

# bound for peace



### THROUGH LOCAL GRASSROOTS INTERFAITH COMMUNITIES AROUND THE GLOBE, URI TRANSFORMS RELIGIOUS TENSION INTO POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE.

#### **URI YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM**

URI's Young Leaders Program is helping ignite a generation of leaders, connecting youth across religious, cultural and geographic boundaries to make lasting change in their communities. More than 600 youth from 70 countries make up URI's global youth network, using social media to collaborate and share strategies for their work in peacebuilding, education, environmental protection, economic empowerment and more. We provide:

- Leadership training
- Mentoring
- Regional and global networking
- Technology and resources

#### **URI YOUTH AMBASSADORS**

URI's Youth Ambassadors Program galvanizes motivated and talented young leaders across the globe and challenges them to create service projects and a youth-led Cooperation Circle in their communities to address key local concerns. Ambassadors are paired with a peer mentor and provided leadership training, equipment for documenting their work, and Young Leaders Program Tool Kit.

#### JOIN URI'S GLOBAL YOUTH NETWORK

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To join us and learn more about our Young Leaders Program, visit www.uri.org/ action\_areas/youth. Or send an email to Sarah Talcott, Director of Youth Programs, stalcott@uri.org. Join our Facebook group, <u>Taking the Initiative: The Role of Youth</u> in <u>Global Interfaith Action</u> for updates about upcoming events.





#### **URI YOUTH IN ACTION!**

Uganda: In partnership with Solar Cookers International, young leaders are providing solar cookers to villagers to prevent pollution, deforestation and water-borne diseases.

Australia: A Youth Ambassador is initiating an arts project in Melbourne to connect young Sudanese refugees and immigrants with other youth and help integrate them in the community.

Pakistan: The youth-led Roots Cooperation Circle launched its National Youth Peace Campaign with workshops on inter-religious peacebuilding for over 350 youth along the volatile Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

Malaysia: A Youth Ambassador is organizing a music and dance festival to strengthen inter-religious and ethnic harmony in this country with a long history of internal conflict.

## URI YOUTH SPEAK OUT



#### Dear World Leaders,

We write to you as the changing face of this world. In an era where common challenges will affect every nation, we have consciously rejected the notion that religious intolerance and violence is a way of life. This meeting is proof of the possibility of peaceful coexistence. We want it and know that we can create it.

- Signed by delegates of the Inaugural Young Leaders Program in Mayapur, India