The purpose of the United Religions Initiative is to promote enduring, daily interfaith cooperation, to end religiously motivated violence and to create cultures of peace, justice and healing for the Earth and all living beings.

URI and International Women’s Day

March 8 was International Women’s Day, a day celebrated by URI in many of its Cooperation Circles. Principle 8 of the URI PPPs: “We practice equitable participation of women and men in all aspects of the URI.” It makes so much sense. Unity among women crosses all boundaries, national, religious, cultural. Here are a few notes for IWD 2012 including a write-up by URI Associate Executive Director Debra Ballinger Bernstein. read more Photo credit un.org

Women of Courage by Danya Wellmon

So many great women have inspired the lives of so many of us. I wish there were a way to celebrate and honor every one of them. When we strive in our own lives to live up to the ideals of compassion, respect, and understanding, I think we emulate in some way the dedication of these women, past and present. read more

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“I am convinced that the women of the world, united without any regard for national or racial dimensions, can become a most powerful force for international peace and brotherhood.” -- Coretta Scott King

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Thank you to all the tremendous women of North America who have worked tirelessly to build connections, mutual respect and peace. We are blessed to have tremendous female visionaries and leaders throughout URI North America and wanted to extend special recognition to these groups with a special focus on women in honor of International Women's Day: Just Vision, Spiritual And Religious Alliance for Hope (S.A.R.A.H.), Women's Interfaith Circle of Service, Women Transcending Boundaries and Women of Spirit and Faith.

The Pluralism Project: America's Interfaith Landscape

The Pluralism Project, directed by Dr. Diana Eck, has released a new pilot study, America's Interfaith Infrastructure: An Emerging Landscape based on an online survey and follow up interviews in 20 United States cities. In addition to the city by city details, there are lists of promising practices and leadership profiles. Also, ten national or international networks, including URI, were identified by the study as being widespread in the U.S. To add your organization to this developing resource click here.

And So You Were Born

by Mona Parsa, human rights specialist and author of And So You Were Born.

"It's not common for people to say they can see the future. But, if we take a moment to look at the present, we all can indeed say that we know what the future holds. That is because our future is our present; it lies in the minds of those who we are raising today, our children.” read more

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