The purpose of the United Religions Initiative in North America 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 by connecting and empowering the interfaith movement in the North America region.

Interfaith Community Mourns Connecticut Tragedy

The Leadership Council and staff of URI North America stand together with Cooperation Circles and Affiliates across the region and around the world to mourn the horrible violence and tragic loss of life in Newtown, Connecticut last Friday. We send our deepest condolences to the entire town of Newtown and our prayers to the families and friends of the children, teachers and administrators who lost their lives. Read URI statements of support here: SNFP * SFIC * ICCCC * NSP * TPA * SARAH * URI * SIGN the Sandy Hook Elementary School National Sympathy Card.

Rev. Charles Gibbs Retiring as Executive Director of URI

San Francisco, CA Nov. 6, 2012 - After leading the world’s largest grassroots interfaith organization for nearly two decades, the Rev. Canon Charles P. Gibbs has announced his decision to retire as founding Executive Director of URI in June of 2013.

“This has not been an easy decision to reach,” said Rev. Gibbs, who has served as URI’s Executive Director since the founding of the global network in 1996. “The privilege and challenge of helping to create URI has been a blessing beyond anything I could have asked for or imagined.” Read more...

(As we embark on the search for a new Executive Director, please click here for a memo and a brief survey to be completed by December 24, 2012.)
GROW with us!

URI North America is at a critical tipping point. The Leadership Council and staff are committed to growing our network and increasing opportunities for meaningful connections for you and your organization. Please invest what you can to support this network development.

On Leaving the URI North America Leadership Council by Anne Roth

The End of a Pattern

As the Habiru people prepared to cross the Jordan River for the first time into the land that they would call their own, their leader told the elders of each tribe to pick up and take with them the stepping stones on which they walked so that they would have something to show their grandchildren from this great transition. This Old Testament story was lifted up for me by a fellow clergywoman long years ago. It came to mind as I sat down to think about the “stepping stones” upon which we have walked over these six years and twelve and 16 years of the evolution of URI. Read more...

URI North America and the URI global community as a whole are extremely grateful to Kali Mallik of the URI of Greater Baltimore CC and Anne Roth of the Interfaith Council of Stapleton for their heartfelt service and leadership as part of the Leadership Council of URI North America. They will be stepping down at the end of this month. Both Anne and Kali have been critical in building a strong foundation and developing a strategic plan for the region which will be implemented over the next two years.

Kali Mallik's Farewell Message

I am leaving the council but am taking many sweet memories with me. These treasured memories will continue to be helpful in my Baltimore Community Council of the URI-NA. However, please don’t count me out. I will continue to help whenever and where ever there is a need for my services. I am leaving URI-NA but URI-NA will never leave me. I would like to thank each of you for welcoming me to the council and for our amazing friendships that were formed.
International Day of Peace Follow-through

Just a few thousand more pledges are needed to make half a million. Take the pledge. If you haven't already, now is the time.