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The Foreword

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New Moon Dance & Treat October 10th

The Witches are coming to stir up a cauldron of fun! Join us in the parking lot on Saturday, October 10, at 4:00 pm for a New Moon Dance & Treat.

We'll start with Trunk or Treat, then The Wild Witches of Williamsville will be joined by the infamous Be Witched Buffalo to perform seasonal dances, in the style originated by Wolfshager Hexenbrut troupe in Germany.

Weather-permitting, a New Moon bonfire will be lit in UU Amherst's Ecology Center. Prizes for best costumes! Bring your own chair. Refreshments will be for sale (to benefit UU Amherst).

Donations of non-perishable food are welcome (*please, no glass containers*) to help stock our cupboards. Monetary donations accepted by cash, check, or credit card.

Sponsor a Wild Witch! Each Wild Witch is fundraising to reach "tools of the trade" goals: \$10 Candle, \$25 Pointy Hat, \$50 Wand, \$75 Broom, \$100 Potion Bottle, \$150 Cloak, \$200 Amulet, \$250 Spell Book, \$500 Chalice, \$750 Black Cat, \$1,000 Cauldron. (<https://givebutter.com/witch-dance-2026-2nllpn>)

Volunteers are still needed - for Trunk or Treat (to decorate their vehicle, dress in costume, and hand out treats), and for set-up, clean-up, and during the event. Please contact Marie Evans or Meg Sabella.



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.*

Harvest House Baby Shower Drive Continues in October. UU Amherst's Ministry Train, in collaboration with John Newman Mission, is continuing to collect for Harvest House's 4th Annual Baby Shower Drive. Look for the baby crib in the lobby. For October, please bring donations of baby formula. Brand names (Enfamil and Similac) are preferred, in basic formulation (not for specific baby needs). Harvest House serves young families on Buffalo's East Side (where over 50% of the children living in poverty reside).



MINISTER'S CORNER

This month's theme in Woven Faith: Living the Questions

Living the questions, the theme for this month, is about staying curious, embracing uncertainty, and being open to mystery. Building on last month's theme of interdependence, we recognize it's our responsibility to be open to wondering and listening before jumping to our own independent certainty. One of the Five Smooth Stones of Liberal Religion states that "'revelation' is continuous." Our religious tradition is a living tradition because we are always learning new truths.

OCTOBER SERVICES SUNDAYS 10:30 AM

October 4 "The Standing Peoples"

john Snodgrass

Lakota medicine man Black Elk referred to plants as "The Standing People," neighbors to the two-legged, four-legged and winged members of the living community. How is a forest like a tribe, and what can we learn from the ways in which trees cooperate?

john (lower case intentional) Snodgrass is a frequent and popular speaker at UU Amherst. An instructor in Religion at Canisius University, john is also a playwright and author of many books, the most recent being *Shakespeare's Goddess*.

October 11 "Living the Questions"

Rev. Michelle

October 18 "Growing a Beloved Community"

Rev. Michelle

This Sunday is our Fall Pledge Campaign kick-off with a special service followed by a pancake brunch. Don't miss it!

October 25 "What are the 5 Smooth Stones of Liberal Religion?"

Rev. Michelle

CONTRIBUTING TO UU AMHERST

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
4. Mailing a check [remember to fill in the Memo]
5. There is the traditional Sunday Plate
6. Don't forget Legacy Giving – in your will

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.

BOARD REPORT

Highlights

The Board decided at their August meeting to include highlights from last month's Board meeting in the Forward. Here are highlights from the August Meeting.

- The Board is reviewing our Solar Panel options. Our lease ends in October.
- The Board had approved a resurfacing of the gravel portion of the parking lot.
- We're awaiting a quote.
- We are awaiting quotes for insurance.
- The Board approved a volunteer program named "*Lend a Hand and Give Us Five*," asking members to donate five hours of time on a variety of programs. Details will be available later in October.
- The Green Justice team is planning a fall property project that will include preparation for a pollinator garden and utilization of native plants. Volunteers are welcome. Call Wendy Scott for information. *
- The kickoff for the Pledge Drive will be October 18. Our theme this year is "Meet The Moment." The Generosity Team is also planning a holiday-themed Talent Show in December in addition to our traditional pancake breakfast.



NRCC Honorees

The Board has nominated Mark-Peggy Cook and Marie Evans as this year's nominees to receive recognition at the NRC Annual Appreciation Dinner, a yearly community celebration honoring outstanding individuals and supporting the Network of Religious Communities' mission.

Meet The Moment – 2026 Pledge Drive

Our Pledge Drive theme this year is *MEET THE MOMENT*. I'm sure you've noticed the many new faces on Sundays, both visitors and new members attracted to our welcoming community and the programs and spiritual growth that we offer. That growth will require investment, both in time and financial resources. Look for a letter with more information and join us for the Meet The Moment Kickoff and pancake breakfast on October 18.

Our policy is not to include member phone numbers or emails in our publications. That information is available in the Church Directory. There is a digital version accessible by link and a print version. To request the link or a paper copy, email administrator@uuamherst.org or call 716-634-3010 (office hours are Tues-Fri, 9 am-2 pm).

–Ruth Bowen, Board Chair

Additional Highlights from 9/16th Board of Trustees Meeting

- Approved a non-commercial 48-hour film shoot at the church Nov 13–14
- Established a taskforce to weigh solar array options as current lease ends

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the first eight months of 2026 (through August 31st) the congregation's overall financial position continues to be healthy and running close to the approved budgeted expectations.

Total operating revenues for the period were \$247,393, representing 78% of the budgeted \$319,125 total annual revenues. 2026 pledge payments paid to date are \$152,4045, with a balance of \$63,865 in pledges due.

Total operating expenses for the period were \$208,023 representing 65% of the budgeted \$330,080 total annual operating expenses. It should be noted that we operate on a cash accounting basis; expenses are only recorded when they are incurred and several large one-time budgeted expense items (including for our general insurance coverages) have yet to be recorded for the year. Unfortunately, (and as is no surprise) the past winter's electric & gas expenses were significantly higher than anticipated and I'm currently projecting that the overall year-end utility costs will be at least \$5,500 higher than budgeted!

Capital expenses year-to-date are \$15,054 and include \$9,565 for the new Carriage House fire escape stairs and \$5,489 for the Faith Development Restroom Renovation project. An estimated additional \$10,000 will be expended in the coming months to complete this restroom project. It is also anticipated that the gravel area of the main parking lot will be resurfaced this fall at an yet-to-be determined expense.

For the first four months of the year, the net overall cash impact is a positive \$24,316. Note that the approved budgeted year-end net cash impact is a negative (\$19,955).

The total of the Church's bank accounts and brokerage holdings on August 31, 2026 was \$329,338. Note this amount does NOT include any assets held by the Endowment Trust.

Please connect with me if you have any questions or would like more information; phone and email are listed in the UU Amherst directory.

–Bruce Becker, Treasurer



Save The Date!

**2027 Generosity
Campaign Kick-Off**

Pancake Lunch

Sunday, October 18 - Following The Service
No Charge - Donations Are Welcomed!

**There Will Be A Short Presentation
By The 2027 Generosity Campaign Committee**
Childcare Will Be Provided!

Meeting The Moment...



FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Blessing

We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life.
We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife.
We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind.
And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love,
and we have found a joy being together.
And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see:
even to question, truly is an answer.
–Shelley Denham, Singing the Living Tradition Hymnal #354, We Laugh, We Cry

Philosophy & Spirituality

Our next Philosophy & Spirituality circle is scheduled for 12:00 pm on October 11th in the back of the sanctuary. In this monthly drop-in conversation group, we use philosophical prompts to explore individual thoughts about morality, ethics, meaning and more, through the lens of spirituality.

Participants of all backgrounds and beliefs are welcome. No philosophy knowledge or RSVP needed.

As the holiday season ushers in, we will take a short break from this circle either in November or December until the new year. Then, in January, the circle will side step to a deeper and more introspective theme, which will be called Theology & Spirituality. Instead of a philosophical prompt, we will consciously explore different religious traditions and beliefs and reflect on how they may mirror, challenge, open up or oppose our own individual spirituality.

Curiosity Week: An Overview & (Massive) Thank You

Our inaugural Summer Curiosity Week brought both UU Amherst and community kids together for a full week of art, science, nature, music, movement, making, playing and plenty of curiosity!

Beyond all the fun, we watched kids build confidence, flexibility, responsibility and community throughout the week. We also learned so much that will help us continue growing opportunities for children and families at UU Amherst.

Most importantly, thank you to our incredible UU Amherst folks that helped make it happen. From planning behind the scenes to sharing a favorite skill to simply being an extra pair of hands when we needed one, twenty-five people contributed their time, talents, ideas, supplies, helping hands and support to Curiosity Week; not to mention those who donated toward our scholarship fund, spread the word about the camp and more. This truly could not have happened without all of you, and it was such a wonderful example of what we can create.

In community,
Katie Cosgrove
she/her

SEPTEMBER 2026

PLEASE NOTE: Some meetings are virtual-only) and some in-person only. See the notation after the meeting. Zoom links are provided by the group hosts or by request from the Office Administrator.

Room abbreviations: EM (Emerson Room); LR Living Room); Bul (Bulfinch-FD Wing); EC (Ecology Center); Murray Meeting Room (MMR)

Friday, October 2nd

7:00 pm: JAT Movie Night EM

Saturday, October 3rd

10:00 am: Lace Guild (rental) MMR

10:30 am-1:30 pm: Private Party (rental) EM

Sunday, October 4th

12:30 pm: Justice Advocacy Team Poster Making EM

2:00 pm: Shamanic Journey (rental) BUL

Tuesday, October 6th

11:00 am: Leadership Dev & Nominating Comm EM

12:30 pm: Women's Group Lunch EM

Thursday, October 8th

5:30 pm: Green Justice Supper & Video EM

Friday, October 9th

7:00 pm: Drumming Workshop EM

Saturday, October 10th

1:00 pm Rainbow Cafe MMR

3:00 pm: Witch Dance/Trunk or Treat Various

Tuesday, October 13th

12:30 pm: Justice Advocacy Team Poster Making EM

Wednesday, October 14th

7:45 am: John Newman Mission (weekly-rental) MMR

4:00 pm: Amherst Little Free Pantry LR

Friday, October 16th

7:00 pm: Drumming Workshop EM

Saturday, October 17th

9:00 am: Firewall EM/CH

Sunday, October 18th

12:00 pm: Pancake Lunch - Generosity Kickoff EM

12:00 pm: Safety Task Group MMR

2:30 pm: Shamanic Journey (rental) LR

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Tuesday, October 20th

6:30 pm: Lace Guild (rental) MMR

Wednesday, October 21st

7:45 am: John Newman Mission (weekly-rental) MMR

6:00 pm: Finance Meeting MMR

7:00 pm: Board Meeting MMR

Friday, October 23rd

7:00 pm: Drumming Workshop EM

Saturday, October 24th

4:00 pm: Medicine Wheel MMR

7:30 pm: Havurah EM privacy requested

Sunday, October 25th

12:00 pm: UU Amherst Book Group LR

RECURRING: SUNDAYS

Sundays, October 4th - 25th

9:30 am: Church of the Wild EC

9:30 am: Sacred Singing Circle MMR

10:30 am: Sunday service—in-person and livestream; coffee hour following

RECURRING MEETINGS:

UU Universe-ity Sunrise Sessions

M-F 8:30 am on Zadmin

All "tree" names are for Village groups

Mondays, October 5th-26th

7:00 pm: Tulip Crabapples Zadmin (weekly)

Wednesdays, October 7th-28th

10/21 (3rd Wed)

7:00 pm: Northtowns Village Zoom

Saturdays, October 3rd-31st

9:30 am: Sharing Circle Zadmin

7:00 pm: Birch Bunch Zadmin



Church of the Wild

Join us at 9:30 am in the Debbie Waterhouse Ecology Center. Bring a chair, a poem, your wonder of nature. Lauraine Marcus will meet you at the edge of the Ecology Center near the basketball court at the back of the parking lot. Church of the Wild is an all weather event (except a torrential downpour).

Sacred Singing Circle

Come sing with us for connection and calm every Sunday morning in the Murray Meeting Room from 9:30-10:15 am before service. No knowledge or experience in music is needed.

Tuesday Women's Group

The Women's Group is now meeting for in-person lunch, only, the first Tuesday of the month. Our next lunch gathering will be on October 6th in the Emerson Room at 12:30 pm. Bring your lunch and a beverage.

New2UU Conversation

Sunday, October 25, 12-1:30pm

Are you fairly new to UU or to UU Amherst? Interested in knowing more about who we are and what UU is all about? You are invited to a New to UU conversation following the service on Sunday, Oct. 25th. We'll meet at noon in the Murray Meeting Room in the Faith Development area of the Administrative wing (off the lobby). Enjoy a quick cup of coffee in the Emerson Room after the service and then make your way to Murray.

Firewall Meeting

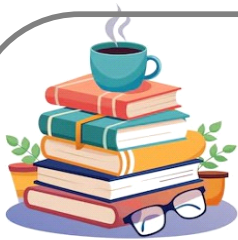
**Saturday, October 17th 9:00 am
Emerson Room/Chapel**

Firewall is a coalition of concerned citizens who support Democracy and the Rule of Law. Firewall is a political action group that is not affiliated with UU Amherst.

Medicine Wheel Teachings

Join our upcoming 6-session interactive learning circle series on the Teachings of The Medicine Wheel, facilitated by Valerie Kaienie Staats, a Mohawk, Turtle Clan woman. Gain self-awareness and a closer connection to Mother Earth while exploring interconnected, balanced living and wellness in a supportive community setting.

The first session will be held Saturday, October 24, from 4:00-6:00 pm in the Murray Meeting Room, with subsequent sessions held on the fourth Saturday of each month through March.



UU AMHERST BOOK GROUP

Our TOPIC for October 25 is "The Responsible Quest for Truth & Meaning." Choose any book you'd like that fits the theme and come to the meeting to share what you've learned. You might read about a specific spiritual tradition, a memoir about an individual's religious path, or a critique (Liz Bucar has written several books "uncovering faith's hidden influence on wellness, politics, and culture.")

All are welcome to join us, even if you haven't "done the reading."

—Marie Evans



JUSTICE ADVOCACY TEAM

The Justice Advocacy Team held its quarterly planning meeting and created program ideas for all areas of service. Democracy in Action being the biggest push right now due to the upcoming elections. We will be continuing the Mindful Movies on what democracy was meant to look like and how it is today. Additionally, we will provide sample ballots or info on any proposal that may be offered.

Another area of need discussed was education on the calling up reserves, leaving families behind unexpectedly, and the lack of benefits going to military widows. The team will be exploring resources available for the families and offer education as systems are identified.

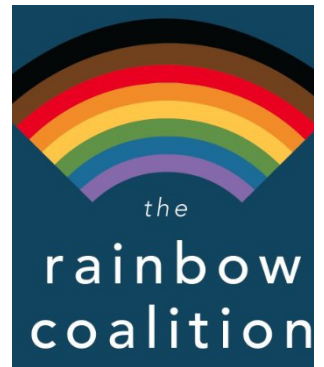
Many other exciting programs are upcoming. Watch the Weekly Update, *The Foreword*, the Justice Advocacy Team's Facebook page, or our white board for more information.

–Lauraine Marcus & Mark/Peggy Cook

RAINBOW COALITION

OCTOBER IS QUEER HISTORY MONTH

Please join us for the October Rainbow Cafe on the second Saturday, October 10, 1:00-3:00 pm in the Murray Meeting Room. Come celebrate The Great Gay Halloween with us by coming in costume and also be ready to discuss learning about voter registration. We will also talk about how the Great Gay Holiday became a time when LGBTQIA2S+ community could more freely dress, party, love, and be their authentic selves. All Queer+ people and allies are welcome and encouraged to dress up for Halloween! A REMINDER that The Rainbow Cafe is intended to be a safe space for LGBTQIA2S+ people.



During the month of September, the new leadership team for Rainbow Coalition has been working together well. Valerie Staats, Joanne Vacanti, and April Starr have been working along with Lauraine Marcus, who acts as the JAT liaison for Rainbow Coalition, to involve Rainbow Cafe participants in meaningful discussions on their hopes and concerns for The Rainbow Cafe events going forward.

LGBTQIA2S+ October Moments to Notice

–Learn about LGBTQIA2S+ history as part of history month

–Wednesday, October 3 is International Pronouns Day. Try adding your pronouns to your email signature, or post your pronouns on social media to show support of using people's preferred pronouns

–REGISTER TO VOTE during the month of October, and be sure to check your voter registration also this month, to ensure that you are ready to vote in November on issues of great importance to the LGBTQIA2S+ community.

–April Starr



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Pollinator Groups

Are you ready to take a deeper dive into Unitarian Universalism and make more meaningful connections with fellow travelers on the journey? Sign up to participate in a Pollinator Group! The commitment is for just 3 months, after which the group can disband or decide to become a Covenant Group with a longer timeline. Scan the QR code below to indicate your interest OR sign up on the list at the Welcome Desk!



GREEN JUSTICE TEAM

As most of you know, the Greenies have been talking about nativizing green space based on the recommendations of Dr. Doug Tallamy and his Homegrown National Park movement to restore healthy habitat in support of native flora and fauna, doing this yard by yard or with whatever green space one has in stewardship. For us, it's the UU Church of Amherst with its 11+ acres of campus. "Get on the map" of such spaces is a goal we've identified, and the area maps and terrain descriptions researched by member Joe Schretzman shows that the Debbie Waterhouse Ecology Center on much of the back property already qualifies for this.



We've been extra fortunate to have colleagues at the East Aurora UU Church, which has a thriving native pollinator garden on their property, now three years old. Carlo Piech, an environmental landscape designer, and Bob Colligan, a farmer and beekeeper, are enthusiastic to help us do the same. They led an exploration of our property in August and sent an extensive report with many suggestions for everything from how to start, to expanding the project to engaging the congregation and then the community, to attending to the spiritual dimensions of nature. Our own Cheryl Davies, who has a native landscaping business, is also on hand to help.

This fall, we will be starting on three fronts: choosing and preparing a site for the first native garden, doing trail maintenance, and routing out invasive species. A Saturday "inauguration" date will be chosen and announced for all who can come and help in October; this will be repeated regularly. We'll start activities such as trail trimming, identifying and rooting out invasives, and spreading cardboard on the garden area to discourage all unwanted growth in preparation for planting.

Come join us whenever you can! The details will be posted and announced wherever possible!

–Wendy Scott

CULTURAL EXPLORERS

Theater Lovers will attend the Jewish Repertory Theatre on Sunday, November 1, for the 2:00 pm matinee performance and dinner together afterwards at Lebro's Italian Restaurant. *Contact Marie Evans for the discount ticket order form and to reserve a seat for dinner (pay your own tab).*

The Last Yiddish Speaker by Deborah Zoe Laufer

In a striking vision of America's near future, a white supremacist regime has taken hold, and survival depends on silence.

Paul and his teenage daughter, Sarah, live quietly in a small upstate town, passing as Christian while hiding their identities as Jewish refugees. When a mysterious woman from the past arrives speaking Yiddish, a language they've tried to bury, their fragile world begins to unravel.

As fear closes in, they must confront an impossible question: is safety worth the loss of who you are?

By turns suspenseful, heartfelt, and unexpectedly funny, *The Last Yiddish Speaker* balances high-stakes drama with sharp humor and humanity. Deborah Zoe Laufer's powerful and timely play explores identity, resistance, and the enduring strength of culture, memory, and faith.

If you can't join us on November 1, discount ticket forms are valid for Thursdays and Sundays during the run of the play: October 29 – November 22

Related Events (register by contacting Adam Yellin at the JCC):

Panel Discussion — Wed, Nov 18 at 6:30 pm (Lippman Lounge)

Life & Legacy Talkback — Sun, Nov 21 (post-show, Lippman Lounge)

Stage to Screen: The Invisibles — Mon, Nov 23 at 7:00 pm

–Marie Evans

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 Team. They provide occasional meals to UU Amherst members on an as-needed basis. With the meal they generally include a “goodie bag” and a card on behalf of the Caring Group. Each month you'll find one of their healthy recipes here in *The Foreword* often incorporating fresh vegetables and even gluten-free.

Peppers

1 medium onion, sliced
1 bell pepper or two medium sized hot peppers,
stemmed, seeded and sliced
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt and black pepper to taste

Peppers of all varieties are at the farmers' markets and they are varied and beautiful. Two ways to use them are in a peppers and onion mix and stuffed. It's best to wear gloves to work with hot peppers. Otherwise the oil lingers on your hands longer than you realize and if you touch any part of your face or eyes you feel the effect.

For peppers and onions we most often use sweet bell peppers but hot peppers are an option.

Heat the olive oil in a pan and add the sliced onion and peppers. Sauté on medium heat until both are soft but still intact. Season to taste. Use this mix on cooked meats, sausages or add to cooked, sliced potatoes or vegetables.

For stuffed peppers mix together 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese, 4 ounces cream cheese, a dash of garlic powder and 1/2 teaspoon of cumin. Halve 1 large bell pepper or 2 medium hot peppers, removing the stems and seeds. Fill each half with the cheese mixture. Melt 1 tablespoon of butter and add 1/4 cup or so of panko bread crumbs. Mix and place on top of each pepper pressing mixture into the cheese mix. Bake in the oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until the crumbs are golden brown. Serve along side your main dish. The unbaked peppers can also be frozen for later use.



UU AMHERST ONLINE STORE

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NRC

Appreciation Dinner

UU Amherst Honorees:

Marie Evans
Peggy/Mark Cook

Sign up with Karen Thompson during coffee hour

- Date: October 29, 2026
- Grapevine Restaurant Dick Road
- Cost: \$75/person

Limited time to place your reservation.



U.U.—U.N.NEWS
October 2026
2026 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. 2026 is the 81st 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 its 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 United Nations 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. The United Nations must be made to work and for this to happen, the United States of America must support it. There is no good reason why the history of the future cannot be brighter than the history of the past unless human stupidity and irrationality prevail.

David Slive, U.N. Envoy