

*The U/U International Joint Working Group*



Dear Friends,

As this health crisis reaches all corners of our global family of faith, we the representatives of the International Unitarian/Universalist Joint Working Group wish to offer our heartfelt prayers, thoughts and blessings to you and your communities. We know this is a difficult and troubling time and that each of you is striving to serve your people as well as you are able given the social distancing restrictions and the economic struggles facing so many of us.

Our international U/U community is used to having to reach across boundaries of country and culture to connect to one another to encourage and support one another. Yet in this unprecedented time of closed borders and uncertainty, our ability to cross the physical divisions between us through all electronic means available to us is more crucial than ever. Our diverse faith, strong and united, offers us the reminder that we are better and more resilient together and that as our African communities teach through the wisdom of Ubuntu, I am because we are.

So we ask that if you have best practices or ideas that have worked well for your community as well as words of wisdom, comfort, prayer you wish to share with your global siblings in faith, please share them so that we may hold each other with hope, with compassion, with love.

*Blessings to all who are finding ways to remain hopeful.*

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