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URI IN ACTION

Interfaith Cooperation at Work Around the World

The Refugee Plight Knows No Borders

The UN counts nearly 5 million Palestinian refugees, and Tareq Altamimi, a Palestinian youth leader, counts millions more. So when he was asked to lead a workshop on Refugee Realities in Belgrade, Serbia, he jumped at the opportunity to learn more about the plight of refugees in another land. [Read the story](#)



Palestinian children at the Baqa'a refugee camp, Jordan's largest.

URI Takes on Malaria in Africa and Beyond

"Just as the Malaria epidemic won't discriminate when it comes to the faith of its victims," said San Francisco Interfaith Council Executive Director Michael Pappas, "the response should and must be an interfaith response." [Read the story](#)



Interfaith School Chips Away at Illiteracy and Intolerance in Pakistan

"We are creating religious harmony and peace through education in a slum where there was no concept of education," said Yuel Bhatti, a founder of ABC4All Cooperation Circle Pakistan and school principal. "We are trying hard to motivate the community that education is the only way towards peace and love for humanity."

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PERSPECTIVE

We Give and Receive Hospitality

by URI Associate Executive Director Debra Ballinger Bernstein

URI's sixth principle reads "We give and receive hospitality." Welcoming the stranger among us is not just a URI concept; it is a core human value that transcends cultures, nationalities, faiths and spiritual expressions. It affects Muslim, Jews, Christians, Hindus, Buddhists and Sikhs alike, and underlies much of the economic pressures and interreligious tensions facing our communities today. And as such, immigration needs be made central to the interfaith agenda. [Read the story](#)



Faith 2 Faith Cooperation Circle in the U.K. holds a picnic to welcome asylum seekers

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



A Story of Faith and Perseverance

"There are no limits when there is spiritual strength," said **Ciro Gabriel Abrujo**, a quadriplegic who has given his life to helping others find harmony. [Read the story](#)

YOUTH ROUND-UP

Welcome Krithika and Matthew!

URI welcomes new staff to guide URI's Young Leaders Program after the departure of program founder Sarah Talcott. [Read the story](#)



Interfaith Youth Seize the Day

Young leaders met in Morocco in June for a groundbreaking three-day seminar on the role of youth in social transformation. [Read the story](#)

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