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(This message arrived after OMNI’s 2012 newsletter was sent; it seems just as relevant for Side of Love 2013).

Dear Dick,

Don't forget, Valentine's Day is tomorrow! I hope your day is extra special and that you take a moment to appreciate all the loved ones in your life. I also hope you'll take a moment to remember the millions of women and girls throughout the world who need our support now more than ever.

Help make a difference by spreading the love this Valentine's Day.

http://www.womenthrive.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1260&Itemid=196

Every day, Women Thrive works to ensure that women's voices are heard and that they have the tools necessary to lift themselves and their families out of poverty. In 2011, we successfully staved off cuts that would have negatively impacted women and girls. But our work isn't done. In honor of Valentine's Day, please help us make sure that we can continue advocating on their behalf.

Here's how you can help:

Forward this email – Make this email your valentine to loved ones and invite them to join Women Thrive. It's free and easy to do!

Go Social – Take a moment right now to like us on Facebook, tweet your support or add us to your circles on Google+. Learn more.
Make a donation – Did you know that the average lovebird will spend $116 on a romantic meal tomorrow? Make your money really count by investing in women and girls instead.

And since Valentine's Day is about showing how much you care, we'd like to thank five lucky recruiters, donors or supporters with a free Women Thrive Worldwide t-shirt. And to sweeten the deal, one special winner will receive a gift basket from our Fair Trade partner, Divine Chocolate.

Will you make a commitment to support women and girls this Valentine's Day?

Thanks!

Erin Kelly
Communications and Outreach Manager
Women Thrive Worldwide

[Here’s another Valentine’s Day message that arrived after the 2012 Newsletter was mailed. This one, from OMNI 350, makes Valentine’s Day look positively and globally valuable.]

**Show Your Love for Climate Scientists this Valentine's Day:**  
#iheartclimatescientists  [http://thinkprogress.org/romm/2012/02/13/423791/show-your-love-for-climate-scientists-this-valentine039s-day-iheartclimatescientists/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+climateprogress%2FCrX+%28Climate+Progress%29&mobile=nc](http://thinkprogress.org/romm/2012/02/13/423791/show-your-love-for-climate-scientists-this-valentine039s-day-iheartclimatescientists/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+climateprogress%2FCrX+%28Climate+Progress%29&mobile=nc)

Posted: 13 Feb 2012 08:07 AM PST

As climate science continues to be attacked and politicized, it's time for us to shower some much-needed affection on the scientists who are helping us understand the changing world around us.

As a reader of this blog, we know you love climate scientists. And with Valentine's day coming up tomorrow, now is your chance to show your appreciation for the necessary research that scientists are doing around the world.

Climate Nexus has rolled out a new social media campaign called "I Heart Climate Scientists,"
http://www.facebook.com/iHeartClimateScientists that features pictures of people (and animals) expressing their love for the work that climate scientists do.

From the **Climate Nexus campaign:**
"Climate change deniers are sending [hate mail](http://www.facebook.com/iHeartClimateScientists) and [threats](http://www.facebook.com/iHeartClimateScientists) to dedicated climate scientists working to protect our families, finances and future. Show these hardworking experts some love - even digital hugs count this Valentine’s Day. Remind them their work is valuable, their opinions respected, and that they are not alone."

The campaign has it's own Facebook page and twitter hashtag [iheartclimatescientists](http://www.facebook.com/iHeartClimateScientists), so be sure to take your pictures and send them in! (Paste a link in the comment section here too.)

**Valentine's Day is a good hook for the I Heart Climate Scientists campaign. But you can help extend it far beyond that. Help combat the bullying and the political threats by showing year-round how much you appreciate what climate scientists do through Facebook and Twitter.**
Day 15: We Are the Love People

Today is Day 15 of the Thirty Days of Love. Today's action is to share our new Standing on the Side of Love video with your friends and family. Click here for resources, family actions, and more! Click here to sign up for the daily Thirty Days of Love emails.

Have you ever struggled to explain our campaign to your friends and family as you encourage them to get involved? Ever felt stumped by what exactly it means to “stand on the side of love”?

Well, we've got you covered! Standing on the Side of Love produced this fun, inspiring message about who we are and what we do:

For today's action, share the video with your friends and family, and encourage them join us on our spiritual journey for social justice! We are only halfway through our Thirty Days of Love, and there are plenty more great actions coming up, including getting involved in compassionate immigration reform, exploring how creativity lifts up our work, and of course, celebrating National Standing on the Side of Love Day!

In faith,
Jennifer Toth
Campaign Manager
Standing on the Side of Love

PS: Save the date for our Thirty Days of Love closing service! We’re partnering with the Church of the Larger Fellowship to come together online to celebrate the Thirty Days on Sunday, February 17 at 8:00pm ET and Monday, February 18 at 9:00am and 1:30pm ET. Stay tuned for more details!

Tags: 30 Days of Love, Elliott Cennamo, First UU Church of Columbus, National Standing on the Side of Love Month, Standing on the Side of Love, video, Voting on the Side of Love

Day 14: Create an Outpouring of Love

No Comments | Share On Facebook | Tweet [Feb 01, 2013]

Today is Day 14 of the Thirty Days of Love. Today’s action is to join our response love network to offer messages of support in the wake of tragic acts of violence. Click here for resources, family actions, and more! Click here to sign up for the daily Thirty Days of Love emails.

When I first heard about the shooting at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin last summer, I couldn’t help but remember a parallel act of violence four years earlier at my own congregation, the Tennessee Valley UU Church (TVUUC). In both cases, a man with a gun and an agenda targeted innocent people of faith. But along with the recollection of heartbreak and loss, I also carry with me the memory of the incredible flood of love and support that we received from our local community and from across the country. All around our church there are things folks sent to let us know we were loved.

With the events at TVUUC in mind, thousands of you responded to the shooting at the Sikh temple last summer...
in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. SSL supporters wrote over 2,000 messages of love and support to the Sikh community there. I think that anytime there is an act of violence targeting people because of their identities, we can and should reaffirm a message of love and a vision of a country where we all belong.

In that spirit, Standing on the Side of Love is gathering a network of people to send messages surrounding victims of violence with an outpouring of love whenever incidents of hate occur. From the shooting in Oak Creek to the recent arson attack on a mosque in Joplin, we can ensure that victims of senseless acts of hate know that they are loved.

Click here to sign up. We’re also searching for inspiring names for our response network, or “love team” and would love your help. Love Ambassadors? The Love Squad? What helps us best convey that we are here in spirit with those affected by a tragedy? Send your ideas to love@uua.org.

In the wake of violence and tragedy, let us lift up voices of love and compassion. Sign up for the response network today and help ensure that whenever and wherever acts of violence occur, we can surround the victims with an outpouring of love.

In faith,

Rev. Chris Buice
Tennessee Valley UU Church
Knoxville, Tennessee

PS: We hope your congregation is participating in Share the Love Sunday! We have compiled some helpful resources for planning your service, taking a collection to support the Unitarian Universalist Association, and discussing what it means for your congregation to stand on the side of love. Thanks for your generosity on February 17!

Tags: 30 Days of Love, hate, hate crimes, Knoxville, National Standing on the Side of Love Month, Oak Creek, response network, Rev. Chris Buice, shooting, Sikh, Sikh Temple of Wisconsin, Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, Think Interfaith, violence, Wisconsin

Day 13: Finding Common Ground

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Today is Day 13 of the Thirty Days of Love. Today’s action is to reach out in your community to do interfaith service projects. Click here for resources, family actions, and more! Click here to sign up for the daily Thirty Days of Love emails.
The leader of the Buddhist Meditation Group at my church describes practicing Buddhism as his way of finding the secret to life—the same secret that Muslims, Catholics, and Jews seek in their own faith traditions. Through my own spiritual exploration, I have realized that any self-proclaimed religious or spiritual being has found a unique and valuable secret to life.

It was not until I was a freshman in high school that I realized that my secret to life would stem from Unitarian Universalism, and not, in fact, the religion that I was born into. But I realized that by choosing to go out and find some secret, no matter how diverse our practices of exploring it may be, we all are ultimately chasing shared goals: social justice, empowerment, advocacy, and wholeness.

We all know that healthy relationships are driven by honesty and fidelity and are only possible when secrets are shared. The same is true for interfaith relationships between communities. What is service if these “life secrets” are kept? What is social justice without dialogue inspired by diverse ideas, beliefs, and ideologies? For my Girl Scout Gold Award project, I held an Interfaith Leadership Summit for high school youth to present their life secrets, spiritual investigation, and lived experiences. A summit that would, in turn, create a flow of ideas between the temples, mosques, and churches in my community.

Participants in this summit, held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, initiated dialogue, listened to speakers, and engaged in workshops designed to highlight the commonality in our diversity. They learned that you don’t have to go miles, crossing town lines, or state borders, to find a community invested in the same principles as your own. That same community could exist within the church next door or the temple across the street. And all you have to do is walk in the door.

**For today’s action, put aside your differences, find common ground, and undertake an interfaith service project to better your community. Click here for resources to get you started.**

In faith,
Jenna Crawford

Jenna is a high school senior and attends the UU Church of Reading, Massachusetts. Inspired by her beginnings in community engagement working on Luna Farm and volunteering with the ARC of Eastern Massachusetts, she has taken up the call for social justice in her school and larger community.

Tags: 30 Days of Love, Girl Scouts, interfaith, Jenna Crawford, National Standing on the Side of Love Month, service projects, Think Interfaith, UU Church of Reading

Day 12: Challenging Anti-Muslim Bigotry

Today is Day 12 of the Thirty Days of Love. Today’s action is to register for our “Taking Action Against Anti-Muslim Bigotry” webinar. Click here for more resources, family actions, and more! Click here to sign up for the daily Thirty Days of Love emails.

We have cause to celebrate. American society is well on the way to reflecting the diversity of a globalized world. As the director of the Shoulder-to-Shoulder campaign, I have the privilege of working in the midst of this beautiful multiplicity of thought, faith, and culture every day.

Growth in religious diversity offers rich opportunities for engagement across lines of faith and inspires my own commitment to continue this important work. I have had the privilege of witnessing how interfaith communities support one another in their shared needs for vibrant worship, and in service to address common social concerns. As such, interreligious communities play an important role in ensuring that the road to a truly multicultural society is normative, not hostile.

But, as the saying goes, change doesn’t always come easy. While American Muslims make up just .9 percent of
the U.S. population, 2010 FBI hate crimes statistics indicated a 50 percent increase in attacks targeting 
American Muslims. That is the fastest growing rate of hate crimes amongst American religious groups, and it has 
held steady in recent years.

We cannot sit idly by while members of our communities are targeted with hate and violence. Join me for the 
“Taking Action Against Anti-Muslim Bigotry” webinar on February 28. We’ll discuss ways of challenging anti-
Muslim bigotry from individualized attacks, to proposed anti-Shari’ah legislation and stereotypical rhetoric. Click 
here to register today.

Together, let’s explore practical options for you and your community to take in order to help make the road to a 
diverse society a healthy and supportive road for each American community, including American Muslims.

In faith,

Christina Warner 
Director 
Shoulder-to-Shoulder Campaign 

PS: Faith-based organizations can also sign up to become Shoulder-to-Shoulder Community Members! This 
national network provides state, local, and regional faith-based organizations with resources to address anti-
Muslim discrimination in their community and across the country.

Email cwarner@shouldertoshouldercampaign.org for more details.

Tags: 30 Days of Love, American Muslims, anti-Muslim bigotry, Christina Warner, hate 
crimes, interfaith, Islam, Islamophobia, National Standing on the Side of Love 

Month Shoulder to Shoulder, Think Interfaith, webinar 
Day 11: Breaking Bread & Building Bridges 

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Today is Day 11 of the Thirty Days of Love. Today’s action is to prepare to participate in the “Breaking Bread and 
Building Bridges” campaign Click here for more resources, family actions, and more! Click here to sign up 
for the daily Thirty Days of Love emails.
My name is Ivone and as a recent Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipient, I write this piece on behalf of the millions of undocumented immigrants residing in this country. We all wish to have similar opportunities like the one that I was given through DACA, based on our character and not our places of origin. I cannot forget that I am part of a larger group of individuals who reside in your communities, provide you with customer service at stores and restaurants, and are part of the same congregations that many of you attend. We are people who have established longstanding roots and relationships and have the same kind of dreams, beliefs, and desires as you. We are asking for your support and participation with a new initiative that the interfaith community has launched called Breaking Bread and Building Bridges.

The Breaking Bread and Building Bridges campaign consists of a series of events designed to create and strengthen relationships of solidarity between faith communities and immigrants’ rights groups. Groups are encouraged to hold local events such as potlucks, vigils, and detention visitations as a way to effectively educate, organize, and advocate for just immigration policies. **Click here for more info on Breaking Bread and Building Bridges!**

At a time when there’s been a meaningful shift in public opinion on such a polarized issue, our efforts are part of a larger strategy to lift up the voices of the faith community at the local level. We are the ones helping to turn the tide for immigrants’ rights in the U.S.

Our campaign is important because it provides an opportunity for communities across the country to become involved in advocating for just and humane immigration reform this year. We are creatively engaging in a number of activities that will allow people’s voices to be heard all the way to Washington, D.C., where decision makers need to hear from us. As public witnesses, you have a unique opportunity to help frame the issue going forward. The need for comprehensive immigration reform in this country is more pressing than ever and by becoming involved, you are helping to amplify the local voices of those who are directly affected to create the change we need!

If you are ready to join this life-changing movement, I strongly encourage you to help make a difference by participating in the Breaking Bread and Building Bridges events. **Click here for useful resources that can help guide you every step of the way.**

It’s amazing the ripple effect that is created when people come together around a cause for the common good of
our nation. Help us magnify this effect across the country today by holding a *Breaking Bread and Building Bridges* event!

With much gratitude for your support,

Ivone Guillen

Ivone serves as the Co-Chair for the [Interfaith Immigration Coalition](https://www.interfaithimmigrationcoalition.org), a partnership of faith-based organizations committed to enacting fair and humane immigration reform.

Tags: [30 Days of Love](https://www.thinkinterfaith.org/30-days-of-love), [Breaking Bread and Building Bridges](https://www.interfaithimmigrationcoalition.org/events), [comprehensive immigration reform](https://www.interfaithimmigrationcoalition.org/issues), [DACA](https://www.interfaithimmigrationcoalition.org/daca), [immigrant families](https://www.interfaithimmigrationcoalition.org/issues), [immigrant justice](https://www.interfaithimmigrationcoalition.org/issues), [interfaith](https://www.interfaithimmigrationcoalition.org/why-interfaith), [Interfaith Immigration Coalition](https://www.interfaithimmigrationcoalition.org), [Ivone Guillen](https://www.interfaithimmigrationcoalition.org/about-ivone), [National Standing on the Side of Love Month](https://www.thinkinterfaith.org/national-standing-on-the-side-of-love-month), [Think Interfaith](https://www.thinkinterfaith.org)
Take the Pledge
Join the Thirty Days of Love--our spiritual journey for social justice.

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8. **“Standing on the Side of Love, 2013” with Rev. Meg Riley | KKFI ...**
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9. **Standing on the Side of Love | Facebook**
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