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Reacting to religious fanaticism and the challenges of advancing and sustaining a more equitable civilization, a global interfaith movement has sprung from the grassroots of religion and spirituality. InterfaithNews.Net (INN) seeks to chronicle this movement by focusing primarily on positive interfaith and religious news, events, and resources.

Peace be with you,
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[Help Stop Genocide in Darfur, Sudan](#)

When this newsletter first wrote about the Darfur genocide 14 months ago, we had some hope that the governments of the world would have put a stop to the rape and pillaging by this time. Sadly, this is far from the truth. U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan recently wrote, "The looming threat of complete lawlessness and anarchy draws nearer, particularly in western Darfur, as warlords, bandits and militia groups grow more aggressive." More action is needed, including continued diplomatic pressure and a further expanded African Union presence in western Sudan. At long last, the United States government is moving closer to supporting new measures; though approval by the House of Representatives is still necessary, it is a major step forward for the Senate to have passed its Darfur Peace and Accountability Act this past week, as reported by the Save Darfur Coalition.

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[Interfaith Youth Core - In the News](#)

Editor: the Interfaith Youth Core has been getting tremendous press of late. Catch up with their activities, and founder Eboo Patel's thoughts on the interfaith movement and youth involvement in religions and society, in interviews and articles at:

- Speaking of Faith's **Religious Passion, Pluralism, and the Young**
- CNN's **Faces of Faith** interview (scroll to bottom)
- NPR's **This I Believe** series
- (older piece) **On Nurturing A modern Muslim Identity**

[Indian faith based organisations commit co-operation for development](#)

Over twenty organizations representing different faiths - including Art of Living, Brahmakumaris, Ramakrishna Mission, Sant Nirankari Mandal, Diocese of Agra and Church of North India, Emmanuel Hospital Association, Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief, World Vision India, Bharat Sokagakkai, Bahai National Spiritual Assembly, and UNESCO Parza and the World Interfaith forum - participated in an inter-faith connectedness on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

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[In Geneva, Faith Communities Urge New Commitment to Tolerance](#)

Whether in European suburbs or Middle Eastern capitals, religious identity can often seem to be a source or fuel of conflict. And as many Western societies struggle to adapt to an emerging multicultural and multireligious reality, issues of tolerance and “living together” become ever more acute.

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The Story of the URI in the UK

In an address delivered at Saint Ethelburga’s Church, Rev. Malcolm Stonestreet speaks of the history and future of the United Religions Initiative in the United Kingdom.

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Nostra Aetate: Transforming Catholic-Jewish Relations

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Vatican’s adoption of Nostra Aetate, the landmark document that launched a new positive relationship between the Church and the Jewish people, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has announced the creation of a new online guide that explains the historic changes in Church theology and provides educational resources in order to teach them.

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Worldwide Survey Launched on Interfaith Education

The World Council of Churches’ Education and Ecumenical Formation program and Hartford Seminary, USA, have created the interactive survey on interfaith education to catalogue what is taking place in international communities. The survey is part of the larger Interfaith Education Project (IEP) sponsored by the two organizations.

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Third Edinburgh International Festival on Middle Eastern Spirituality and Peace

Professor Tariq Ramadan and Greek Orthodox Bishop Kallistos Ware will lead a field of speakers, artists, writers and scholars in presenting the Third Edinburgh International Festival on Middle Eastern Spirituality and Peace, from 8 February to 12 March 2006, MESP 2006.

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October URI Executive Director's Letter

Charles Gibbs, Executive Director of the United Religions Initiative, writes in his October letter about the International Day of Peace, celebrated on September 21st.

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