

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

To:  
International Council of Unitarians, Universalists, and Free Christian Churches  
Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council

Dear Friends,

The Unitarian Universalist Association has been a faithful partner in strengthening our Unitarian/Universalist international relationships, and we are committed to global partnership in the years ahead. Both the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council (UUPCC) and the International Council of Unitarian/Universalists (ICUU) have been historic leaders in deepening of our faith across cultures and geographic borders. We celebrate their many decades of ministry.

Letting go of what is, in order to shape what can be, is no easy task. While change is often disorienting, it is also an opportunity for something new and vital to emerge. We support the direction signaled by the International U/U Collaboration Group (IU/UCG) in its concluding report to create a new, flexible system of international U/U relationships.

As per our Memoranda of Understanding with the ICUU and UUPCC, upon dissolution their financial assets will be transferred to the UUA and be used to fulfill any outstanding obligations, debts, and expenses. The UUA will ensure that all financial assets we receive from the ICUU and UUPCC dissolutions will be dedicated to advancing the priority areas identified by the IU/UCG, which are:

- Partnership development - in new and creative ways
- Training lay and professional leaders with culturally adaptive and accessible programs
- Supporting existing and emerging groups towards sustainability
- Exploration of mutually supportive justice-based initiatives

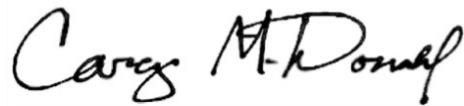
In the short term, we will use those assets to support the work of the emerging Leadership and Design Team. In the future, we imagine this support would be transferred to a new organization for global U/U partnership arising from the IU/UCG's recommendations.

We remain committed to advancing our U/U values in the wider world and understand that we can only do so in mutual relationship with our U/U siblings in the global arena. This includes a willingness to share power and adopt new ways of being that promote equity and inclusivity. We are learning together how to be faithful stewards of each other and of this faith.



On behalf of the UUA and its over 1,000 Unitarian Universalist member congregations and communities, we extend our gratitude to the ICUU and UUPCC for your many years of U/U leadership. We also offer our appreciation to the IU/UCG for your many months of difficult discernment and charting a way forward for a new era of our international work.

In faith,



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