

URI VIEWING GUIDE

FOR VISIONARIES, SEASON 24 EPISODE 6

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INTRODUCTION

Visionaries, Inc., is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to producing and distributing media that inspires individuals and communities to take action for positive social change. We are delighted that URI is featured in the 24th Season of the Visionaries documentary series available as of the summer/fall 2020. It highlights the history of URI and the work of Cooperation Circles (CCs) in the global network for peace, justice, and healing through stories of CC members, staff, and partners from different parts of the world. This video is a part of a 3-year partnership between URI, Visionaries, and The Foundation for Religious Literacy to support CCs and their storytelling capabilities.



WHAT IS URI?

URI is United Religions Initiative, a global grassroots interfaith network that cultivates peace and justice by engaging people to bridge religious and cultural differences and work together for the good of their communities and the world.

WHAT IS VISIONARIES?

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WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THIS DOCUMENT?

This document can help you use the video to support interfaith peacebuilding work.

HOW TO USE THE FILM

VIEWER DISCRETION

Some topics covered in this documentary address difficult subjects such as gender-based conflict and inter-personal violence. We challenge you to make it understandable to audiences who may not often discuss these issues.

Host a screening

- Host digital screenings
 - On social media as a Facebook Live feature.
 - On Zoom for meetings, conferences, fundraisers, etc.
 - On Facebook as a Watch Party, or on other social media platforms.
 - Potential audiences can include:
 - Members of your CC, to then discuss as a group.
 - Members of your CC, and ask everyone to bring a friend.
 - Partner with another CC from your region to watch together then have a follow-up discussion meeting. This would be a good way to form a relationship with another CC.
 - Members of a group you'd like to partner with in your community work.
 - Members of a group you think might be interested in becoming a CC.
 - Family & friends.
- Host in-person meetings
 - Assuming that COVID-19 has eased significantly enough for people to meet in person, people can use the film for meetings, conferences, fundraisers, etc.

Have a conversation

- Refer to the Discussion Questions below.
- Host dialogue around topics like civic engagement, grassroots work, shared values and experiences, storytelling, etc. in relation to the film.
 - Invite URI colleagues to join or facilitate the conversation with you.
- Think about the ways in which you understand collaboration and cooperation with communities of different backgrounds. What values and experiences do you share? What are some things that are different?

Connect with others

- Connect with the CCs and regions from the film (host a regional screening or community calls around the film and invite CCs as speakers).
- Find CCs and organizations doing work that address similar topics in your region or globally. Build relationships with them. Can the film help with that?
- Find local faith communities, non-governmental organizations, and advocacy groups and discuss possibilities for dialogue, brainstorming, and action. What shared actions are possible?

Make a difference

- With inspiration from Visionaries, think about some topics and ideas and develop projects about them:
 - How do you think about action in the midst of COVID-19 and beyond?
 - How can you create impact without putting peoples' health at risk?
 - How can you act virtually?
- What is possible?
 - Invite people to act individually and collectively on issues.
 - Create spaces for contemplation and mindfulness.
 - Raise funds for important causes.
 - Advocate for communities adversely impacted by current conditions.
 - Write letters, make phone calls, express your opinions to relevant officials.
 - Educate yourselves. Your Regional Coordinator can help with resources to do that.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FILM

- Take a moment to reflect on what you've just watched:
 - How do you feel? How did you resonate with the stories featured in the film?
 - Was there a story that really inspired you? If so, what made it stand out?
- How does this film change your perception of the impact of grassroots work?
- How has it changed your perspective on inclusion and involvement in the interfaith movement?
- If you are a CC member you are a part of this global network that is making change. You can connect with CCs from other countries related to the work you are doing.
 - How might you do that? What does this film make you want to do? Does it inspire any actions you'd like to take?
- Do you know anyone else who might like to see this film?

AFTER YOU'VE SEEN THE FILM, WHAT'S NEXT?

- How you can use this film to educate, inspire, and mobilize others to get involved in interfaith community-building work?
 - Host screenings that invite community members, CCs, and others to participate.
 - Learn about other CCs in URI's global network.
 - At uri.org you can search for CCs by country or topic.
 - Reach out to another CC somewhere in the world to connect with them.
 - Share the film on social media (Use the hashtag #URIVisionaries).

TELL US YOUR STORY

How can this documentary format help your CC tell its story? Think of interviews, anecdotes, examples and images that you might gather to make the story come alive. Make your work come alive with URI by sending them to tsharma@uri.org and we will share your work on social media and emails blasts in the network.



RESOURCES

Websites:

- United Religions Initiative: <https://www.uri.org/>
 - Check out the stories of CCs from around the world on our blog:
 - <https://uri.org/uri-story>
 - Look for the CCs in the film, or any CC that is in your geographic area or that have similar passions or thematic expertise that you do:
 - <https://uri.org/who-we-are/cooperation-circles/>
- Visionaries, Inc.: <https://www.visionaries.org/>
- Look for us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) to stay up to date about our work and updates

CONTACT

Reach out to your Regional Coordinator or the Global Support Office to answer any of your questions:

- Global Support Office: Isabelle Ortega-Lockwood, Director of Communications, iortega@uri.org.
- Regional Coordinators: Visit your URI region's website to connect with them or look for them on the [Staff page of URI](#) (Go to the drop-down menu to find your region.)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General Questions

- Which Cooperation Circles are featured in the film?

Uganda:

- [Acholi Religious Leaders Peace Initiative CC](#)
- [Action For Fundamental Change And Development](#)
- [Golden Women Vision in Uganda](#)

India:

- [Karickam International Public School CC](#)
- [Zero Limits](#)

- Are there any costs/permissions associated with using this film?

Thanks to our partnership with Visionaries Inc., the film is free for us to use in our entire network of CCs around the world. If you'd like to share this documentary out more broadly, please contact our Director of Communications, Isabelle Ortega-Lockwood, at iortega@uri.org.

- Will other videos be made about other parts of the world?

This documentary is the first episode among several to feature URI and its various CCs around the world. This is a part of a 3-year partnership that will emphasize the power of storytelling to lift up grassroots community engagement that can inspire action.

Technology and Online Resources

- In what ways can I show this film?

This film will be available in a digital format with a link. You can sign up to get that link at <https://www.uri.org/inspire>. Use the film to support the work you are doing. As conditions permit, you can show the film in all sorts of venues and platforms to inform and engage communities. We will be glad to help you find ways of showing the film online through Zoom calls and webinars or for any events you plan to host.

- What if I have difficulty with setting up the screening online? Is there someone I can contact?

We encourage you to contact your Regional Coordinator to get the technical and planning support that you need to show the film. They will be more than happy to help. You can find your Regional Coordinator here: <https://uri.org/who-we-are/our-team/staff> (Under Refine Search Results, click on the box to find your region.)

- How can I learn more about URI and the work it does?

You can visit our website at <https://www.uri.org/> to check out all the latest updates.

- Are there other cool videos in the Visionaries series?

Yes! Visionaries has been making films for over 25 years, highlighting hundreds of organizations from around the world. You can visit their website at <https://www.visionaries.org/> to see what other organizations are highlighted along with URI in this season and previous seasons of their shows.

- Can we share this film with others?

Absolutely! We'd love for other CCs and other communities around the world to watch this film. Help us spread the word by:

- Sharing our website for the film so people can sign up: <https://www.uri.org/inspire>.
- Sharing your thoughts about the film using the hashtag #URIVisionaries.
- Starting conversation with your friends, loved ones, and colleagues about the impact of grassroots work and using this film as an example of what that work can look like.
- If you're an educator, please check out our K-12 Curriculum created in collaboration with The Foundation for Religious Literacy to use in your classroom.

- Who can we contact for more information?

Contact our Director of Communications, Isabelle Ortega-Lockwood, at iortega@uri.org for more information.



SHOWING THE FILM ONLINE

On Facebook

Watch Party is a way for people to watch videos on Facebook together at the same time. When you create a Watch Party, participants can watch videos, live or recorded, and interact with one another around them in the same moment.

1. Go to your Facebook Page for your Cooperation Circle.
2. Click in the Write a Post... box to open the box that allows you to write a post.
3. Click [...] at the bottom of the box to find more options.
4. Click Watch Party.
5. Click Add Video. You can search for a video or click a tab such as Watched, Group, Live, Saved, or Suggested to view additional videos. The Page tab will show videos from your own Page.
6. Click Add to Queue next to any videos you'd like to add to your watch party.
 - a. Optional: Click View Queue to view your playlist before going live.
7. Click Done.
8. You can add a title and a description for your watch party. Note that this can only be done from a computer right now.
9. Click Post. You'll see a message that says "Your Watch party Is About To Begin."
 - a. If you want to schedule the Watch Party, you will have the option to do so in the Creator Studio of your page. There's an option to do that in the Post section. It will open a new page and you can do the same steps as above by clicking on the Create Post button on the top left corner of the page.
10. Once the video is over, you can close the post.

On Zoom

1. Start your Zoom meeting.
2. At the bottom of your screen in the Zoom window, you'll see a button that says Share Screen. Click on it.
3. You will see options for which screen you want to share. Click on the screen that is showing the Visionaries film.
4. At the bottom of the Screen Share window, there will be an option to Optimize for full-screen video clip. Click on the box next to this option.
5. At the bottom of the Screen Share window, there will be an option to Share computer sound. Click on the box next to this option.
6. Click on Share Screen at the bottom right corner of that window.
7. Zoom will take you to the window where the video is. You can now play the video for others to watch.
8. When you're done, you will see a Settings bar with a red button that says End Screen Share. Click on it to go back to your Zoom meeting.

Important Details to Note

- For Facebook:
 - When playing videos, you can control the quality of the video by click on the Gear ⚙ button at the bottom right of the video. You'll get an option to change the video quality; we would recommend that you play the video at a 720p level of video quality so it plays better for people watching in the Watch Party.
 - You can do a few additional things to keep yourself engaged with people watching the video:
 - Click Add Video to add additional videos to the queue.
 - Click Write something... on the right from a web browser or below the video on mobile to chat with your friends who are in the Watch Party with you. You can click to add emojis and GIFs to your comments.
 - Use Host Controls to rewind, fast forward, pause, or skip to the next video in your queue. When you do this, it controls the playback for everyone in the Watch Party.
 - See who's watching the film with you at the bottom of your Watch Party video.
- For Zoom
 - When playing videos on Zoom, you can control the quality of the video on Youtube, Vimeo, and other video players by checking the bar at the bottom of the video for any settings. You'll get an option to change the video quality; we would recommend that you play the video at a 480p level of video quality so it plays better for people watching in Zoom.

