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## **Message from the President**

The tenth anniversary of the founding of the ICUU presents Unitarians and Universalists worldwide with the opportunity to be present at an historically unique "international general assembly" of UUs from 5 to 9 November 2005.

We all find our own national assemblies inspiring and rewarding events, occasions when we not only attend to official business and meet up with other UUs to renew friendships but when we open our hearts and minds to new learnings and insights into what it means to be a religious liberal, times for renewing our commitment to carrying the flame of freedom and hope into the future.

This Council meeting will be such an event - and more! Why do I say that? Firstly, because we're inviting the presidents and chairpersons of all member national bodies to attend. The presence of the top leadership of national bodies from around the world at this Council meeting will create an opportunity for all of us to be part of a profound and memorable experience in which we will together consider and reflect on the future of Unitarianism and Unitarian Universalism in this 21st century. At a time when, internationally, fundamentalism and extremism are growing and human fears are being dangerously exploited by religious fanatics, it behooves us as an international body of religious liberals to focus on our role in this troubled world. At our meeting we will re-focus on the unique alternative we have to offer and how best we can do that. It will be a time for a renewal of our spirit of freedom, a celebration of our diversity and our re-commitment to growing and strengthening the flame of hope and inclusivity that we all cherish so dearly.

There's a second reason why this Council meeting is important. In addition to the attendance of official delegates who comprise the Council on behalf of member organisations, we also hope to see as many individuals as possible attending as observers. You will be able to participate in discussions and debates and to experience firsthand the international flavour of UUism at work. This will be an inspiring and enlightening time and I am confident that you will return home fired up to go on enjoying and working for your liberal faith as a member of a worldwide body, a movement that offers hopeful and sensible ways for personal spiritual growth as well as relevance in the world.

In addition, new ICUU leaders from around the world will be elected to active roles in shaping and growing the future of our movement internationally. Nominations should be submitted by 30th April, so think about that too!

A huge amount of work is currently being done on behalf of the ICUU by a small group of skilled and busy people in organising the November Council meeting as well as the special meeting in April. I want to acknowledge and thank all who are implementing the bold and visionary decisions of your ICUU Executive Committee.

I urge you to now diarise the November Council meeting in Barcelona and to start making your travel plans to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

***Gordon R. Oliver***

**Your Invitation  
to the November 2005 Council Meeting**

*-Christine Hayhurst*

It's party time!

It will soon be ten years since the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists was founded, and we are planning to celebrate this milestone anniversary in style. We are opening the biennial Council meeting, for the first time, to observers from around the world who have an interest in our global movement. And we want to make it a big party!

These celebratory meetings will be held amidst the majestic mountain scenery of Montserrat, near Barcelona, Spain, from 5-9 November 2005 and will be hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Society of Spain. The theme is "Charting Our Future Together."

In addition to inspiring presentations from Unitarian, Universalist and UU leaders from around the world, there will be lots of interactive workshops to join, worship to share, sights to see and fascinating people to talk to. We want as many Unitarians and UUs as possible from around the world - both lay people and ministers - to be part of the action.

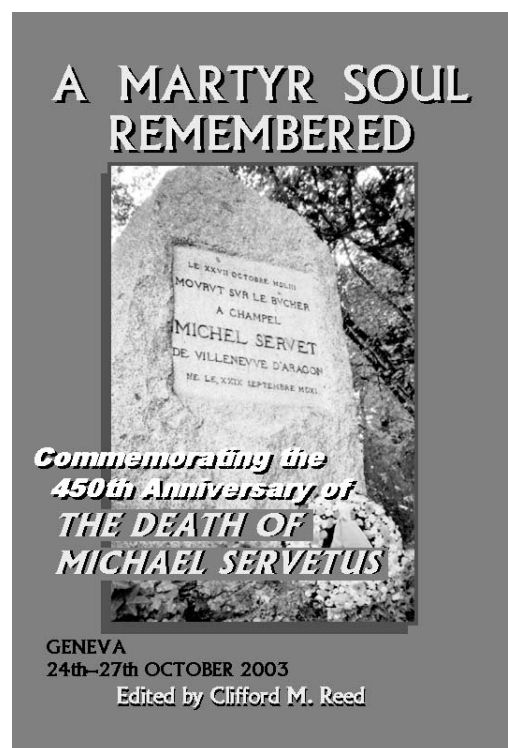
These anniversary meetings will also mark the official launch of Friends of ICUU - our fledgling network of individual and congregational supporters. But it is possible to sign up now as a founding Friend. As a Friend, you will receive first-hand information about ICUU events, a copy of the twice-yearly publication *Global Chalice*, and unique opportunities to support the global cause and to take part in activities as they unfold.

For further information about the meetings in Montserrat, please visit the website at [www.icuu.net](http://www.icuu.net), where you will find further details and a registration form.

Information about Friends of ICUU is available from the ICUU Administrator, Iva Fiserova, at [icuu@iol.cz](mailto:icuu@iol.cz)

**A Martyr Soul Remembered:  
Servetus Event Publication**

For four days in October 2003, Unitarian Universalists from Europe and America met in Geneva to commemorate Michael Servetus--theologian, physician and martyr for religious freedom. This is the record of that meeting. ***A Martyr Soul Remembered: Commemorating the 450th Anniversary of the Death of Michael Servetus***, edited by Clifford M. Reed, xxii, 240 pages, includes references and index.



Peter Hughes offers a highly original theological consideration of Servetus' place in the Unitarian Universalist tradition. Elek Rezi's contribution gives the lie to the oft-repeated claim that Servetus had no lasting impact in his own time. Andrew Hill asks if 'UU' origins didn't actually owe more to Calvin than to Servetus.

Other contents include dramatic and devotional material that enrich the remembrance. Excerpts come from plays penned by Henry Warburton Hawkes, Jane Rzepka, and contemporary Hungarian Andras Sütő, and from meditations written by Clifford Reed.

As one conference participant wrote, 'What was good about Geneva was that it brought Servetus and his thought and faith into our own time. It wasn't just a dry repetition of well-rehearsed history.' This book, with a foreword by Jill McAllister, past president of the ICUU, brings that experience to a wider audience.

The book is priced in US dollars, Sterling, and Euros. Order forms are available at [www.icuu.net](http://www.icuu.net) or from the ICUU Office.

## Curriculum Online: *The Garden of Unitarian-Universalism*

-Melinda Sayavedra & Marilyn Walker

Several units of the new curriculum about Unitarian Universalism worldwide are now available on the ICUU website at [www.icuu.net/resources/curriculum.html](http://www.icuu.net/resources/curriculum.html). This ICUU project was paid for in part by the UUA's Fund for Unitarian Universalism.

*The Garden of Unitarian-Universalism* was written to help Unitarians and Universalists everywhere gain a broader and deeper understanding of our shared faith. It was written to help us recognize the diversity of our faith and also what unites us. It has been our aim not only to inform but also to help individuals connect with one another. With this in mind we have included:

- exercises that ask participants to reflect on what Unitarian-Universalism means to them and consider what it might mean to other Unitarians and Universalists from other places
- small group worship services in a covenant group format which may be adapted for larger groups
- additional activities to honor other ways of learning and of connecting with one another and to add variety and fun to group meetings.

A total of 16 units are planned. Those completed and posted at press time are:

- Unit 1** The Garden of Unitarian-Universalism: The International Council of Unitarians and Universalists
- Unit 2** Unitarianism in Transylvania: The Oak Tree
- Unit 3** Unitarianism in Hungary: A Sister Oak and Tulip
- Unit 4** Unitarianism in Poland: The Corn Poppy
- Unit 9** Unitarianism in India: The Orchid (with emphasis on the Khasi Unitarians)
- Unit 16** Tending the Garden: Closing Unit.

Each unit also includes an order of service for small group worship in covenant group format. The worship for Unit 3 is based on a Hungarian Communion Service.

The curriculum is designed to support a variety of possible uses, including:

- individual study and reflection
- a class for adults or high school students (age 14+)
- preparation for congregations or individuals visiting or hosting members from their partner church or attending an ICUU-sponsored event
- a resource for planning worship services for large or small congregations
- retreat or workshop settings where discussion, hands-on activities and worship are interwoven over several days
- covenant groups or small group ministry

This curriculum is written in American English; later it may be translated to other languages. It has been a labor of love and we hope as time goes by others will add to the information gathered so far for a fuller picture of international Unitarian-Universalism.

## ICUU Summer Fun

This summer, why not spend a relaxing week or more in northern Germany having fun with fellow UUUs and Unitarians from all over Europe?

Plan to join the fun Monday, August 15, to Sunday, August 21 at the Klingberg Unitarian Center in Scharbeutz, Germany, near beautiful historic Lübeck. Costs will be reasonable and family-friendly, and there is room for tents and campers. You can also stay on for an extra week, until the 26th.

Talk to your friends and save the dates now for the European ICUU Summer Event. If you have ideas for activities and programs, please contact Gevene Hertz ([gevene@vip.cybercity.dk](mailto:gevene@vip.cybercity.dk)).

## Global Chalice-Lighting Series

-Lorella Thomas Hess

The ICUU's monthly Global Chalice Lighting Series, conceived at the 2003 Council meeting in Prague, is a popular project well into its second year.

Since September 2003, groups associated with the ICUU receive a brief reading to use each month for opening worship. Readings are submitted by different groups, then circulated worldwide for use in Unitarian and Universalist congregations.

Global Chalice Lightings have ranged from the very timely - a prayer inspired by the tsunami disaster - to the timeless - a Viking proverb more than 1,000 years old. They have come from groups large and small, young and old. This month's Global Chalice Lighting is an excerpt from the Edict of Torda (1568), the founding document of the Transylvanian Unitarian Church.

All ICUU-affiliated groups are invited to contribute to the series. Unitarians and Universalists in many lands use these readings to illustrate the richness and scope of our common heritage. My own congregation in California especially enjoys the bilingual ones. We have been delighted to flaunt the Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, Finnish, Czech, and Hungarian speakers in our midst. Wherever the readings have come from they build our awareness of a worldwide community, and when it was the UUA's month we were thrilled to know Unitarians and Universalists in other countries were sharing "our" contribution.

Distribution of the series is getting better. Several national Unitarian groups print the Global Chalice Lightings in their monthly publications. Canadians also circulate them electronically, and the readings are now posted on several websites in addition to the ICUU's own. It is not too late for groups to contribute readings; please contact me at [ICUUED@uua.org](mailto:ICUUED@uua.org)

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## New UU Group in Cuba

-Efrain Espinosa Iglesias

On the afternoon of November 21, 2004, a new UUC (Unitarian Universalists of Cuba) community was inaugurated in Habana.

This UUC community, completely atypical within the Cuban religious context, has certain characteristics, due to the fact that the members mentioned above are public health workers, with degrees in Biblical and Theological studies as well. Wishing to offer love to the oppressed, we open this UUC community particularly to assist gays and lesbians who are sick with AIDS. The photo below is from our inauguration ceremony.



## Looking Ahead: ICUU Theological Symposium 2006

-Jill McAllister

Plan now to be part of the second ICUU Theological Symposium in the Summer of 2006, "Unitarian Universalism: Liberal Religion for a Changing Global Society." Our hosts will be the Transylvanian and Hungarian Unitarian Churches. The venue will most likely be Kolozsvár.

The symposium will include presentation of papers from leading U-U theologians and writers from member groups and emerging groups around the world, plus panel discussions and sharing from all groups represented. New groups from South and Latin America will be present. Open to all interested individuals.

The first ICUU Theological Symposium, "Unitarian - Universalism at the Dawn of the 21st Century," attracted 70 people to Oxford, England, in 2001 and resulted in the publication of our first book, *A Global Conversation*.

Come and be part of the continuing conversation!

## ICUU Leadership Training Conference for Latin America, January 2005

-Jaume de Marcos & Jill McAllister

Building on the efforts of many people over the past 4-5 years, including Latino/Latina UUs in the USA and South America and the South America Task Force of the ICUU, representatives from eight emerging groups were able to come together.

The meeting in San Nicolás, near Buenos Aires, Argentina, was sponsored by the ICUU, a grant from the UUA Denominational Grants Panel, and many individual donors. It was aimed at potential leaders of emerging congregations to develop their organizational skills, become more familiar with UU worship and ritual, and obtain first-hand knowledge of other Unitarian and Universalist traditions and churches around the world. Special attention was given to Covenant Group Ministry as a very valuable tool to be adopted by small groups to develop a sense of spiritual community. Sessions were led by ministers and lay leaders from Transylvania, Spain, and the USA.

Our biggest disappointment was that the Cuban representatives were unable to obtain visas, but we are and will remain in close contact with them.

The program content was good, and well received, but the major outcome of the conference was the creation of the Unitarian and Universalist Alliance of Latin America (AUULA). A steering committee has been chosen and has agreed to work together by e-mail.

It is probable that several of the groups present at this conference will apply to the ICUU for membership status in the coming year. This is great news!

When the chalice was finally extinguished in San Nicolás, there was a common feeling of a vibrant, emerging UU movement in Latin America, a continent full of possibilities and which is ripe for the liberating, non-dogmatic message of Unitarian Universalism.



LTC participants, San Nicolás, Argentina

## IARF lends a helping hand in Denmark

-Lene Shoemaker

Getting recognized as a religion is turning out to be a tough process for Unitarians in Denmark. I believe that the Evaluation Board for Religions finds the Danish Unitarian Church a bit frustrating, as we insist upon being a religion when we clearly do not fit their criteria. To be recognized, you must have dogma, required ceremonies, and a set liturgy - and we have none of these.

So for these reasons, Unitarianism has so far been classified as a Religious Philosophy. However, in our opinion the problem does not belong to the Unitarian faith, but rather to the narrow-minded and restrictive criteria used in the evaluation.

The European Regional Coordinator for the International Association for Religious Freedom, Ilona Szent-Ivanyi Orbok, visited Denmark last spring. Orbok is Hungarian, and a Unitarian minister. At the Danish Unitarian Church we had a delightful evening with her. She met with members of our Board of Directors, as well as several guests from Danish Interfaith Forum, the government's Minister of Religion, and the Chair of Interfaith Studies at one of our largest universities.

We are all very thankful to Ilona Orbok and IARF for giving it a try. And if anyone out there has a suggestion as to what we might try next, please email us:

[post@unitarisme.dk](mailto:post@unitarisme.dk)

Knowing that you are not alone, is one of the great things about ICUU!

## Philippine UUs Celebrate 50 years

The Unitarian Universalist Church of the Philippines will be celebrating its 50th anniversary April 22-27, 2005, at Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental, the Philippines. The Rev. Dr. John Fredric Muir will be the keynote speaker. He has written a book about our Philippine church and currently serves as minister of the UU Church of Annapolis, Maryland and vice-president of the UU Partner Church Council. He will be speaking about the anniversary's theme: "Affirming Its Heritage for a Dynamic Future"

Another highlight of the event will be the Ceremony of Remembrance. In this ceremony, a caravan will be held to experience the trail of the UU faith in the Philippines and be able to remember, feel, hear, and see the footprints of the UU faith in the country through stories, songs and artworks.

We are also inviting friends who have been touched by the life and ministry of the late Rev. Toribio S. Quimada to join with us in remembering him. For more information, please contact: [uucpphil@mozcom.com](mailto:uucpphil@mozcom.com)

## UUNEI 105th Annual Conference, February 2005

-Pearl Greene Marbaniang

The 105th Annual Conference of the Unitarian Union of North-East India was held in conjunction with the centenary of the Tynring Unitarian Church (a village congregation some 20 kilometres away from the capital city) on the 5th and 6th February, 2005, at the Tynring Unitarian Church.

Rev. Gordon Oliver from South Africa, President of the ICUU, was the chief guest. He preached a wonderful sermon which was very well received by the 800-strong faithfuls who had thronged the venue, spilling over to the streets.

The Conference took off on Saturday when a Souvenir was released by a local member of the State Legislative Assembly prior to the worship service. Gordon lit the chalice and delivered an informal speech. This was followed by a seminar for the school teachers organised by the Education Committee of the Unitarian Union in tandem with a Religious Education Committee meeting.

Simultaneously, the Church Visitors held an Art of Preaching Workshop in the native tongue, where Gordon was a patient listener. He told us later that he was able to make some sense as English words were interspersed for better description and understanding. A welcome service was held in the evening.

The following day, at 10.30 AM, after the morning service at 8:00, three flags were hoisted (the ICUU flag with the new logo on it, the flag of the Indian Council of Unitarian Churches, and the Unitarian Union flag). We held a two-hour-long service at 11:00.

I chaired the 2:00 PM service, where Gordon preached on the theme "The Unique Principles of Unitarianism," which was interpreted by Derrick Pariat. It lasted three hours. Gordon presented four Memorial Awards, instituted in the names of Hajom Kissor Singh, Anne Margaret Barr, Dr. J.T. Sunderland, and a noted Khasi academician and hymn composer, U Radhon Singh Berry. The President of the Unitarian Union, Karen Passah, and the General Secretary, Carleywell Lyngdoh, were among the proud recipients.

A farewell service was held in the evening.

**New Zealand Unitarians** held their annual South Island gathering September 26, 2004, on the coast at Kaikoura, midway between Christchurch and Blenheim, where they enjoyed a chilly Happy Hour by the beach.

## Same-Sex Marriage: A Hot Issue in the USA & Canada

-John Slattery

Unitarians and Unitarian Universalists on both sides of the USA/Canada border have rallied strongly in support of marriages involving gay and lesbian couples.

For us it has become a matter of basic human rights, of equal treatment before the law. And in both countries, vigorous (and sometimes shrill) opposition has come from conservative religions and the political right.

But there the similarities end, for both public and political response has been vastly different in the two countries.

In the USA a court in Massachusetts struck down a provision in that state's law which upheld the traditional definition of marriage. The Governor is attempting to change the state constitution to prohibit same-sex marriage. In California, the mayor of San Francisco allowed gay & lesbian marriages to take place in his city only to be overruled by a state court which declared he had acted in violation of the California constitution and all those marriages were therefore invalid. Now another court has challenged the state constitution itself.

At the national level, President Bush is adamantly opposed to same-sex marriages and is trying to get an amendment passed to the US Constitution that would restrict the definition of marriage.

In Canada, courts in six of ten Provinces have declared that such restrictions violate Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Not a single Provincial government has challenged this. The Prime Minister, meanwhile, recently introduced into the House of Commons a bill that would officially change the definition of marriage to include gay and lesbian couples. It will be coming up for a free vote later this spring. While opposition will be strong, the measure is expected to pass.

Public opinion in Canada is about evenly divided on the issue, with young people, women and urban dwellers being mostly in support.

In the USA, with a much stronger population of religious conservatives, the majority are still against same-sex marriage. Some groups there, in fact, see the Canadian trend towards liberalization as a threat to their own position, and are actively supporting the "no" campaign here. They are not expected to have much of an impact, however.

It will be interesting to observe how all this plays out in the coming months.

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## UUs at the Parliament of World Religions, July 2004

-Jaume de Marcos

Barcelona, Spain hosted the Parliament of World Religions' third gathering in the modern era (the fourth including the now almost legendary 1893 Parliament). Over 7,000 participants from 85 countries gathered for seven days to celebrate their diversity. More than 500 panels and workshops, films, symposia, and media stars such as New Age writer and healer Deepak Chopra or rebellious Catholic theologian Hans Küng, took the stage and attracted the attention of cameras and participants alike.

Over 35 Unitarians and Universalists from around the world attended, and the ICUU was present with a booth of its own at the exhibitors' hall. This booth soon became a meeting point for U+U participants, as well as an important source of information for some who had heard about Unitarianism before or who were totally ignorant of our movement. Also, 24 Unitarians and Universalists gathered for a multicultural U+U worship service during "communities night", a time devoted to religious communities gathering separately with their local counterparts.



U+U worship attendees

The panel on Michael Servetus, co-organized by the Unitarian Universalist Society of Spain and the Michael Servetus Institute of Studies, gathered more than 60 people. Panelists included Unitarian minister and Hon. Secretary of the World Congress of Faiths, Rev. Richard Boeke, who spoke on the Servetian concept of the "Breath of Life", and several distinguished Spanish scholars. Dr. Fernando Solsona, an eminent physician and biographer, talked about Servetus as a Renaissance sage with many areas of knowledge such as medicine, theology, geography, and astrology. Prof. Ana Gómez Rabal concentrated on the importance of textual analysis in Servetus. Finally, Prof. Ferrer Benimeli explained Voltaire's role in the rediscovery of Servetus as a key figure in the struggle for freedom of conscience and belief.

The other U+U-related activity, well attended by a multicultural audience that required the work of a translator, was a very interesting speech by Rev. Barbara Whittaker-Johns from Arlington, Massachusetts, USA, on "God from a Unitarian Universalist Perspective." She dealt with a new understanding of the divine as an evolving reality and as an integral part of the constitution of our own brain, in accordance with the recent findings of science, and suggested the practice of "telling our story" in small groups as a way of spiritual discernment and growth. U+U representatives also participated in programs by groups such as the Pagan movement, or were busy as volunteers to run the Parliament at the organizational level.

For me, just watching how so many different people, from different cultures and traditions, dressed with different robes and eating different food, were able to chat together in halls and sitting on benches, helping each other, teaching and learning, sharing and walking together in peace, was the most satisfactory and hopeful aspect of the week.

## Socinus Conference in Poland, September 2004

-Phillip Hewett

Faustus Socinus was so much the architect of the emerging Unitarian movement in the 16th century that for more than two hundred years it was popularly called Socinian. He was, moreover, a significant figure in the wider world beyond his professed followers, pioneering the way towards the 18th-century Enlightenment and promoting the growth of tolerance. It was therefore natural that the conference marking the 400th anniversary of his death should bring together from many countries both Unitarians and academics tracing the seminal ideas of the modern era.

It was appropriate also that the conference should take place in Poland, where Socinus spent the last 25 years of his life and played a leading role in an organized religious movement which thrived until it was crushed by the forces of reaction half a century after his death. A group of Polish scholars led by Professor Lech Szczucki handled the arrangements, under the sponsorship of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences.

About 50 participants gathered in the last week of September; over 30 presented papers in Italian, German, French, and English. The demanding schedule was mitigated by opportunities for informal socializing and the warm hospitality of the sponsors. There was even a visit to the historic Jagiellonian University museum, specially opened for us.

For many of us the high point of the proceedings was our journey to the tiny village of Luslawice, where for the last six years of his life Socinus found refuge from persecution. I felt particularly privileged to be presenting my paper in what was originally the chapel of that manor, where undoubtedly Socinus would have joined in worship. This building has been beautifully restored in recent years by the Polish composer Krzysztof Penderecki and his wife, who entertained us for lunch.

Immediately after the conference some of us went on to the little town of Raków, founded by Unitarians in 1569 and famous as the chief Unitarian centre in Europe in the early 17th century. On our way we stopped at the Przykowski Museum in Jedrzejów, which had a special exhibition of original books published in Raków and pictures of many of the surviving places of worship built by the Polish Brethren, as those early pioneers of Unitarianism called themselves. At Raków, a reception and dinner was put on for us by the mayor. I presented him with a copy of my book *Racovia*, which tells the story of his town's place in the early history of our movement. A high point of the evening was a youth choir's rendition of some recently rediscovered songs of the Polish Brethren, in which everyone eventually joined, including the parish priest.

Times have indeed changed.

## 10th Anniversary: A Homily for ICUU Sunday Celebrations

-Gordon Oliver

Dear fellow Unitarians and Unitarian Universalists,  
Greetings from Cape Town, South Africa!

March 2005 marks the tenth anniversary of the founding of the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists. More than ten years ago a number of far-sighted UU visionaries gathered to share a dream; their dream of an international organisation which would work for the growth and co-ordination of Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist outreach and development in those parts of the world where the seed of liberal religion was taking root. Over these years many ICUU volunteers have laboured hard and well to make our liberal faith a source of great joy, inspiration, learning, and spiritual growth for emerging and existing UU groups. Ten years later we have much reason to honour those visionaries for their foresight. Our ten-year celebration also presents us with an opportunity for reflecting on our future.

As we celebrate past achievements we are mindful that in our restless, troubled, and insecure world, each of us has a vital role to play in fostering the ethos and aims of our liberal religion. The world yearns for a religion that provides space in which one can be true to oneself without the imposition of outmoded teachings. Truly, we as UUs have much to offer. Our challenge in this reactionary world of increasing religious fundamentalism and political intolerance based on fear and ignorance is to find appropriate ways to make ourselves known to those who are seeking an alternative religious path. This will take much creative initiative and clearly defined strategies and goals for communicating our ideals to the world. We need to be seen and heard in the world as an effective international body of religious liberals successfully influencing and inspiring world leaders and their citizens in living and demonstrating an alternative ethos of love, justice, tolerance, and reasonability.

The ICUU needs your involvement and support in making the world a safer and more loving global community. Help us brighten the flame of Unitarian Universalism during 2005 and beyond. Come celebrate with us and participate in our vision, our organisation and our events. With your involvement we will become a greater and more vibrant world-wide organisation.

Worship materials for planning **ICUU Sunday Celebrations**, including the homily above, chalice-lightings, and other readings, are posted under the heading "resources" on the ICUU website or may be obtained from the Office.

## ICUU Member Groups

**Australian and New Zealand Unitarian Association**  
**Canadian Unitarian Council**  
**Religious Society of Czech Unitarians**  
**Danish Unitarian Church**  
**European Unitarian Universalists**  
**Unitarian Universalist Society of Finland**  
**Deutsche Unitarier Religionsgemeinschaft (Germany)**  
**General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (Great Britain)**  
**Unitarian Church in Hungary**  
**Indian Council of Unitarian Churches**  
**Unitarian Brotherhood Church (Nigeria)**  
**Unitarian Universalist Christians of Pakistan**  
**Unitarian Universalist Church of the Philippines**  
**Unitarian Church in Poland**  
**Transylvanian Unitarian Church (Romania)**  
**Moscow Unitarian Advocates (Russia)**  
**Unitarian Church of South Africa**  
**Unitarian Universalist Association of Sri Lanka**  
**Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (USA)**

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The first six sites are in English, afterwards in other languages with English options as noted.

**[www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)** Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (USA).

**[www.unitarian.org.uk](http://www.unitarian.org.uk)** General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (Great Britain).

**[www.cuc.ca](http://www.cuc.ca)** Canadian Unitarian Council.

**[www.anzua.org/anzua\\_alt](http://www.anzua.org/anzua_alt)** Australian and New Zealand Unitarian Association.

**[www.euu.uua.org](http://www.euu.uua.org)** European Unitarian Universalists.

**[www.unitarian.co.za](http://www.unitarian.co.za)** Unitarian Church of South Africa.

**[www.unitarius.hu](http://www.unitarius.hu)** Unitarian Church in Hungary. Enter in Hungarian or English

**[www.unitarius.ro](http://www.unitarius.ro)** Transylvanian Unitarian Church. Enter site by clicking on belépés, then click on the American flag to choose the English version (not working at press time).

**[www.unitarisme.dk](http://www.unitarisme.dk)** Danish Unitarian Church. Click at top left for English content.

**[www.unitarier.de](http://www.unitarier.de)** Deutsche Unitarier Religionsgemeinschaft (Germany). Click on American/British flags for English content.

**[www.netlife.fi/users/antti.pelkola/uu](http://www.netlife.fi/users/antti.pelkola/uu)** Unitarian Universalist Society of Finland (the newest ICUU member group). Site has limited English content, including summary of a Finnish book "Free Faith: Thoughts of Unitarian Universalists and Quakers"

**[www.suue.org](http://www.suue.org)** Unitarian Universalist Society of Spain (a provisional ICUU member). Site now includes Spanish, Catalan, English, and French content.

**[www.aneta.cz/unitaria/](http://www.aneta.cz/unitaria/)** Religious Society of Czech Unitarians. Site unavailable at press time.

**[www.uu.jest.pl/](http://www.uu.jest.pl/)** Unitarian Church in Poland. No English content at press time.

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