



## ***2006 UN Sunday: Peacebuilding and Sustainable Development in Our Interdependent World Community***

Dear Minister, Director of Religious Education, Chair of Social Justice Committee, Envoys, and Friends of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office,

**October 24, 1945, marked the birth of the United Nations.** Unitarian Universalist congregations across the U.S. and Canada celebrate the birth of this organization with UN Sunday, a service focusing on the work of the UN and its relation to the Unitarian Universalist principles. The theme for this year's UN Sunday is ***"Peacebuilding and Sustainable Development in Our Interdependent World Community."*** Last year's theme explored the connections between Unitarian Universalism and the steps towards peace outlined by the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This year's builds upon that by focusing on the importance of building sustainable peace in order to build sustainable development. In conflict and post-conflict areas, it is not enough to send UN peacekeeping forces who deal with the symptoms of human rights violations, the causes of these abuses must be addressed. These themes reflect our own principles, particularly our goal for world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

Each congregation that celebrates UN Sunday is free to do so in its own way. **However, the UU-UNO has created a UN Sunday Resource packet to offer ideas and suggestions for congregations.** The packet includes background information on UN Sunday in general as well as this year's theme in particular. It also includes service ideas with suggested readings and music. Additionally, the Resource packet contains sample RE worships and activities and also opportunities beyond UN Sunday.

[Click here to download the UN Sunday Resource Packet.](#)

[To order the Resource Packet and materials to be mailed to you, click here.](#)

As the UU-UNO contact person for UN Sunday, please feel free to email me, **Alex Horton**, at [ahorton@uu-uno.org](mailto:ahorton@uu-uno.org), or 212-986-5165, and I will be happy to answer any of your questions.

Thanks in advance for sharing your planning with the UU-UNO, and reporting about your UN Sunday experiences and the impact they have on your congregation mission.

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