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URI EUROPE ASSEMBLY "WALKING THE TALK - BRINGING INTERFAITH ACTION TO EACH TOWN IN EUROPE"

Antwerp, Belgium October 19, 2010 -- URI (United Religions Initiative) Europe will hold its 7th Regional Assembly October 27-31, 2010, in Istanbul, Turkey. The conference title is: "Walking the Talk - Bringing Interfaith Action to Each Town in Europe."

Fifty-five participants are expected from 17 countries all across Europe, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Romania, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom. URI Youth Ambassadors and special guests will come from Australia, Lebanon, Morocco, the UAE and the USA. The participants belong to a variety of religions and worldviews and have a passion for interfaith cooperation for peace, justice and healing.

This is particularly important at a time of economic difficulty, where in many European countries easy judgments and the stigmatization or exclusion of whole groups are on the rise. Against this backdrop, URI's interfaith cooperation circles work on a daily basis for promoting respect, friendship, mutual knowledge and community cohesion.

URI is so pleased to be graciously welcomed in Istanbul, a city bridging the continents and a European Cultural Capital 2010.

The programme will include the creation of an action plan for promoting interfaith work across Europe. As URI aims at expanding its network and deepening the impact of its work, special training will be given on the creation and carrying out of new interfaith activities.

About URI:

URI is global network of more than 470 grassroots organizations dedicated to peace and justice through interfaith and cross-cultural cooperation. Its nearly half a million members are overcoming distrust and hostility every day for the good of their communities—mediating religiously motivated conflict; building schools, orphanages and health clinics; campaigning for citizenship rights and more in 75 countries. They touch the lives of an estimated 2.5 million people each year. The network is led by Executive Director Charles Gibbs, President William Swing, and an elected 29-member Global Council of Trustees from 19 countries. It has consultative status at the United



Nations (UN) with representatives at the UN headquarters in New York and at the UN in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. URI Europe is registered in Antwerp, Belgium.

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