Taking Action Together
Together with Cooperation Circles (community groups), Individual Members, and Supporters, URI makes a difference!

URI has built a powerful network of peace activists achieving positive impact worldwide across 14 action areas.

This year, URI highlights stories about local and global efforts to protect the Earth, to bridge cultures, traditions, and religions, and to unite people across divides.

Together with URI – let’s create cultures of peace, justice, and healing for all living beings.

for peace, justice, and healing for all

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Our Impact

Regions of URI

AFRICA
ASIA
EUROPE
LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN
NORTH AMERICA
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA
SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
MULTIREGION

URI is a network of 1,111 Cooperation Circles (CCs), Individual Members, and Supporting Members, in 118 countries, forming a community of 250,000 members. These members are from more than 340 different religions, spiritual expressions, and indigenous traditions. Together, all are actively engaged in working, learning, and changing their communities through efforts in 14 Action Areas such as the environment, education, and women’s empowerment.

Numbers as of July 2022.
Our Approach

URI Cooperation Circles combine interreligious bridgebuilding with community-based actions that address the causes of conflict. This model has been effective in reducing violence and contributing to peace. Together, with a global network of support, this three-part strategy is at the heart of URI’s success.

STRATEGY

Growing Community-Based Partnerships for Equitable Transformation

Seeding Interfaith Cooperation Locally and Globally

Cultivating Peace, Justice, and Healing

ACTION

Arts • Community Building
Education • Environment
Health and Social Services
Human Rights • Indigenous Peoples • Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue
Media • Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation
Policy Advocacy • Poverty Alleviation and Economic Opportunity • Women
Youth

IMPACT

Reduced Religiously Motivated Violence
Increased Social Resilience
Strengthened Regenerative Communities
Advanced Interfaith and Intercultural Understanding
The world today is experiencing the consequences of human-made actions that have disrupted biodiversity and the ecosystem. Extreme weather conditions, wildfires, floods, hurricanes, and heat waves are affecting each region of the world. This is a call to action from Mother Nature. URI member groups (Cooperation Circles) are heeding this call, working together to restore biodiversity.

In Malawi, the Wildlife and Natural Resources Conservation and Rehabilitation Trust CC has planted over 3,200 seedlings in a move to conserve the Lilongwe River catchment area through afforestation; Nthora CC has planted 500+ trees to combat floods. Green Hope Foundation CC and indigenous women are planting fruit trees in Peru; North India’s HEENA Rural Women Development CC provides water to animals. Global Compassion CC in Cameroon partnered with West Los Angeles Children’s Choir to fundraise for the installation of three safe water points in Bamia village.

These and other initiatives by CCs around the world demonstrate that by working together, Cooperation Circles can mitigate the negative impacts of environmental degradation and climate change to help restore and protect Mother Earth.

“Peace, justice, and healing happen as we heal our relationship with Earth. Around the world, URI CCs are taking action to restore ecosystems and drawdown emissions. Together, we are engaged in the biggest peacebuilding effort known to humanity.”

Lauren Van Ham, URI Climate Action Coordinator

Photo: Global Compassion CC, Cameroon

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World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) is celebrated the world over every first week of February to promote harmony among people irrespective of their faith. The initiative is based on the purpose of promoting “Love of God and Love of the Neighbor, or Love of the Good and Love of the Neighbor.”

This year, URI regional coordinators held four cross-regional virtual events all connected to celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week. People from different countries and regions participated in these virtual events which included: The Intercontinental Interfaith Quiz, Stories for an Open Heart, Magic of Food Festival, and Harmony in Diversity, an interreligious and intercultural, art, music, and food festival.

The events provided Cooperation Circles, Individual Members, and donors a great opportunity to strengthen their relationships, learn from each other, connect, and appreciate the impact of cross-regional collaboration.

“Harmony finds itself in the human heart, when we join our loving energies with others, we are like musical instruments, we make a song, we are like a river that comes together to form a powerful flow of energy.”

Sally Mahé, URI Senior Consultant
For players and spectators, sport is a unifying activity that brings together people from across backgrounds. URI Cooperation Circles in different regions of the world have harnessed sports and leveraged their power to unite people of different religions, ages, genders and cultural backgrounds.

Cooperation Circle member groups Dwarka Peace Society CC in North India, Building Blocks for Peace Foundation CC in Nigeria, Pakigdait Inc. CC in the Philippines, Spotlight AYICRIP CC in Nigeria, and Sahas CC in India organized local sports events like football/soccer, basketball, tug of war and footraces. These occasions aim at fostering peace, tolerance, harmony, empowerment, relationships, and genuine reconciliation.

Sports activities from various Cooperation Circles highlight the possibility of creating positive change through teamwork and healthy competition.

“Sports have the power to change the world. It is a powerful tool to strengthen social ties and promote sustainable development and peace.”

Building Blocks Foundation Cooperation Circle (CC) in Nigeria
Together we can change the world.

Deepen your journey with URI!

TO JOIN, SCAN OR VISIT
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Indicate your commitment on the enclosed envelope or on URI’s website.

Every contribution matters... ...Together we can further peace.

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Multi-Year Giving

Pledge your annual contribution for several years.

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Contribute ongoing giving and contribute your donation in installments.

Legacy Circle Giving

Consider including URI in your estate plans and inform URI accordingly.

Endowment Support

Contact the URI Development Department with an interest in supporting URI with a significant gift.

**Enhance URI’s Visibility**

Partnership Bridgebuilder

Help URI connect and develop partnerships with like-minded organizations including corporate and foundation connections.

Social Media Influencer

Spread the word about URI to your friends and colleagues through social media.

Connection Facilitator

Host an event to introduce URI to friends and colleagues; help raise awareness.

Media Outreach

Boost URI’s visibility by connecting URI with local, national and international media.

Donors list at uri.org/financials Give at uri.org/donate

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**GLOBAL EFFICIENCY**

Key Revenue and Expenses Information for year ended December 31, 2021 *

**TOTAL REVENUE**

$3,204,202

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

$3,095,826

- **Individuals**: $1,319,708
- **Foundations/Corporations**: $1,223,213
- **Fundraising Event**: $61,370
- **Special Funds**: $500,000

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* Unaudited. Copies of the audited financial statements are available upon request.

**URI also received $1,141,285 as a donor/Board restricted contribution to the endowment, quasi-endowment, and reserves. This amount is not included in the 2021 total revenue.**
The purpose of the United Religions Initiative is to promote enduring, daily interfaith cooperation, to end religiously motivated violence and to create cultures of peace, justice and healing for the Earth and all living beings.