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Greetings and welcome to our new website!

Brian Kiely

I hope you will find it more colorful, friendlier and more useable. Our intention has been to create a website that serves three distinct groups.

*First* we want to reach out to anyone who is new to Unitarianism or Unitarian Universalism (as it's called in some parts of the world). We have had quite a few people in different parts of the world contact us through this site. Sometimes it is their first exposure to us. The result has been new expressions of Unitarianism appearing or being 'discovered', in several parts of the world including some nations in Africa, South and Central America and Asia.

In my view, the beauty of Unitarianism is that it outlines an approach to religion, an approach that incorporates the use of reason, the freedom from creedal limitations and the celebration of the human spirit. In each nation where our faith exists, it looks a little different from anywhere else. Why? Because each nation has a different history, culture and social context. Unitarianism is an adaptable religion that can include substantial portions of the religions and traditions that already exist. As I say, its best quality is that it helps define an approach to religion and spirituality rather than proffer a fixed set of doctrines and beliefs.

If this describes you, I think you will find useful material in our [Curriculum](#) section, in the posted [Sermons](#) and in the [Educational Links](#) that will help you find Unitarian discussion on an immense range of subjects.

*The second audience* for this website is comprised of existing Unitarians and UUs around the world who want to learn more about those various expressions of the Unitarian religion. Perhaps they want to visit other countries and hope to experience the local form of their church while

there. Perhaps they have become interested in the work of the International Council and are wish to participate in one of our open Council meetings, Symposia or other events.

You, too, can find a lot here. In addition what I have noted above, you can find information on specific national groups and their websites in our [Members](#) section and check out upcoming activities on the [Events](#) page.

Finally, this website must also serve the needs of the Member Groups that set the future course for our organization at each Council meeting. Minutes, agendas, Executive Committee details and public policy documents are posted in the [About ICUU](#) page under the appropriate subcategories. As well reports of past and future training events can be found on the [Program](#) page.

We are always seeking to improve this site. If you have suggestions to offer or contributions for the site please click the [Contact Us](#) button and have your say.

I hope this will be a useful resource.

In faith,

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