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*University Lutheran Church of Hope
is a welcoming, Christian community of faith
centered in God's grace and
called to demonstrate God's love for the world.*

From Past-President Garvin Davenport

For the past three years, I have had the privilege of being a member of the leadership team at University Lutheran Church of Hope, first as president-elect (now called vice president), then as president, and finally as past president.

I have been privileged to work with highly dedicated and professional pastors, each of whom has brought great energy and compassion to their work among us. I have been given much support and wise counsel by folks ranging from past presidents to our excellent staff members, to fellow Board members, to the enthusiastic children who shared with me one Sunday morning their “creative” ideas about setting tables for fellowship meals.

In these three years I have learned—in ways I did not quite understand before—how very centered in Christ and Christ’s love we are and how this love energizes us. This gift of energy, however, does not always bring contentment! On the contrary, often it involves us in “spirited” debate and respectful, open disagreement. Always, however, our ultimate goal seems to be figuring out how best to give back to others what has so freely been given to us as stewards of God’s gifts and witnesses to God’s love.

It is to our credit that, as a congregation, we seem both never to be content and, at the same time, usually able to laugh at ourselves when we “goof up” or take our personal views just a little too seriously. With or without those humorous moments, however, we seem always able to ask the key questions:

- Where do we go from here?

- How can we better reach out to others?
- As our congregation, our neighborhoods, our nation, and our world change, what is God asking of us, and how in faith do we respond?

Our pastors and staff, past and present, have patiently but persistently kept us on course. As Megan Koepnick settles in as youth director and as we welcome back to Hope David Johnson as our visitation pastor, I feel more secure than ever as we look forward to our future.

I have also learned, however, that just as our pastors and staff ceaselessly minister to our many needs, a congregation grows even stronger as it returns the favor—offering support at every opportunity to our pastors and staff members, not only in their times of special need, but by making sure they hear our ongoing, heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their dedicated, day-by-day leadership in this community we call Hope.

In short, I have learned more than I knew before about what we Lutherans call the “priesthood of all believers”—and about how this central tenet of our faith applies to the nitty-gritty, everyday need for joyful, *mutual* support of all within our faith community. I am thankful to all who have helped me on this journey of understanding. As my three-year term on the Board ends, I look forward to giving my energy, support, and appreciation, as together we all share the ministry of our faith with each other and with the world.

In peace,

—Garvin Davenport

Guest Preachers Galore

New at University Lutheran Church of Hope! Our guest preaching series has begun! Surely you have noticed—campus minister Fritz Wehrenberg cruising the aisles preaching about time, space, and avatars; Loren Halvorson insisting that Christ the King is with us in every bit of peace and justice we pursue; Kirsten Mebust throwing the tent of the church around us, with its warmth, welcome, and foot odor.

The year 2008 will feature much more! We will welcome preachers from our congregation and beyond. Merrill Morse takes the pulpit on January 27, with Cathy Molotky, Paul Dovre, Helmut Koester, and Dan Olson to follow—to name just a few. You won't want to miss a one. Any thoughts or ideas? Shoot us a line!

—The Preaching Team: Louise Dovre, Becky Halvorson, Uli Koester
(Yes, all dads who preach are welcome!)

Worship & Music Ministry

Did you know that 60% of all Christians worship in churches with fewer than 300 people? According to a 2006 study conducted by Christianity Today International & Zondervan Publishers, most Christians are in congregations—like ours—that continually struggle with resource issues. Authors of the study also observed that previous generations have been accustomed to this strain in resources, but today's worshipers have higher expectations when it comes to the quality of experience.

Our own research through the mission renewal efforts of the past year reveals that University Lutheran Church of Hope is a congregation that continues to place high value on worship and music. But a high quality experience doesn't happen week in and week out without the willingness of our members to periodically put some of their time and talent toward the activities that create that experience.

To this end, the Worship & Music Ministry Area, under the new governance model adopted by the congregation last June, is steadily taking shape. Three teams comprise this ministry area:

- Worship Planning Team, led by Lisa Morse;
- Preaching Resource Team, led by Louise Bjorkman and Becky Halvorson;
- Worship Administration Team, led by Diane Greve.

The Worship Planning Team is responsible for reflecting Hope's worship vision and values in year-round planning. The Preaching Resource Team is tasked with identifying and recruiting guest preachers. The Worship Administration Team is responsible for Altar Guild activities and recruiting the various volunteers who assist in our services.

We are in particular need of members to assist the Worship Administration Team by helping with the Altar Guild. This function is truly a spiritual one in that you prepare the church for worship services. Hope has long placed high value on sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion every Sunday morning, and our members continue to support this practice. We have been able to make this happen in large part due to the commitment of a handful of dedicated volunteers. Currently we have a shortage of people who are helping with the Altar Guild, which places an additional burden on our staff—particularly on Pastor Shirley.

Would you be willing to make a valuable contribution to our worship services and glorify God in doing so? Could you volunteer your time before, during, or after a service to help with the following responsibilities?

- Preparation of communion ware
- Serving during communion
- Washing cups following the service

Don't worry if you have never done any of this before. Contact Diane Greve at (612) 781-2197 or gweelo@aol.com, and a seasoned Altar Guild member will provide you with training and support.

Meaningful worship does not simply happen. Thank you for considering what you can do to help provide an inspiring, high-quality worship service for our congregation and for those who worship with us.

—Lisa Morse

Hope Senior Club, January 16

Calling all Seniors and Retirees! Tired of the cold weather? Would you like to go to a warmer place? Then join the Hope Senior Club on a “cruise” to Hawaii on the “Hope Lines Cruise Ship” on **Wednesday, January 16!**



Gather in the Fellowship Hall at University Lutheran Church of Hope at **11:30 a.m.** to “board”

the ship and enjoy a social hour.

Dine in the “Orchid Dining Room” at 12:00 noon for a scrumptious luncheon.

Enjoy the music of our resident piano man.

Play a game or two and win a fantastic prize.

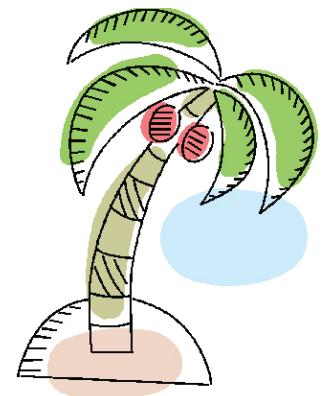
“Dock” in Hawaii at **1:00 p.m.**



Relax and enjoy a video tour of the island state—see the spectacular beauty, feel the warm breezes. **Aloha!**

“Re-board” ship—set sail for the return trip home at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is cordially invited to this armchair travel adventure! Invite your friends! Please make your reservation for the luncheon with your caller or by phoning Diane Shallue, (612)331-5988, ext. 19, by **Thursday, January 10**. For transportation needs or questions, please phone Leona Reyelts, (612)378-2444.



How Many Volunteers Does It Take?

For many people, Sunday is a day when you come to church, greet a few friends, and then go home. But did you ever stop and think about how many people it takes to make Sunday morning happen at University Lutheran Church of Hope?

Of course you did! There’s the pastor, the choir director, the education director, and the nursery attendant. So what’s the big deal?

Let’s start with the choir of 30 to 40 on any given Sunday. When you pick up your bulletin, please remember that a volunteer collated it. You’ve also no doubt noticed the assisting minister and the lector; but please remember, there are 2 lectors, one for each service. There are greeters at the door when you enter. There are upwards of 5 people who help with Communion. There are acolytes, of course, three every week. Then there is the Altar Guild; you may not see them, but they set up communion elements and

make sure that everything up front is ready for worship. There are several more unseen people who tidy up after communion. Then there are the ushers, 6 or 7 weekly. A couple of people prepare and serve coffee and snacks. Sometimes someone helps in the Nursery. Then there are those Sunday school teachers—*lots* of ‘em! During snowy times, there’s always someone to grab a shovel and make sure the approaches to the building are as safe as possible.

That looks to me like 65-70 people working as volunteers just to operate on a fairly typical Sunday morning.

Why do they do it? Because it’s fun, because they love their church, and because they get to meet and work with lots of interesting people.

Try it, you’ll like it! Ask someone who is currently volunteering on Sunday morning how you can do it, too! Or call the church office. We can put you in touch with the right people.

Thanks, and blessings to all!

—Craig M. Wiester, Administrator



Epiphany Sunday School Program

Sunday, January 6 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Children will be practicing for this program during Sunday School time on January 6 and then helping the congregation celebrate Epiphany during worship at 10:30 a.m. There will be skits and songs done by the children. We invite you to attend and learn about the light of God going out into the entire world.

Faith Formation News

Sunday morning programs * 9: 15 – 10: 15 a.m.



The Splash Birth through Three parent/child class will meet on January 20. The Bible story will be the “Baptism of Jesus.” The parenting topic will be, “How to celebrate Baptism.”

Contact Diane Shallue at dianes@ulch.org or (612) 331-5988, ext 19.

| Date | Godly Play Lesson Topics: | Faith Weaver Lesson Topics: |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | <i>For ages 4- grade one</i> | <i>For grades 2-6</i> |
| January 6 | Epiphany program practice | Epiphany program practice |
| January 13 | Baptism of Jesus | Foreign visitors worship Jesus |
| January 20 | Jesus in the Wilderness | Joseph takes the Holy Family to Egypt |
| January 27 | Feeding the 5000 | Jesus is baptized |

Children who are in the Faith Weaver program bring home each week a “Driving Home the Point” handout with cartoons, riddles, activities, and tips on how to reinforce at home the biblical message of that lesson. Make sure you get a copy from your child’s Sunday School teacher.

Confirmation on Sunday mornings for grades 7 & 8 is held each week.

High School Discussion is held in the Youth Room.

Adult Forums in Heritage Hall

January 6 – “Torture and Faith.” Waterboarding, ticking time bombs, destroyed videotapes...what are people of faith to make of recent news items concerning the U.S. government’s use of torture in the war on terrorism?

Scott Hvizdos started volunteering at the Center for Victims of Torture (CVT) about the same time he and his family joined University Lutheran Church of Hope. He is now on staff at CVT and will present information from military and intelligence sources, medical professionals, and religious perspectives.

January 13 – The Hope ISAAH Core Team will present its findings from the Fall 2007 Inreach, along with four proposals for things we can do to act on what we learned. Everyone is invited, and Inreach visitors and visitees are urged to come, share their experiences, and imagine a renewed spirit of Hope together.

January 20 & 27 – Members of the Vision and Governance Board will lead discussions about budget issues for 2008 and items on the agenda for the congregational annual meeting to be held on February 3.

Caring for Ourselves Spiritually



During this four-week session, various assessment tools will be used to help you reflect on your life and spirituality. God has gifted each person in different ways. How have you been gifted? How can you deepen your spiritual journey through knowledge of and use of these gifts?

This series will take place on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 in Heritage Hall.

January 9 - Understanding Your Spiritual Life - Pastor Craig Shirley will help you to assess your faith type. Which of the four faith types fits you best? How can you nourish your spirituality?

January 16 – Life Gifts: Doing what comes naturally – led by Diane Shallue. God has gifted each of us in different ways. Our natural interests and life gifts may fit with our career or they may not. Find out more about what God has gifted you to do.

January 23 – Spiritual Gifts. Spiritual gifts are given to us by God for the benefit of other people. Each person is given spiritual gifts for the good of the body of Christ. What are your spiritual gifts?

January 30 – Balancing and Centering Your Spiritual Path. Discover twelve elements of spiritual health. Reflect on how you can balance your life gifts and your spiritual gifts to enrich and deepen your connection to God and to other people.

Acolyte Training – Fourth-grade students will receive acolyte training beginning on January 20, 27, and February 3. Marty Dorow will be conducting the training. Fourth-grade students should report directly to their classroom at 9:15 a.m. on these days to meet Marty. They will be commissioned in worship at 10:30 a.m. on February 10.

Communion Instruction for children ages 4 through grade 2 will take place on February 24 & March 2. Registration forms will be mailed out by February 10. Contact Diane Shallue for questions.

Children’s Book Collection Continues - The Library Committee is still collecting books for the Southeast Minneapolis Council on Learning. The Council needs new or gently used children’s book, especially chapter books for boys. The collection box is under that table in the library. These donations will be distributed to low-income children through reading programs at Van Cleave and Luxton Parks.



Prayer Partners Wanted

Would you be a prayer partner for a child or youth from our congregation? The Education Commission has set a goal this year of recruiting 60 adults who are willing to pray weekly for eight weeks during Lent for a child or youth. If you were a prayer partner last year, you could pray for the same child this year. Lent begins on February 6.

Expectations for Prayer Partners:

- You are asked to pray for one or two children at least once a week during Lent.
- Send them a card at Easter.
- If possible, attend the Celebration of Prayer activities on March 9 during the education hour.



The Cherish Our Children Initiative of the Minneapolis Area Synod recommends creating prayer connections between children and adults. We have been doing that in this congregation for several years. We want to hold all of our children and youth in the loving arms of prayer so that they might grow strong and healthy in the love of God, family, and our congregation. Please consider giving of your time this year to hold one of “our” children in loving prayer. Contact Diane Shallue at dianes@ulch.org.

Communications Task Force Now Being Formed

Do you consider yourself a good communicator? Do you have any of the following backgrounds, skills, or interests?

- Publicity
- Advertising
- Promotion
- Graphic design
- Desktop publishing
- Journalism
- Communications
- A desire to see our congregation improve its “public face”?

Then we could use your help with the new Communications Task Force at University Lutheran Church of Hope! One of the best parts of helping with a Task Force at Hope is that you can “try on” a new role or task without having

Youth News

Happy New Year! As I begin another year, I love the idea of a fresh start. I love that the year stretches before me, just waiting to be filled with so many different experiences. I am starting this year off with a busy month!

During January there is a ski trip planned for high school youth and we will host a sexuality retreat for junior high students. Both are going to be great opportunities for conversation and learning by everyone involved! We are working on some events for families with students in 1st-5th grade and a 6th-grade event as well. These will be fun occasions to connect with other families here at University Lutheran Church of Hope! Keep an eye out for more information coming soon.

I am also working on getting a “Homework Coffee Shop” up and running for youth in junior high and high school. If you are skilled in math, science, english, or other school-related subjects, please pray about and consider sharing your gifts with our youth and their homework. If you are interested in helping with any of these activities or have any questions, please let me know.

God’s peace and love!

—Megan Koepnick

to make a big time commitment. Task forces usually don’t have meetings every month, and the Communications Task Force will be no different. Each member will be free to work on an area of interest on his or her own schedule.

We have all heard the old saying, “You can’t judge a book by its cover.” What I learned during my 17 years in book editing and publishing was that we *shouldn’t* judge a book by its cover, but that people do it every day. Our congregation has a great story to tell—what we need is some help in telling that story effectively.

Please consider sharing some of your gifts to help with our congregation’s communications. I will give you three different ways to communicate with *me* about your interest:



1. vicepresident@ulch.org
2. (612) 378-3933
3. Talk to me at church!

—Bob Moluf,
Congregation Vice President

Report from Vision & Governance Board Meeting

December 12, 2007

Present: Pastor Craig Shirley, Administrator Craig Wiester, President Karmi Mattson, Past-President Garvin Davenport, Education's Lisa Morse, Hope in the World's Karen Westwood, Treasurer Norris Waalen, & Vice President Bob Moluf.

Absent: Youth & Young Adults' Jack Dant.

Leadership Development

President Karmi Mattson reported that the Leadership Development Committee is seeking candidates for some key leadership positions for the new term that starts at the next annual meeting, February 3, 2008.

Key positions that need to be filled for the coming year are Treasurer, Vice President, and the Board positions for Worship & Music Ministry, Education, and Relational Ministries.

Board Retreat Planned

Vice President Bob Moluf asked for input related to planning for a Vision & Governance Board retreat. The relative merits of an overnight retreat were discussed.

Personnel

The previously approved new Personnel Policy was discussed and sent back to the Personnel Committee for some additional small changes.

Past President Garvin Davenport reported the recommendations from the Personnel Committee for staff salary adjustments for 2008. These recommendations were adopted, and the resulting total will appear in the proposed 2008 budget.

Financials and Budget

Year-to-date revenue is significantly less than budgeted. Revenue received for November nearly matched the revenue budgeted for November, and expenses continue to be lower than budgeted.

The Board began its discussion of the 2008 budget. A special meeting of the Board on Thursday, December 27, at 6:00 p.m. will continue that discussion.

Hope Book Club

Year of Books of Faith!

For the year of 2008, the Hope Book Club will focus its discussion on **Classic Books of Faith**—those suggested by our Book Club members and those by the staff of University Lutheran Church of Hope. Join us on **Sunday, January 13**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge to discuss the book

Hard Sayings of Jesus, by F.F. Bruce

"This is where the rubber meets the road. Are you willing to accept Jesus' way of living, or are you content to offer him lip service and slog along in the muck of worldliness?"

"Bruce takes many of the hardest sayings of Christ and gives a good interpretation in just a few pages."

(Reader reviews from Amazon.com)

So far our line-up for the rest of the year is:

February 10, *The Year of Living Biblically*, by A.J. Jacobs

March 9, *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem*, by Marcus Borg & John Crossan

April 13, *Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light*, by Mother Teresa & Brian Kolodiejczuk

If you have questions, please call Sonja Peterson at (612) 789-0397.

Isaiah Fund-Raiser Dance on Presidents' Day Week End

OK everybody, hold the date for Friday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. Plan to bring the whole family to University Lutheran Church of Hope for dinner and dancing, put on by your Isaiah core team.

Tim Gustafson and friends will, once more, be providing the tunes for your dancing pleasure. The food will be served first and it will be delicious!

Tickets will be \$10 per person and \$25 per family, and can be purchased between Sunday Services from January 13th through February 10th. They will be \$12 and \$30 at the door.

—Donna Neste

Last Chance to Contribute Your Annual RMD IRA \$ to Your Church

Must be made by December 31 of 2007. The contribution must be made directly from the IRA custodian to the charitable organization. The donor must be at least age 70½ years old. The contribution qualifies for the donor's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Amounts in owner's pensions or 401ks are eligible if rolled into an IRA first.

- No income is reported.
 - No tax deduction for the contribution.
 - Works for Federal and Minnesota laws.
 - The charity receives the contribution directly.
 - Does not impair other contribution limits.
 - May be large-small amounts, limit is \$100,000.
- Before acting, discuss with your tax advisor to determine if this is suitable to your situation.
—Contact the Treasurer or Church Administrator for details and facilitating the transfer.

Wanted: A Desire To Help University Lutheran Church of Hope Remain Financially Healthy

Members for Finance Team

Reward: work with others in overseeing:
University Lutheran Church of Hope's finances

- Developing budgets
- Implementing policy

Members for Audit Team

Reward: work with others in periodic review of:

- Bookkeeping
- Procedures

Attributes for each of the above opportunities

No experience necessary

(We will update and inform)

Desire to help out

—Comfort level with basic math

—Making sense of numbers

—Desire to keep the church fiscally sound

Contact: Treasurer, Norris Waalen or Church Administrator, Craig Wiester

The Treasurer's Report

Contributions Report (Includes All sources: Envelopes, Electronic, and Holiday)

| | |
|--|------------------------------|
| Year to date through 11/30: \$ 475,026, | Needed per budget \$ 503,838 |
| To catch up revenue to budget | 28,811 |
| Lower expenses than budget for multiple reasons | <u>(16,044)</u> |
| Net shortfall through November | 12,767 |
| Plus December Budgeted Revenue | 60,850 |
| Needed in December to balance the budget | 73,617 |
| <i>A breakdown of what is needed in December.</i> | |
| Usual electronic giving per month is | <u>(14,600)</u> |
| Usual average monthly revenue—all other— is | <u>(28,600)</u> |
| Balance is extra giving Needed more the usual month | 30,417 |

Our December revenue budget of \$ 60,850 is larger than the usual month because it is based on history. But our expenses are lower than budget by for several reasons.

Action steps for all of us, ASAP—This is doable—and no later than December 31:

1. Update your electronic giving amount to reflect your pledge.
2. Adjust *your* contributions % to help meet **our goal of a 7.4% increase**.
3. **Help us keep our church fiscally sound** by meeting our budget.

General Fund

2007 Revenue Comparison of Actual to Budget: Each Month & Year to Date As of November 30, 2007

| month | Sunday # | actual month | budget month | year to date actual | year to date budget | over (under) budget |
|-----------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| January | | \$ 39,250 | 45,352 | \$ 39,250 | \$ 45,352 | \$ (6,102) |
| February | | 46,284 | 47,963 | 85,534 | 93,315 | (7,781) |
| March | | 40,851 | 44,355 | 126,385 | 137,670 | (11,285) |
| April | 5 | 50,923 | 53,768 | 177,308 | 191,438 | (14,129) |
| May | | 49,631 | 42,934 | 225,662 | 234,372 | (8,709) |
| June | * | 42,436 | 41,167 | 268,099 | 275,539 | (7,440) |
| July | 5 | 46,901 | 48,259 | 315,000 | 323,798 | (8,798) |
| August | | 35,740 | 40,624 | 350,740 | 364,422 | (13,683) |
| September | 5 | 43,783 | 53,749 | 394,522 | 418,171 | (23,649) |
| October | * | 40,628 | 44,171 | 435,150 | 462,342 | (27,191) |
| November | | 39,876 | 41,496 | 475,026 | 503,838 | (28,811) (5.7%) |
| December | 5 | | <u>60,850</u> | | <u>564,687</u> | |
| Totals | | \$ | 564,687 | | | |

Our original budget reflects a full year at our former staff level. A reconfiguration of staffing will not change our expenses much, perhaps only \$20,000 in a full year.

Conclusion: **A little extra effort from everybody will catch us up.**

—Norris Waalen, Treasurer

ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson Featured in CBS 'In God's Name' Special on December 23

CHICAGO (ELCA) — The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and president of the Lutheran World Federation, is featured in the two-hour prime time television special “In God’s Name,” airing Dec. 23 at 9:00 p.m. EST on CBS.

Produced by French filmmakers Jules and Gedeon Naudet, the special explores “complex questions of our time through the intimate thoughts and beliefs of 12 of the world’s most influential spiritual leaders,” according to a November 20 CBS news release. The spiritual leaders “speak out about violence and hatred and reveal their own thoughts about faith, peace, unity, tolerance and hope. Viewers will see them in intimate settings, including their homes and personal places of worship.”

“It is a great honor to be included among such diverse and distinguished global religious leaders as those featured in ‘In God’s Name.’ It is my hope that members of the Lutheran World Federation and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will regard this as a strong affirmation of our shared witness to our Christian faith and our commitment to work with people of all faiths for a most just and peaceful world and a sustainable creation. Their personal quest for meaning amidst so many religious claims and conflicts made working with Jules and Gedeon Naudet such a fascinating experience. Again, as through their documentary on 9-11, I believe we will be given a unique opportunity to gain insights that might lead each of us to recommit to lives of both humility and courage,” said Hanson.

This is the first time some of the world’s religious leaders have appeared together in one broadcast, said Ava Odom Martin, director for public media, ELCA Communication Services. “It is really an honor to have the Rev. Mark Hanson, a national and world

leader, participate in this wonderful documentary. To have a program on religion and faith broadcast on a major television network in a two-hour prime time slot is incredible,” she said.

When brothers Jules and Gedeon Naudet came to Chicago, “I witnessed the unique and wonderful care they brought to their work as producers. The passion in which they captured Bishop Hanson’s work and family life made me realize the special would be a fabulous production,” said Martin.

“I have seen the Naudet’s documentary about the September 11 terrorist attacks. Jules Naudet was caught in the South Tower. Every frame of the footage the brothers captured during the fall of the towers was astounding,” she said.

“On Sept. 11 we faced death and thought we had lost each other,” said Jules Naudet in the CBS news release. “This harrowing experience was the first step in a journey that would take us around the world searching for answers to the meaning of life,” he said.

The 11 other leaders featured in “In God’s Name” are:

- Alexei II, Patriarch of Moscow and leader of the Russian Orthodox Church
- Amma (Mata Amritanandamayi), a Hindu spiritual leader
- Pope Benedict XVI, leader of the Roman Catholic Church
- The Dalai Lama (Tenzin Gyatso), spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists
- Ayatollah Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah, a Shi’ite Muslim leader
- Michihisa Kitashirakawa, Jingu Daiguji, High Priest of the Shinto Grand Shrine of Ise
- Yona Metzger, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel
- Dr. Frank Page, president, Southern Baptist Convention
- Muhammad Sayyed Tantawi, Sheikh of Al-Azhar and a prominent Sunni Muslim leader
- Joginder Singh Vedanti, Jathedar of the Akal Takht, the Sikh’s highest authority
- Dr. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury and leader of the Anglican Communion

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