



## URI eUpdate for December 2003

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"From Our Heart to Yours Tapestry" personally delivered to Jerusalem's Woman's Interfaith Encounter, a program of the Interfaith Encounter Association

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#### 1. Support URI

**Give a special gift today** to support the work of our global community – the URI. Your dollars support the thousands of people working daily to create cultures of peace, justice, and healing. Together we are creating a better world.

## **Donate Now!**

### **2. Letter from Charles Gibbs, Executive Director**

I have just received a powerful gift of light – the opportunity to live briefly in the world of peace, justice and healing URI seeks to create. I want to share this light with you.

I write this at 37,000 feet as I return from Washington, D.C., where URI was privileged to join *A Different Future* and the *U.S. Committee for Peace in the Middle East* in the convening of an unprecedented national delegation of Jewish, Christian and Muslim religious leaders to be a unified, moderate force for peace in the Middle East and to share their commitment at a press conference at the National Press Club, covered by an impressive array of local, national and international media.

### **Read the full letter from Charles**

### **3. A Circle of Giving and Receiving**

#### **The Giving:**

“As women, we are connected through the power of love. This tapestry was created by Linda, Julie, Ghada, Linda, Karen, Nadia, Jackie, Kay, Dassie, Sande, Sukh and Ibrahim. (We invited 2 men into our meeting and loved the idea of their input into this tapestry.)”

“This tapestry was personally delivered to the Women's Interfaith Encounter CC in Jerusalem by Dassie. This was a gift from S.A.R.A.H. CC to the Women's Interfaith Encounter CC. We wanted to express our allegiance, our support, and our love to this beautiful group of women. “

“We want them to know that we do not take for granted that we can safely leave our homes on a Thursday evening and join women like ourselves who want to explore, discuss, and share. “

#### **The Receiving:**

“The Women's Interfaith Encounter CC held a meeting of our Northern

branch and focused in an area called the Triangle. We were hosted by our Jewish Coordinator at her kibbutz. We had 30 women -- 10 Druze, 10 Muslim, and 10 Jewish -- reflecting the population in that area. We met in a beautiful setting inside a large greenhouse where an outdoor classroom is set up -- surrounded by plants and flowers. The women all brought delicious food."

"We displayed our Peace Tapestry that was created for us by our SARAH sisters from California. The women were very impressed that California women had been inspired to sew such a beautiful tapestry for us. The tapestry and our meeting can be viewed at their website:  
**[www.sarah4hope.org](http://www.sarah4hope.org)**."

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