



2022 IMPACT REPORT

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Taking Action **Together**

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for peace, justice, and healing **for all**

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.

Our Impact

Regions of URI



AFRICA



SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC



NORTH AMERICA



ASIA



MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA



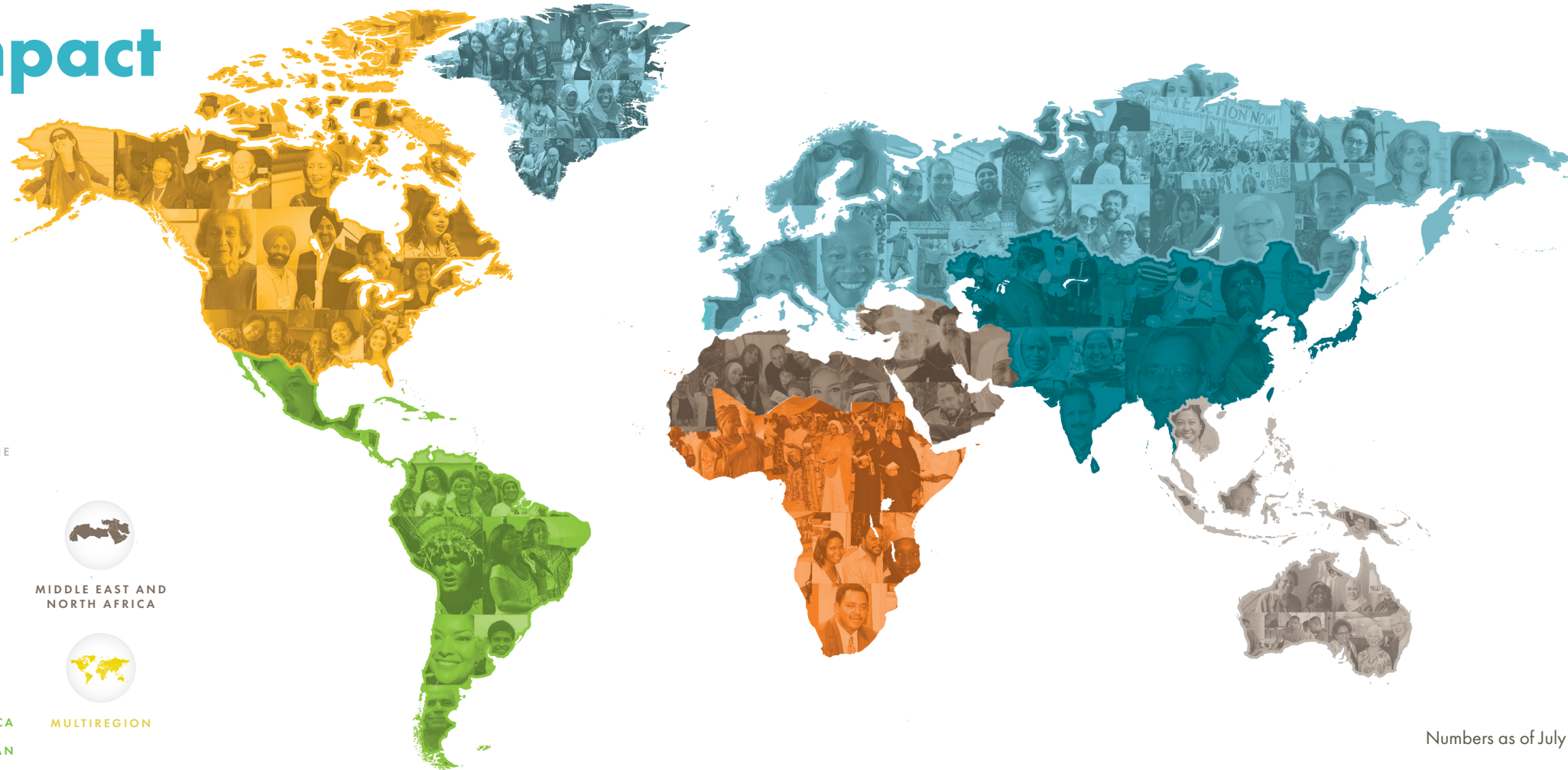
EUROPE



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.



Working Together to Protect the 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



ENVIRONMENT

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.



Photo: COEMATI CC, Argentina



Learning Together for Interfaith Harmony

“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*

Photo: Youth for Peace CC, Bosnia and Herzegovina



INTERFAITH AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

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.

Photo: Arizona Faith Network CC, USA





Changing Together Through Sports for Peace and Harmony

“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

Photo: Pakigdait Inc CC, Philippines



COMMUNITY BUILDING

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**



Photo: Dwarka CC, India

CC in Yemen, **AYICRIP CC** in Nigeria, and **Sahas CC** in India organized local sports events like football/soccer, basketball, tug of war and foot-races. 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.



Photo: AYICRIP CC, Nigeria

Together we can change the world.

Deepen your journey with **uri** 



TO JOIN, SCAN OR VISIT
uri.org/welcome

BECOME A COOPERATION CIRCLE

Boost your interfaith organization or group by joining a strong, worldwide network finding solutions to issues that affect communities around the world.



You are I. Join URI!



JOIN AS AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

Connect globally with people from different beliefs, traditions, and cultures to work toward peace, justice, and healing in the world.

Our Leadership

URI is sincerely grateful to our leaders for their steadfast commitment to accelerate peace in the world.

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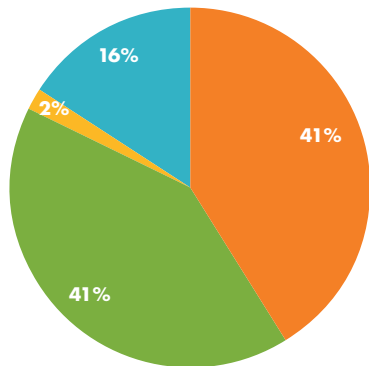
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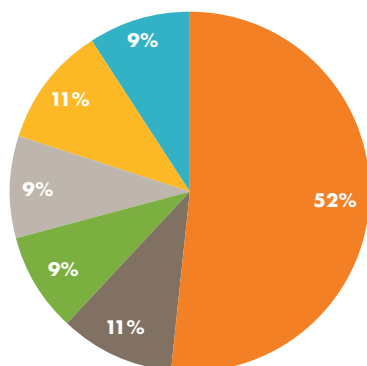
Key Revenue and Expenses Information for year ended December 31, 2021 *

TOTAL REVENUE**
\$3,204,202



Individuals ● \$1,319,708
 Foundations/Corporations ● \$1,323,123
 Fundraising Event ● \$61,370
 Special Funds ● \$500,001

TOTAL EXPENSES
\$3,095,826



Global Community Outreach ● \$1,605,401
 Global Council ● \$317,590
 Communications ● \$274,789
 Fundraising ● \$280,856
 Management & General ● \$337,930
 Education & Outreach ● \$279,260

* 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.



TOGETHER
WE IMPACT POSITIVE CHANGE

Be a catalyst for change and impact URI's efforts in communities around the world. Invest in URI's global network.

Indicate your commitment on the enclosed envelope or on URI's website.

Every contribution matters...

...Together we can further peace.

Invest in URI's Future

Multi-Year Giving

Pledge your annual contribution for several years.

Monthly Giving Circle

Commit to 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.

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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.



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