

**ATTENTION UUA GA 2006 DELEGATES:  
TIME LIMITED ACTION REQUEST ON IRAQ WAR**

Dear GA 2006 Delegate,

As we have all witnessed, the war in Iraq is intensifying with more carnage and chaos being created every day. Many of us have been heartened to hear about a new movement started by many people of faith that aims to bring the largest numbers of Americans together in order to take positive, non-violent action to stop the war. This new campaign is called, "A Declaration of Peace", (DOP). It is a campaign that will include calling on members of Congress to support legislation that brings the troops home, cuts off funding for the war, and includes a pledge to engage in concerted non-violent action if a concrete withdrawal plan is not established and begun by September 21, 2006 with a commitment to continue acting until the US withdraws from Iraq.

We're looking for delegates going to this year's GA in St. Louis who are as convinced as we are that our denomination belongs in this new campaign to bring the Iraq war to a halt. We want to secure the requisite number of delegate signatures to put an "Action of Immediate Witness" (AIW) onto the GA agenda, a tool made just for such urgent action. Can you commit to signing this AIW herein attached? Can you help us find other delegates, especially delegates who would give us the spread we need according to the AIW regulations: 150 minimum signees, 25 congregations, 5 districts?

We welcome your suggestions about the draft we're enclosing.

IF YOU CAN COMMIT, PLEASE, TELL US BY SUBSCRIBING TO

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1. WHO YOU ARE,
2. FROM WHICH CONGREGATION/DISTRICT,
3. YOUR CONTACT PHONE AT GA,
4. IF YOU WILL HAVE E-MAIL AT GA.

This special listserve is intended to organize GA delegates for the passage of the AIW. If you can find others, please share this message and ask them also to subscribe to this listserve. We want our campaign to win overwhelming approval of the GA.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

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## **ACTION OF IMMEDIATE WITNESS (AIW) UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2006**

### **"A DECLARATION OF PEACE"**

WHEREAS:

1. The US war and occupation in Iraq has resulted in more than 2300 US deaths, more than 30,000 Iraqi deaths, and has consumed billions of dollars of resources while greatly intensifying hostilities in the Middle East;

and

WHEREAS:

2. A growing national campaign, entitled "A Declaration of Peace" has been called to end the US War in Iraq and is endorsed by the following organizations: United for Peace and Justice; Clergy and Laity Concerned About Iraq; The Global Call for Nonviolent Resistance to the War in Iraq; Proyecto Guerrero Azteca por la Paz; The United Church of Christ; Methodist Federation for Social Action; Code Pink; Episcopal Peace Fellowship; Pax Christi USA; Iraq Pledge of Resistance; Global Exchange; Voices for Creative Nonviolence; Peaceful Tomorrows; Peaceworkers; Courage to Resist; The MK Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence; Los Angeles Interfaith Council United for Justice and Peace; Ecumenical Peace Institute/Clergy and Laity Concerned (Northern California); Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service;

and

3. WHEREAS "A Declaration of Peace" calls for establishing a concrete deadline and timetable for a comprehensive withdrawal of US troops which will include the following:

- a. closure of all US bases in Iraq,
- b. supporting an Iraqi led peace process in the post-occupation transition,
- c. ending US control of Iraqi oil and the political and economic life of Iraq
- d. making reparations and supporting reconstruction to address the destruction wreaked by the war
- e. giving increased support to US veterans,
- f. prohibiting so-called "pre-emptive" war against other nations;

and

4. WHEREAS,

"A Declaration of Peace" is a campaign that will include calling on all elected members of Congress to support legislation that brings the troops home, cuts off funding for the war, and includes a pledge to engage in concerted non-violent action if a concrete withdrawal plan is not established and begun by September 23, 2006 with a commitment to continue acting until the US withdraws from Iraq;

and

5. WHEREAS,

The UUA joined in the Viet Nam Moratorium and has consistently joined campaigns of peacemaking that promote reconciliation over war, redistribution of wealth over proliferation of weaponry, and non-violent resistance over acquiescence to militaristic government policies, and

6 WHEREAS hundreds of thousands of US citizens have engaged in democratic opposition to this war and have been met with its continued escalation;

Therefore,

Let our unified voices be heard, and LET IT BE RESOLVED that, the UUA General Assembly of 2006 endorse "A Declaration of Peace", and urge all Unitarian Universalist religious leaders at the international, national, district, and congregational level to inform themselves about this campaign and participate to end the US war against Iraq

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