

Minutes
Monthly Envoy Conference Call
September 11, 2017 at 4pm Eastern

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. 4pm
 - i. Allison Hess (UN Office, NYC)
 - ii. Peggy Montgomery (All Souls NYC)
 - iii. Eva Castilla (First Unitarian Church in Dallas, TX)
 - iv. Vicky Demos (UU Fellowship at Salisbury, MD)
- II. UN & Office Updates
 - a. Question about how to help congregations effected by Hurricane Irma? The UUA set up a fund: <https://giving.uua.org/irma-aid> (The Harvey Relief fund is still active as well <https://giving.uua.org/harvey-floods>)
 - i. Peggy's congregation did a collection this week for Harvey relief and will be doing one for Irma also TBD.
 - b. Disarmament & North Korea – Nuclear Ban Treaty is a long-term thing relating to the eventual complete abolition of nuclear weapons. Dealing with North Korea is more of an immediate question of course – focus needs to be on de-escalating the tensions through diplomacy. Guy Quinlan from the All Souls NYC church suggests a method similar to the deal made with Iran by the United Nations. Guy heads All Souls's disarmament team, and is a member of the UN NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace, & Security which Bruce chairs, as well as the Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Disarmament. Here's what he wrote: <http://lcn.org/pubs/2017/north-korea-peace-statement.html>
 - i. Peggy: What's the Iran deal's official name? "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action"
 - c. UN General Assembly starts soon! UU-UNO not playing any particular role. Watch the proceedings on UN Web TV! <http://Webtv.un.org> President Trump will address the UN on Sept. 19th (Tues) <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/donald-trump-first-un-general-assembly-insiders-guide/>
 - d. Fall Reception at Cedar Lane UU Church in Bethesda, MD – please encourage people to come! We'll be honoring Ambassador Susan Rice and Senator Chris Van Hollen for their commitment to human rights. If unable to attend, please consider making a donation! You can find information about that here: <https://www.uua.org/international-justice/events-listing/fall-fundraiser/2017-reception>
 - e. Envoy Webinar on the SDGs – Hoping for lots of people to attend! September 26, 2017 at 6pm Eastern. Information here: <http://www.uua.org/international-justice/events/training-webinar-uu-uno-envoys>
 - f. [UUA Common Read](#) event featuring the authors of Daring Democracy! Very hopeful and empowering book, great inspiration for lay leaders and ministers. (Authors: Frances Moore Lappé and Adam Eichen) Wednesday, September 20th, 11am-12pm EDT in the UUA Chapel and via webcast! www.zoom.us/my/uuachapel

- III. UN Sunday plans
 - a. Vicky: Salisbury will have UN Sunday on November 5th. Talking about what UN Envoy role and about the wars that the US has been involved in, mention a bit about North Korea, and recite the story about the cranes (little girl who was so badly radiated after Hiroshima, made a certain number of peace cranes (1,000) and after she died, the cranes remained on. On the anniversary a few years ago, all the cranes were taken down to Los Alamos where the bomb was created, and from there they went on to Hiroshima where there are volts and volts of cranes that people have made all over the world and sent) and hopefully have people in the congregation making cranes! Vicky is going to a children's museum in New Mexico that was created to have an exhibit for peace and hopes to bring UUFS's cranes there.
 - b. Peggy: During the time of the invasion of Iraq, Fran Mercer, then Director of the UU-UNO, helped kids at All Souls NYC make a lot of paper cranes as a sign of peace, and brought them to the Iraqi mission to the UN in NYC.
- IV. Reminder about requirements for Blue Ribbon Award! (See <http://www.uua.org/international-justice/un/blue-ribbon>)
 - a. Mobile donations: For UN Sunday, let people know that they can text to donate! Just text UNO to 51555 to donate via mobile phone!
- V. Spring Seminar update
 - a. Still accepting applications for Chaplains and planning committee members! (Due 9am on September 25) (Youth and Adult positions!) Learn more and find applications at www.uua.org/unspringseminar
 - b. Peggy: Getting involved in the Spring Seminar is a wonderful way to foster lifelong engagement with the UU-UNO!
- VI. By the way: Allison's going on vacation and will be out of touch for the next couple of weeks (returning Sept 25)
- VII. Adjourn