

# PEACEMAKING CONGREGATIONAL STUDY/ACTION ISSUE – 2006-10 \*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

At latest count, 96 UU congregations are actively participating in some way in the Peacemaking Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) program. We hope to double that number! To learn how your congregation can be involved, go to the Peacemaking CSAI Home Page at [www.uua.org/csai](http://www.uua.org/csai). And spread the word - talk to people in your congregation and other congregations about getting involved in the CSAI!

Following are new developments as of late fall, 2007.

◆ **Input in the Peacemaking Statement of Conscience (SOC):** March 1, 2008 will be the deadline for congregations to submit comments on what should be included in the draft SOC that will be prepared by November 15, 2008. We hope many congregations will submit their ideas – the comment forms are available at [www.uua.org/csai](http://www.uua.org/csai). Check the webpage over the next few months for ideas on how to organize discussion in your congregation on the SOC.

◆ **Congregational Newsletter:** Thanks to John Schaibly of First UU Church of San Diego, a regular newsletter is now being sent out to designated contact people in congregations participating in the CSAI. It will describe current developments in congregations relating to peacemaking. To access the newsletter, go to the Home Page at [www.uua.org/csai](http://www.uua.org/csai).

◆ **Peacemaking Education Guide Completed:** "Peacemaking in Congregations: A Guide to Learning Opportunities for All Ages" has been completed by a team of enthusiastic volunteers led by Kristin Famula (Prairie UU of Parker CO) and Jeanette Ruyle (First Parish UU of Medfield MA). It can be used to organize peacemaking educational programs for all age levels, and can be downloaded from [www.uua.org/csai](http://www.uua.org/csai).

◆ **Peacemakers Book Discussion Series:** A number of churches have started the Book Discussion program described at [www.uua.org/csai](http://www.uua.org/csai). It's not too late to join in! Check out the web page for details.

◆ **"Success Stories" Needed!:** The Peacemaking Activism Resources Working Group will shortly be sending out a request for write-ups of successful peacemaking initiatives in congregations. A number of these stories will be compiled into a document and widely distributed in early 2008, to inspire and provide concrete examples of activities for congregations that are not yet involved. You can keep up with the latest Peacemaking CSAI developments by joining **Peacemaking-News** for key announcements, or **Peacemaking-Network** for discussions on Peacemaking topics, at the Peacemaking CSAI Home Page at [www.uua.org/csai](http://www.uua.org/csai)! Updates will be posted on the Home Page as well.