NC President, has spear-headed the Moral Mondays Forward Together movement in NC and is currently working to spread it across the country through <i>The Revival: Time for a Revolution of Values Tour</i>. The UUA began working with Rev. Barber in 2013 after hearing from NC ministers about their involvement with Moral Mondays and civil disobedience action, and together we mobilized 1500 UUs from NC and beyond to join the</p>	<p>1.3; 1.4</p>

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	<p>Mass Moral March in Raleigh in 2014. We continued to mobilize in 2015 and 2016 and have supported their Voting Rights Campaign and Souls to the Polls. At GA 2014 NAACP NC sent a speaker, organizer for our Voting Rights workshop. Rev. Barber spoke at our Selma 2015 50th anniversary conference and Peter Morales spoke at the Winston Salem March for Voting Rights in July 2015 that included 500 UUs. At GA 2016 Rev. Barber addressed the General Session and also keynoted a racial justice track where he spoke on his new book <i>The Third Reconstruction</i>, published by Beacon Press, and headlined the GA 2016 public witness event/revival. Since GA the UUA and UUs have been part of the Moral Revival movement and helped organize the Sept. 12th actions to deliver the Higher Ground Moral Declaration. Susan Leslie from MGW is part of the national planning team.</p>	
<p>Shouldr2Shoulder</p>	<p>Shoulder-to-Shoulder is an interfaith organization dedicated to ending anti-Muslim sentiment by strengthening the voice of freedom and peace. Founded in November 2010 by over 20 national religious groups, Shoulder-to-Shoulder works not only on a national level, but offers strategies and support to local and regional efforts to address anti-Muslim sentiment and seeks to spread the word abroad. UUA is a Shoulder2Shoulder</p>	<p>1.3</p>

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	<p>steering committee member, represented by the Director of Multicultural Growth and Witness. In 2016 the UUA participation mainly involved sign-ons related to supporting Syrian refugees, combatting Islamophobia, and promoting stories of UU congregations acting in solidarity with Muslim communities.</p>	
<p>Self Employed Womens Association. (SEWA)</p>	<p>SEWA is a human rights and labor organization that has been a 20+ year partner of the UUA through the Holdeen India Program. This relationship is representative of our philosophy of long-term solidarity for social change. SEWA employs an integrated approach to organize women, gain power, confront poverty, and build strong leaders.</p>	1.4
<p>Manya Krobo Queen Mother's Association (QMA)</p>	<p>The UU-UNO's 'Every Child is our Child' program is a partnership with the Ghanaian QMA. The program began as a model example for meeting the UN Millennium Development goals, and now shifts into supporting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. 200+ students in primary, middle and high schools who have been impacted by HIV-AIDS are able to stay in school through ECOC.</p>	1.4
<p>Rissho Kosei-kai (RKK)</p>	<p>A long-term interfaith partner with whom we share strong commitment to religious organizations working together for global peace. The current partnership initiative between All Souls Unitarian Church-DC and the</p>	1.2

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	RKK Hiroshima Dharma Center is an example of justice making through facing history and building face-to-face relationships.	
Tsubaki Grand Shrine (TGS)	TGS is an ancient Shinto Shrine in Japan that has been in interfaith relationship with the UUA since the 1970s. The visiting seminarian program we operate with TGS allows 3+ UU seminarians to spend 1-3 weeks at TGS gaining an understanding of Shinto philosophy and practice, as well as a significant intercultural experience.	1.8
Religions for Peace (RFP-USA)	The US affiliate of the world's largest interreligious movement is focused on building faithful solidarity relationships with local interfaith activists - particularly in the Middle Tennessee and the Twin Cities - confronting racial injustice and Islamophobia.	1.2

Conclusion: We report compliance.