



3. Empowering Yourself and Others

URI's Charter empowers people and draws them together in common cause.

Paul Chaffee, founding URI Global Council member and CC leader, wrote:

The URI Accelerate Peace conference was a singularly bright ray of hope in a time of darkness. Poverty and violence are the daily bread of billions, and most of us cannot see how our engagement will ever make much difference...But this could be different. Each of us left the conference with specific commitments and a new beloved community to enjoy. If this level of engagement continues, it might empower millions and eventually billions of faithful people who really want a better world and will go out of their way to be spiritually and ethically engaged in transforming the violence we live in today.

- a) How do you feel empowered in your work with URI? In what ways are you contributing to URI's purpose?
- b) In your experience with URI what would you say empowers people to be engaged – to feel they are important to achieving its purpose?
- c) How can URI continue to reach out to empower people's initiatives and participation?

Listening to each other matters. Please connect with larger community by sharing highlights of discussion and activities at [uri.org/facebook](https://www.uri.org/facebook). For assistance in implementing your idea, contact Sally Mahé at smahe@uri.org. For Zoom meeting assistance, contact Matthew Youde at myoude@uri.org.