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The Foreword



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*Fostering Justice
and Compassion*

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SUNDAY SERVICES OCTOBER AT 10:30 AM

Our Sunday services continue to be available online. Go to YouTube.com and our channel (UU Amherst). A link is also available on our website. You can view the recorded service anytime on our YouTube channel. Invite friends and family to church! A Watch Party/Service/Coffee Hour takes place on Zoom at 10:30 am. Meeting information is sent out by email prior to each Sunday service to join.

October 4 Beyond Educating Ourselves: Going Deeper Rev. Michelle
There is more to living a full life than simply educating ourselves and sharing ideas with like-minded folk. Let's go deeper.

October 11 Our Deepening Circle of Connection
Rev. Dr. Randolph W.B. Becker

One of the greatest misnomers of modernity is the term "Protestant," implying as it does that the many movements spawned by the Enlightenment opening of religious thought (including Unitarianism and Universalism) are all based on protesting something. A better term would be "Proclaimers," focusing on the radical way that these emergent spiritual traditions offered a new and different understanding of the meaning of gathered community. This defining characteristic, of the centrality of connection and community at the heart of what it means to be religious/spiritual in our tradition, is needed now more than ever. (See bio on page 4)

October 18 UU the Vote! Denomination-wide service from the UUA

October 25 It's Not Easy Being Green Rev. Michelle

The UUCA Board has identified our commitment to being Green as a priority for this church year. We are busily recertifying with the UUA as a Green Sanctuary - but let's not lose sight of the spiritual principles involved.

Our Covenant

*Together we promise:
To gather in compassionate
community,
To celebrate diversity of thought and
unity of spirit;
And to seek wholeness for ourselves,
our children, and our world.*

MINISTER'S CORNER

"...Maybe prayer means listening to the silences between the words... The vast, undifferentiated and nameless wonder that underlies it all. Maybe prayer doesn't mean talking to God at all, but listening with the heart... Those who have ears, let them hear." (Gary Kowalski)



Throughout the month of October we will be reflecting upon and engaging in Deep Listening. Our world is filled with words, a cacophony of demands for our attention, our dollars, our votes. Can we find the silence between the sound bytes? Can we keep our hearts soft and open to the presence of the sacred?

Listening deeply requires more of our attention than we might normally give. It means balancing an open appreciation with critical thinking; being willing to be proven wrong about something and open to change. It is the silence between the words that softens our hard edges and gives way to compassion for ourselves and for others.

In these tender times when we are unable to observe the cues of body language in close proximity, it is too easy to judge words harshly, often simply to protect our own beingness. Let us renew our promise to be a community of compassion and slow down to listen for the silence between the words, to find God in the listening heart.

Be well,
Rev. Michelle

Help When You Need It

This is a reminder that if you are experiencing financial hardship, you can reach out to Rev. Michelle (minister@uuamherst.org) for assistance from the Minister's Discretionary Fund. This Fund is made possible by the generosity of fellow congregants, and just one more way we demonstrate that no one is alone. We care for one another.

Don't forget to call your minister!

With health privacy laws, hospitals no longer call churches to let us know when someone has been hospitalized – so it is up to you to contact us if you or someone you know is experiencing health challenges and may want to be contacted. When in doubt, call! Rev. Michelle can be reached on her cell at 716-499-8343.

MINISTER'S HOURS*

*Rev. Michelle is currently working primarily from home. Please contact her by email if you have a question. minister@uuamherst.org.

Tuesday-Thursday
Monday: Writing
Friday: Off

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?

Email: administrator@uuamherst.org
For Newsletter: by 10:00 am on the 16th
For Order of Service: by 10:00 am Wed prior
For Website: two weeks prior to event
For all church list serve: daily during the week.
For Weekly Update: Fridays by 10:00 am

Administrator/Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday—9:00 am to 2:00 pm

BOARD REPORT

Your church board is excited to share with you our focus for the year and the beginning of how we hope to move things forward. As mentioned in the last newsletter the three areas of focus are: green sanctuary (with the year's theme being green), our facilities and signage. As you know, these are not new concepts, but how we are getting there is!



The Board is dividing itself into small teams to achieve the goals for each focus. Each team will create a back plan with an end result in mind. The back plan will have doable steps monthly while keeping our eye on the end result. We are going to need input and volunteers to bring these lofty, achievable goals to fruition. No experience necessary. Pick an area that you can be excited about and connect to the leaders of that initiative.

The sign team will be led by Emily Garrett and Scott Harrigan. The end goal is to have a contract for a new sign by the June annual meeting. It is hoped that we will have a sign that can serve as a wayside pulpit and make us more visible in the greater community. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, please contact Emily or Scott.

The next area of focus is our facilities. The end goals are to have selected an architect by January 1st and for the next 6th months for the architects to work with the congregation to analyze the wants and needs of our church members. You need not know anything about construction, etc. to be a part of this dynamic adventure. It will also be looking into green construction, and aligning with our green team. There will be a great deal of cross over. So, if dreaming what the future of our church home will be excited you, contact our facilities leaders: Don Tucker, Wendy Scott and, secondary support, Scott Harrigan.

The next area of focus is the green team. The end goal is to be recertified as a Green Sanctuary church. One of the exciting aspects of certification is developing a project. This group is being led by Jeanine Moyer, Laurie Kasnicki and secondary support, Wendy Scott.

I am so proud of this board. They have expressed how important it is to move things forward and to have a sense of achievement. Please lend your time, talent and enthusiasm for one of these task forces to bring our church visions to fruition. You, dear church members, are wanted and needed to make these three foci a reality. So, gift your time, talent and enthusiasm for the benefit of the entire church community. Everyone will benefit!

I would like to share a chalice extinguishing reading that we have used for the last two board meetings:

The Work We Share

It is our work, shared with each other in covenant.
That creates and sustains this beloved community.
We extinguish this chalice, but its light lives on,
in the directions we have chosen today.
The light of this faith lives on in us, together.
In our hearts, minds, bodies and spirits. ~Krista Taves
So, that said, dear friends, what direction will you choose today?
Have a great month ahead!

In shared faith,

Karen Thompson

On behalf of the UU Amherst Board of Trustees

GREEN SANCTUARY

Part of the overall Green Theme for the church year will be to finish our congregation's Green Sanctuary Recertification. The Board of Trustees has created a Green Task Force, composed of BOT members Jeanine Moyer, Laurie Kasnicki, and Wendy Scott, member Devon Southall, and DFD Angela Warren. Our charge is to complete the Green Sanctuary recertification and work with the Facilities Task Force "to create a cohesive vision of an eco-friendly environment." Your Green Task Force met on 9/18 for the first time, and looked at the actual project and documentation requirements for completion. Many thanks to Devon, our Planet Thursday leaders Kristina Church, Angela, and Amy Malachowski and all of its participants, as well as to the youth whose participation in "Our Place in the Web of Life" curriculum has helped get us this far. Also thank you to those who participated in last year's Ecochallenge and Advent Recycling Challenge. You were a part of this important process!



There are two tasks left to complete in the Action Plan that Devon created with guidance from Reverend Michelle. The first is a Facility Review and Action Plan, which will be led by the Facilities Task Force from the BOT, with input from the Green Task Force. Last year's BOT, with leadership from Don Tucker and David Kofke, had begun to undertake a review of the condition of the facilities and had shared their findings with the congregation during October 2019. They have started the process for full environmental and architectural/engineering assessment with recommendations for next steps and costs for short-term and long-term maintenance and improvement of our facilities.

The second task is to complete an Environmental Justice Project. In order to select the project, UU Ministry for the Earth has provided us with four phases that need to be documented. The first phase is to review all the congregation's active justice ministries and determine how they connect with our environmental justice/sustainability goals. The second is to investigate. In using "Our Place in the Web of Life" last year for youth and adults, this part has been completed and documentation will be executed along with the six month review for the course. Our participating group of adults also completed the third phase, which was to analyze the impact of our congregation's policies, operations, and programs with an environmental justice lens. The fourth phase will involve the whole congregation by sharing our findings of Phases 1, 2, and 3. We will then collectively determine how our congregation will move forward in crafting one environmental justice project.

Stay tuned!

Rev. Dr. Randolph Becker (from page 1, October 11 Service)

The Rev. Dr. Randolph Becker ("Randy") grew up in the Universalist Unitarian congregation in Utica, NY. His education includes a B.A. (physics and sociology) from Brandeis University, a D. Min. from Meadville Lombard Theological School, and a Ph.D. (abd) in Religious Education from New York University. He has been an ordained and fellowshipped Unitarian Universalist minister since 1972 with credentials in both Parish and Religious Education ministries, serving congregations in Wisconsin; Rhode Island; Massachusetts; Long Island, New York; Virginia; Illinois; and Key West. In retirement, he has become a published author of mystery and travel books. Randy lives in Key West with his wife Elissa Bishop-Becker, a nationally recognized Credentialed Professional Counselor with a specialty in grief and loss and author of "Loss and Growth: The Grief Spiral." Randy is a survivor of COVID-19 and brother to UU Amherst member, Bruce Becker.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Dear members and friends,

Your FD Team met again on September 13, and continued to make decisions about programming and timing for this most unusual church year.

Our decisions so far include having Spirit Play as the Time For All Ages on the first Sunday of each month, including selected wondering questions that align with our monthly Soul Matters theme. Then during the third Sunday watch party after the service, we will have an opportunity to discuss our answers. October's theme is deep listening. What do your UU Amherst friends wonder about? How deeply are we able to listen to one another?

Speaking of families, for traditional Religious Education purposes, our church community has defined this as households with children, but as we navigate through this mud of a pandemic, one thing we are finding out is how adaptable we need to be. So moving forward, maybe we should think about our church families as those who fit this description, AND those without children but with furry or feathered household members, those who are couples, those who are siblings, and those who are a household of one. You are all a vital part of our UU Amherst family, and Faith Development wants to be open to you.

To ensure FD's focus is aligned with the overall Green Theme named by our Board of Trustees, our Time for All Ages each fourth Sunday will be purposefully selected.

Youth Group will begin on October 13th. The overall goal will be a youth led social justice/action project. We still need Youth Group leaders, and the Central East Region has released training videos to help us navigate online learning.

Pam and Jerry Kent have agreed to teach the classroom portion of Coming of Age starting after the holidays this winter. Best practices for youth safety recommends a third facilitator, so if you have any inkling to inspire and guide the youth of UU Amherst, there is an opportunity for you here as well.

We will continue to offer all FD Activities this year as they were so well received last year, with participants of all ages. This will look different, and we will amend the schedule to every other month. Our first two activities will be delivered to families with children. This month the activity will be gratitude pumpkins. Look for the reveal of results during our Thanksgiving service in November. Our next activity will be in December. We will deliver kits for wreathmaking. Will we have enough snow in January and February for snow fort making? Sledding? If you have an idea let Angela know, and if you would like to participate in the first two activities but are not going to receive a kit, look for the activity description in the Weekly Update and feel free to participate and share with your UU Amherst family when prompted.

Truly yours,
Angela Warren, DFD



GOOGLE CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE: For any group that is using the Zadmin meeting room, you are now required to use a pass code. Individual members using their own Zoom accounts will not require pass codes. Zoom links are provided by group hosts via email. **If you want to join a Zoom meeting and haven't received a link, please contact the meeting host.**

***requires pass code**

Tuesday, October 6:

7:00 pm: Reading Together Zrev*

Sunday, October 11

12:00 pm: Poetry as Practice, D. Bofinger

Tuesday, October 20

6:00 pm: UUAmerst Endowment Trust Meeting Zadmin*

Sunday, October 25

12:00 pm: UU Amherst Book Group Zadmin*

RECURRING:

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Sundays, October 4-25 weekly

10:30: Online Church service

(join via UUAmerst website link or UU Amherst YouTube channel)

10:30 am: Watch Party/Service/Coffee Hour - Zoom

1:00 pm: Youth Group Zfd

2:00 pm: Red Bud 5 (Oct. 11) K. Thompson

Mondays, October 5-26

7:00 pm: Lighthearted Larches (10/12 & 10/26) D. Tucker

7:00 pm: Tulip Crabapple Zadmin (weekly) L. Marcus*

7:30 pm: Marvelous Maples (10/12 & 10/26) D. Bofinger

Tuesdays, October 6-27

12:30 pm: Women's Group Zadmin (weekly)*

Wednesdays, October 7-28

10:15 am: Willow Village Zadmin (10/14 & 10/28)

J. Senders

11:30 am: Northtowns Village Zadmin (weekly) Y. Stocker*

6:30 pm: Cucumber Magnolia Zadmin (10/14 & 10/28)*

J. Rautenstrauch

7:00 pm: Sage Circle Zfd (10/7 & 10/21)*

7:00 pm: Red Bud 5 (Oct. 28) K. Thompson

Thursdays, October 8-29

12:00 pm: Lunch with Friends Zadmin (weekly)*

Saturdays, October 3-31

9:30 am: Shared Caring Circle (weekly) Rev. Michelle*

7:00 pm: Birch Bunch Zadmin (weekly) M. Ceraulo & Virginia Snider*

Google Members' Directory

The UU Amherst Directory can be found in a shared folder on Google. You do not need a Google account to access! If you did not receive an email invitation to view the directory, or need the link, please let Elaine know by phone or email. If you discover an error, or need to update your information, send an email to administrator@uuamherst.org or call the office at 634-3010. If you would prefer not to have your contact information visible in the Google shared directory, please let Elaine know and it can be removed.

Visitor Sign-In

UU Amherst has adopted a new visitor sign-in procedure to aid in contact tracing should the need arise. Everyone entering the building is asked to sign-in with the date and time (excluding staff). There is a binder for signing in located at each entrance. Please be sure to read the COVID questionnaire that is contained in the binder (do not write on it). If you have any of the symptoms on the questionnaire, we request that you not enter the building at this time. Then sign in the log book. In the event of COVID exposure to anyone who uses the church, we will be able to assist with contact tracing. It is a matter of health and safety.

VILLAGES UPDATE

Village facilitators will meet early this month. There are a few technological/hardware needs within our groups that need to be addressed, especially before this winter as we continue to be physically apart. If anyone outside the current Village leadership can be helpful in addressing these needs, please contact your current village facilitator.

Red Bud 5 had a picnic at our lake house on Saturday. We were outdoors, socially distant and had a wonderful time. We had hot dogs and burgers with many side dishes. As we brought in the sunset over the lake, we did s'mores over the fire pit. We have a new friend to the church who has joined our village and she can't wait to come to church to meet the rest of our congregation! - Karen Kuhn

Northtowns Village - For those who do participate, including me, we find this a great way to pass info, discuss things, learn and get inspired to DO something. Villages are great - but as the church in general you get more than you put in but if you give nothing you get little in return. - Yvonne Stocker

Maple Village - We have 6 active participants, including Ron & I. We meet every other Monday night. We met in person at the FayeBrooke senior apartment complex 3-4 times, but started meeting again by Zoom tonight because its easier for a few schedules. We've had good discussions in our group and keep our meeting to an hour. - Diane Bofinger

Sassafras Sassies - We continue to meet every other Monday evening with a basic core group. Conversations have run the gamut from gardening, pets, and families to VOICE/BUFFALO and Black Lives Matter, and of course, what does the future hold?! - Barb Brooks

The Birch Bunch continues to meet every Saturday night by Zoom. Discussions include favorite take out, what we are reading and politics and everything in between. We have between 6-11 people and a few have been unavailable due to summer activities. All who attend have repeatedly indicated they enjoy doing so. - Maria Ceraulo

SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

During the pandemic we are taking a pause, since many of our activities seem unimportant in comparison to the needs of folks during COVID 19. many generous team members contributed to a collection by answering the call of help for accused prisoners in the Holding Center. They were charged extra expenses for commissary items and phone calls. The conditions in the Center need to change with new leadership since the plans now are to send the accused to the Alden facility. Therefore family members will find it difficult to visit loved ones. We also attended a webinar on Solitary Confinement with a replica of the room set up on a trip in Buffalo. The organization is HALT.

A couple of team members attended a 5-week Zoom webinar sponsored by the AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, (AFSC). We learned about embodiment accompaniment, and how to actively become an anti-racist. This group was called BIPOC—Black, Indigenous People of Color. Some of us who attend a VOICE-Clergy Caucus, attended a Zoom virtual leadership training. Get Out the Vote is being initiated. —Pat Burke and Margot Shoemaker

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER RECIPES Provided by Christine Boczarska and Faith Pham

Christine Boczarska and Faith Pham are sisters and dedicated members of our Caring For One Another group. They provide occasional meals to church members on an as-needed basis. With the meal they generally include a “goodie bag” and a card on behalf of the Caring Group. They often submit healthy recipes for the monthly *Foreword*. The recipes are easy and usually use fresh vegetables. In the past these have included vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and ethnic recipes. Many members have expressed their appreciation both for the meals and the recipes they have provided.

The following recipe comes from the Fountain Avenue Kitchen via Jacque Babka.

Crispy Baked Eggplant

2 lbs small to medium eggplant (about six depending on size)
2 large eggs
3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
3/4 cup plain panko breadcrumbs (use Rice Chex crumbs for a gluten-free dish)
1 tsp dried Italian seasoning
1/2 tsp each kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
Olive oil for two baking pans.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Thoroughly coat baking sheets with oil. In a shallow bowl whisk together the eggs and 1 Tbsp water. In another bowl combine the panko crumbs, Parmesan cheese, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper.

Cut eggplant into 3/4 thick rounds. Dip eggplant slices into the egg mixture, dripping off the excess and dredge with the parmesan mixture, pressing down gently to coat. Transfer the coated slices to the baking sheets and bake until golden brown on the bottom, about 17 to 20 minutes, more if needed. Flip the slices and bake until lightly browned on the bottom but still slightly firm, about 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and serve as is or with a side of marinara sauce.

AMHERST LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Food donations can be left in the two large green bins in the back of the church outside by the back door for contact free drop off. Financial contributions can be made online at the church website, uuamherst.org and click the Donate button. Be sure to select Pantry for your donation, which is one of the options. Checks can also be sent to UUCA, 6320 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221 and write “Pantry” in the Memo line.

Here is what the Pantry especially needs this month:

BREAKFAST ITEMS, including cereal, milk (powdered, shelf-stable, or canned), protein or granola bars, pancake mix and syrup, protein drinks like Boost - also coffee, tea, hot chocolate packets; BAKING staples like flour, sugar, oil, baking mixes; BEVERAGES of all kinds (specifically requested by the pantry user who came by while I was there) including drink boxes, coffee and hot chocolate; BEANS—especially baked or refried; FRUIT (applesauce, fruit cocktail, or fruit slices - in pouches, canned, or individual-serving cups) ; CANNED MEATS other than tuna; RAMEN, CANNED VEGETABLES ,RICE, especially "instant" side dishes; CONDIMENTS - ie ketchup and mustard, either full size or "to-go" packets, including sweeteners; TOILETRIES - full or travel size, including dental floss, but especially shampoo, deodorant, and incontinence pads; CLEANING SUPPLIES, especially dish and laundry soaps; INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED UTENSILS, especially spoons; CANNED PET FOOD.



For questions or comments please contact Maria Ceraulo at amherstlittlefreepantry@uuamherst.org. Like us on Facebook: [amherstlittlefreepantry](https://www.facebook.com/amherstlittlefreepantry).



CONTRIBUTING TO UU AMHERST THROUGH E-GIVING

As we travel through this challenging time we invent and discover new ways to do what was traditional and simple; some things continue unabated. The expenses of supporting our beloved church continue. Our services and many programs continue in new ways supported by our incredible technology. So also our way of "passing the plate", "gathering our pledges" and so on now includes previously unexploited technologies.

The church has implemented THREE ways to give electronically:

1. The **Giving** option on the church website (uuamherst.org)
2. A NEW phone app "**GivePlus+**" for your phone
3. Texting a donation to phone # **833 987 1968**
These methods complement the traditional methods:
4. Mailing a check [remember to fill in the Memo]
5. There is the traditional Sunday Plate - when you are in church!
6. Don't forget Legacy Giving - in your will

PLEASE NOTE: If you have not sent in a pledge card because you are not leaving the house to mail one, or you're not comfortable emailing, you can call the Office at 716-634-3010.

UU AMHERST THEATER LOVERS FALL

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we won't be doing any outings for the foreseeable future, but there are opportunities to enjoy the Buffalo theater scene both in person and on-line. Here are highlights, in chronological order. Check each company's website for more information. - Marie Evan

Ujima Company - #ArtThatHeals: Black Lives Matter, and #LornaCHillLove - NOW, on their YouTube page, bit.ly/ujimacoyoutube

Kavinoky Theatre has digital programming planned - music nights and a one-woman theatrical show beginning November 6.

Irish Classical Theatre Company is producing "Sea Marks," which will be available for online purchase October 16 to November 1.

Jewish Repertory Theatre's virtual season begins November 5, and will feature five staged readings, available as online video for 21-days each. Subscriptions and single tickets are available (jewishrepertorytheatre.com).

Musicalfare has been presenting online Cabarets about once a month. Follow them on Facebook or Twitter, or visit the website musicalfare.com for upcoming shows.

Road Less Traveled will be creating digital programming this fall. Details aren't currently available.

VILLAGE 5 SUMMER GATHERING

There is nothing like a day with church friends... Our village (Red Bud 5) gathered at our Lake Ontario cottage for an afternoon with good conversation, a picnic and ending the evening with s'mores, a fire and a beautiful sunset. I hope your villages are finding ways to celebrate friendship and to get to know one another a little better. John and I have enjoyed getting to know our church friends and finding ways to safely come together in these challenging times. —Karen Thompson



COVID CORNER

We now know that COVID19 has been an issue for all of 2020 and it has impacted our lives tremendously. In New York State we tackled it early and aggressively which resulted in the closure of our beloved church with a very limited reopening. Because we house a daycare in our building we must be extra vigilant in our potential exposure to this virus. We have a medical task force which advises the Board of Trustees on reopening strategies. At this time we are being extra careful and per UUA guidance we are planning to continue virtual services until next spring. Flu season will be upon us very soon and combined with COVID19 there will be more stress on the medical system this winter. So, my advice is to get a flu shot, wear your facial covering, maintain a careful physical distance, especially when out in public, and wash your hands frequently. Stay safe and keep healthy.

Thanks to Barbara Gauger Kent for providing monthly information on coping with COVID.



U.U.—U.N.NEWS

2020 United Nations Day Message

24 October is United Nations Day; that is because the United Nations Charter was adopted on that day in 1945 in San Francisco, California. United Nations Headquarters in New York City was not finished until 1952. 2020 is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, America's thirty-second President, is considered to be the "father of the United Nations." Every year, U.N. Day is celebrated at U.N. Headquarters in New York City and throughout the world. The United States of America should also participate in the celebration by dismantling our global empire and global military machine and by thoroughly making the United Nations the focal point of our foreign policies.

What are the purposes of the United Nations? The main purposes are to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, to recognize the dignity and worth of the human person, to acknowledge the equal rights of men and women and nations large and small, to encourage respect for international law, to promote better standards of life in larger freedom and to maintain international peace and security.

The United Nations is a noble, humanitarian experiment. Despite all the criticism of the organization, the United Nations has been a relative success. It has prevented another world war, promoted social progress and is in the process of realizing its purposes, principles and reforming itself.

Why is the actual United Nations so different from the U.N. Charter itself? This is a difficult question to answer. Almost all 193 United Nations Member States do not want to subordinate their sovereignty to the United Nations. Consequently, the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council do not want to elect a first-rate U.N. Secretary-General committed to realizing and strengthening the U.N. Charter. Also, the U.N. is a complex bureaucracy and its international civil service and peacekeepers have many inadequacies. There are also many other problems and dilemmas hampering the United Nations.

All this must change. To realize the U.N. charter, the United Nations must possess the power to eliminate the scourge of war and promote human rights. To accomplish this, the United Nations must create its own effective system of collective security and a better means for promoting human rights. At the present time, universal and complete disarmament and world peace under U.N. auspices are, unfortunately, unfulfilled dreams.

Nevertheless, on United Nations Day, 24 October, all 193 United Nations Member States and all people should resolve to translate the United Nations Charter into reality in our troubled, interdependent world. The future of humanity depends on an effective United Nations and its ability to maintain international peace and security. The time to make this happen is now; otherwise, the future of humanity is bleak, indeed. As H. G. Wells wrote in *The Outline of History*, "human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe." The problems facing humanity are grave, but human reason and ingenuity can solve them.

David Slive, U.N. Envoy



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