MOBILIZING THE COLLECTIVE POWER OF INTERFAITH CHANGE-MAKERS AROUND THE WORLD
The United Religions Initiative (URI) is a grassroots, bridge-building organization that unites people of all faiths to create an enduring global force for good.

We are people of passion and initiative joined in local interfaith communities of action called Cooperation Circles. The name tells the story: Through hundreds of self-funded Cooperation Circles around the world, half a million people are working together to...

**TRANSFORM** RELIGIOUS TENSION INTO POSITIVE, PEACEFUL CHANGE.

**ADDRESS** URGENT HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS.

**TACKLE** POVERTY, SOCIAL CONFLICT AND DISEASE.

**BUILD** CULTURES OF PEACE, JUSTICE AND HEALING.

**IN THOUSANDS OF WAYS, URI IS OPENING HEARTS AND MINDS—AND OUR SCOPE AND IMPACT KEEP GROWING**
• URI was formed in 2000, uniting people from more than 100 spiritual traditions in ongoing interfaith cooperation; today we bridge **MORE THAN 200 RELIGIOUS, SPIRITUAL AND INDIGENOUS TRADITIONS**

• When our charter was signed, we had 83 Cooperation Circles in 30 countries. Now, entering our 10th year, we have more than **500 COOPERATION CIRCLES WORKING IN 76 COUNTRIES**, including 23 of the world’s hot spots of religiously motivated conflict

• Our network of grassroots leaders continues to expand, growing at the rate of **10 TO 15 NEW COOPERATION CIRCLES EVERY MONTH**
MIDDLE EAST
A voice for moderation
In East Jerusalem, the Wasatia Cooperation Circle is spreading values of moderation, justice, fairness and balance as reflected in the three Abrahamic religions, proving that radical extremists do not speak for everyone.

NORTHERN UGANDA
Designing a culture of peace
In a nation where civil war has raged for more than 20 years, the Acholi Religious Leaders Peace Initiative Cooperation Circle is uniting Muslims, Catholics, Orthodox Christians and Anglicans to work for peace on the community, national and international level; the group is also actively aiding those displaced by conflict.

SRI LANKA
Enemies no more
Amid deep-seated ethnic conflict, the Sarvodaya Shanthi Sena Cooperation Circle has been an incubator for some 10,000 Peace Brigades that engage more than 130,000 youths; the Peace Brigades transform old animosities between the Sinhalese and Tamils into cooperative action reaching into all parts of the country.
SPAIN
Seeds of cooperation
Increased immigration and economic uncertainty have heightened inter-religious tensions in urban areas throughout Europe. UNESCO Center of Catalonia has responded with a model program for urban conflict mediation—one that builds understanding through interfaith dialogue, education and civic engagement.

PAKISTAN
The right to an education
In the Swat Valley, where the Taliban banned girls’ education and destroyed schools, the Toba Tek Singh Cooperation Circle has rallied both Muslims and Christians to promote education for girls as a fundamental right under the Pakistani Constitution.

LATIN AMERICA
Learning from indigenous peoples
All across Central and South America, members of indigenous communities are working through URI Cooperation Circles to preserve their traditions, heal the wounds of oppression, and share ancient wisdom on protecting the earth.
MEASURABLY IMPROVING

IN ZONES OF RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED CONFLICT AND CIVIL UNREST ALL AROUND THE WORLD, URI COOPERATION CIRCLES ARE MAKING A TANGIBLE DIFFERENCE BY:

- Building schools and clinics
- Distributing food, medicine, and mosquito nets
- Reintegrating refugees displaced by civil war
- Caring for children orphaned by war and AIDS
- Providing job training and resources

INDIA

The voices of a new generation

The Ektaan Cooperation Circle, a cross-caste group of musicians and performance artists, is using music and drama as a platform for social change and sponsoring computer-training programs to help young people gain employment.

UNITED STATES

Combating global climate change

Through the leadership of the California Interfaith Power and Light Cooperation Circle, 500 U.S.-based congregations have joined forces on strategies to stop global warming, organizing a national campaign now active in 30 states.
• Advocating for civil rights and education
• Countering oppression of women and caste discrimination
• Promoting pragmatic solutions to climate change, water needs and deforestation
• Facilitating reconciliation among combatants
• Building cohesive communities that transcend religious differences
• Tackling economic and political inequalities that spark conflict

ETHIOPIA & UGANDA
Toward a billion trees
Helping to hold the line against desertification of the continent, several African Cooperation Circles have worked together to plant thousands of trees as part of the United Nations’ Billion Tree Campaign.
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