



World Faith Annual Report 2010



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Letter from the Executive Director Frank Fredericks

Dear Friends,

Reflecting back, 2010 was an amazing year of growth for World Faith. New Chapters were founded in Chicago, Buenos Aires; Argentina, and Cape Town; South Africa. World Faith gained international recognition from various bodies, including the United Nation's Alliance of Civilizations, who awarded World Faith with the Marketplace of Ideas Award. Furthermore, with WF members and events being covered by various local, national, and international media outlets, and members penning op-eds and blogs for the Huffington Post, Washington Post, Tikkun Daily, and Sojourner's, we were able to expand our reach within the media. Most importantly, we mobilized 305 volunteers to engage in 5,756 number of service hours, a 74% increase from 2009. I am proud and enthusiastic to take part in such a powerful and growing movement.

In the year 2011, I see for World Faith both new challenges to confront and explosive success to look forward to. While World Faith continues to grow, we face mounting challenges of expanding the infrastructure and staff to continue and develop our support for World Faith Chapters. Yet, leading into the new year, we have already had two new Chapters launch in January 2011, in both Pakistan and Nigeria. We are inspired by the growing success of World Faith to tackle the challenges, and lead into the new year with a clear vision to transform faith relations on a global scale.

With Hope and Love,



Frank Fredericks
Executive Director, World Faith



World Faith Board Members

Florentina Williamson-Noble

A national of the UK and Italy, Florentina grew up in NY. She started her work in the non-profit sector with the Considering Alexander SIDS Foundation. Since its inception in 1996, she has organized fundraisers and promoted awareness of SIDS. Florentina was a founding member of World Faith and has worked closely with Frank on program design and development as well as on promotion, marketing and recruitment. She was brought to interfaith work as a result of living and working with a community of students from different faith traditions that benefited from a deeper understanding of each other. Florentina is currently based in Rome, working with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. She holds a Masters in Public Administration and a Bachelor's in Italian Studies, both from New York University.



Imam Khalid Latif

Khalid was appointed the first Muslim chaplain at NYU in 2005 where he began to initiate his vision for a pluralistic future on and off campus for American Muslims. He was also appointed the first Muslim chaplain at Princeton University in 2006. Under his leadership, the Islamic Center at NYU became the first ever established Muslim student center at an institution of higher education in the United States. Imam Latif's exceptional dedication and ability to cross interfaith and cultural lines on a daily basis brought him recognition throughout the city, so much so that in 2007 Mayor Michael Bloomberg nominated Imam Latif to become the youngest chaplain in history of the New York City Police Department at the age of 24. He is a sought after speaker, having lectured throughout the United States and in various parts of the world and has been quoted, featured and appeared in numerous media outlets including BBC, NPR, CNN, the NY Times, Newsweek, Time Magazine, BET and GEO TV.



Frank Fredericks

After graduating from NYU, Frank Fredericks worked in the music industry, managing artists such as Lady Gaga, and founding Çõñàr Records. In 2006, he founded World Faith. After developing the World Faith model, he traveled to Lebanon, India, Egypt, and Sudan finding passionate young people to start Chapters. Frank resides in New York, working as a PR and Online Marketing Consultant and performing as a professional musician. As an active blogger, Frank has contributed to various blogs including the Huffington Post, Washington Post, and Sojourners. Frank has been interviewed on Good Morning America, NPR, New York Magazine, and various international media outlets.



Joshua Stanton



Joshua Stanton serves as Program Director and Founding Co-Editor of the Journal of Inter-Religious Dialogue at Auburn Theological Seminary and Co-Director of Religious Freedom USA, which works to ensure that freedom of religion is as protected in practice as it is in writ. He is also a Schusterman Rabbinical Fellow and Weiner Education Fellow at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City. He is also a regular contributor to the Huffington Post, Rabbis for Human Rights, State of Formation, and the Tikkun Daily and has had his work featured in over nine languages.

The World Faith Team

As World Faith builds, we often times have either a Regional Director or a Chapter President, and sometimes both. This is part of our vision of keeping our structure adaptable for different leadership contexts.

Regional Directors

Halima Samad
Regional Director of Tri-State Area

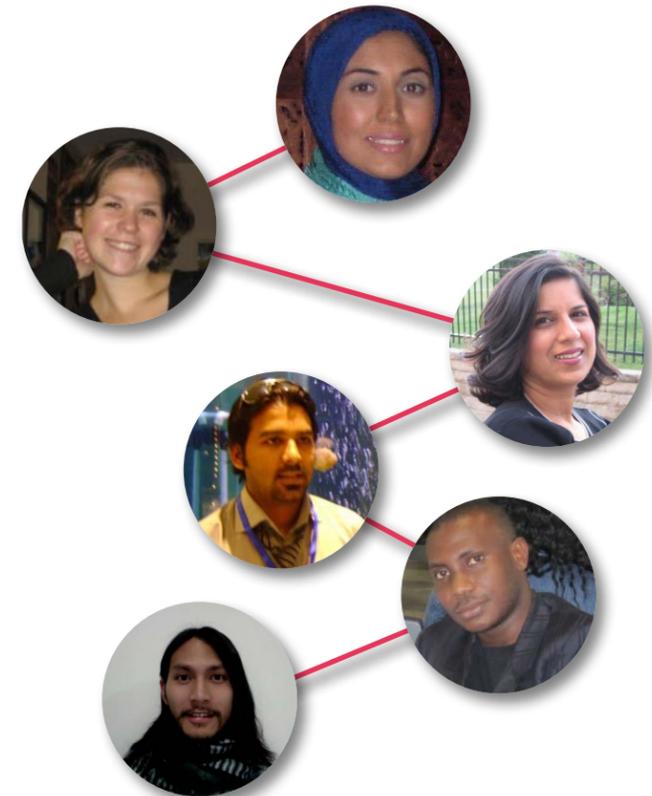
Catherine Manfre
National Director of Egypt

Naazish YarKhan
Regional Director of Chicago

Shahid Rehmat
National Director of Pakistan (Starting in 2011)

Obi Peter Daniel Onyeigwe
National Director of Nigeria (Starting in 2011)

Howard "Shum" Shane Sum Cheuk Shing
Travel Director



Chapter Presidents

Mustafa Abdullah
President of Winston-Salem for World Faith

Kimberly Applewhite
President of World Faith New York University



The World Faith Story

A moment of inspiration came to the founder of World Faith, Frank Fredericks, in 2006. After finishing independent research on Christian-Muslim relations in Egypt, Frank volunteered in the US State Department evacuation of Americans from Lebanon during the 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah. Seeing the human cost of religious conflict compelled him to alter his ambitions and found World Faith.

For the first year, World Faith was a campus club at New York University, started by Frank with friends Dalal Moosa, Rob Segal, and founding Board Member Florentina Williamson-Noble. They found local volunteer opportunities like the soup kitchen near Hebrew Union College.

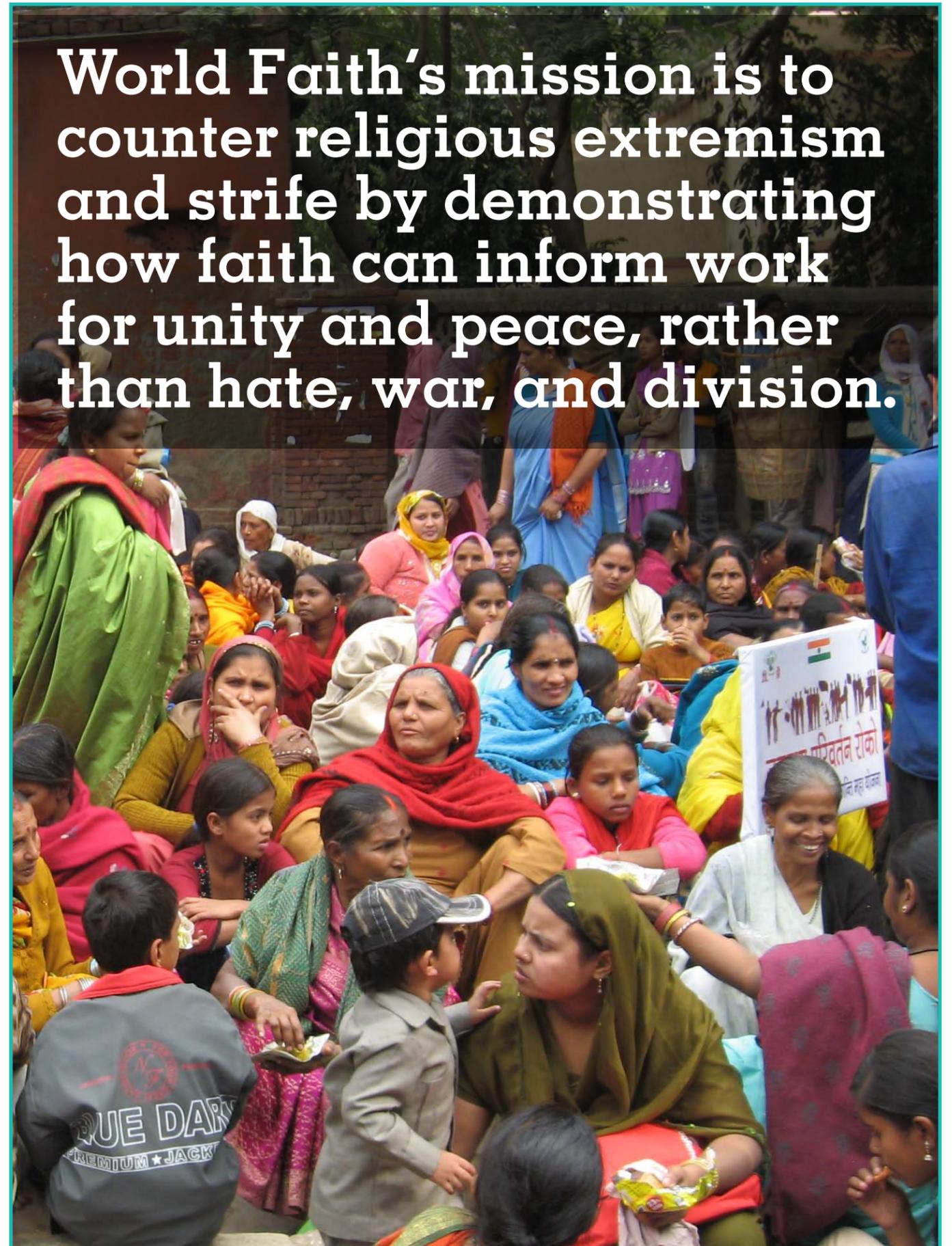


In 2008, World Faith started the first international Chapter in Beirut, Lebanon. Later that year, The IRS recognized World Faith as a 501c3 non-profit, and World Faith Chapters started in Egypt and Winston-Salem, North Carolina. In 2009, Joshua Stanton, editor-in-chief of The Journal of Inter-Religious Dialogue, and Imam Khalid Latif, chaplain for the NYPD and Islamic Center at NYU, joined the World Faith Board of Directors.

2009 also brought the formation of Chapters in India, Sudan, and Chicago, Illinois. 2010 has been a pivotal year for World Faith, with the formation of several new Chapters including locations in South Africa and Argentina and World Faith's arrival of engaging with partners at the international level, including the United Nations. Looking forward, World Faith is set to double in size in 2011, and continue to build the idea into a world movement.



World Faith's mission is to counter religious extremism and strife by demonstrating how faith can inform work for unity and peace, rather than hate, war, and division.



Strategic Priorities

Interfaith Action

World Faith is about action. By focusing on local interfaith projects, we are able to cater to the specific needs of the communities which our chapters and projects serve.



Dialogue Through Action

This project-oriented approach fosters genuine dialogue that is built around the shared values of service, rather than limiting it to an exchange of words in an artificial environment. This inspires project participants to build cross-identity friendships and strengthen their understanding of other religious traditions.



Engage the Media

We engage the media to challenge the constant flood of images of violence and strife with examples of interfaith action. By utilizing new media online, we also are able to reach young people worldwide who are passionate about the cause. Our strategy is what gives World Faith so much potential for global impact.



Example of World Faith in Action

World Faith Chicago: Refugee Assistance Programs

Refugee Assistance Programs (RAP), World Faith's Chapter in Chicago, helps refugees in the resettlement process in and around the Chicago area. Refugee Assistance Programs was founded by Director Naazish YarKhan, winner of the 2009 MWA Inspiring Woman Award. From monetary assistance funding necessities like rent and car repairs to mentorship, RAP works with refugees of all faiths, coming from Iraq to Myanmar. Based on the principal of wings not crutches, they help to bring self-sufficiency to the refugee community including over 500 families from Africa, Myanmar, and Iraq.

Community Service" Award. In 2010, mosques, churches, schools, and scout troops collected more than \$6,000 worth of kitchen supplies for newly arrived refugee families. RAP, with the help of partners, gathered more than 100 men, women, teens and children together in May to collect, sort, and stack complete kitchen kits to transform bare apartments into family homes for refugees arriving in Chicago.



"For the first time I felt everyone there was there for one reason – to give. To see both the young and old work together like clockwork was beautiful," shared 16 year-old Noreen Khan. "Men and boys carrying huge boxes many times their size with smiles on their faces to the young ladies and women to sort out was delightful. Everyone there could be in

RAP has collected more than 1,300 toys during its "Eid is For Everyone" toy and winter wear drive, delivered over 200 kitchen kits during its annual Kitchen Kit drive, and provided support to empower refugees 365 days of the year. In 2009, it was recognized with the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago "Excellence in

bed or out with friends but this group of people wanted to help change the life of... someone they have never met or will ever know. To me this was a very special day. I left feeling inspired, positive and proud of my people and community and feel there is nothing we cannot do if we stand and work together."

Chapter Reports

World Faith NYC

World Faith New York held a few city-wide events, but in the fall, began recruiting for the Interfaith CASE, an interfaith campus ambassadorship for students looking to start community service on campus. The initial seven ambassadors have been selected, and started in January 2011.



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at your school**

World Faith Cape Town

Being the first year for World Faith Cape Town, this new chapter had several successful events where volunteers collected clothing donations and then distributed them in a community of need. They need a Chapter President and National Director.

HIGHLIGHT:

World Faith Cape Town

2010 was the inaugural year for World Faith Cape Town. Headed by Regional Director, Halima Samad, World Faith Cape Town hosted four successful events in 2010. Events in Pinelands, Hanover Park, and Heintz Park saw a combined 180 participants. On December 11, 2010, World Faith Cape Town held its final event of the year at Haut Bay Children's House. Thirty participants helped collect and distribute a variety of clothing, toiletries, and foodstuffs for locals in need, and initiated community development and empowerment in the area. World Faith Cape Town hopes take the positive experiences and programs of 2010 and develop them further in 2011.



World Faith Chicago: Refugee Assistance Programs (RAP)

RAP has provided essential help and resources to the refugee community of Chicago through their initiatives of service and empowerment. Beyond the continuing support they offer, they also held a kitchen drive that gathered over 100 people to assemble kitchen kits for refugees.



World Faith Winston-Salem

World Faith Winston-Salem has been doing a long-term project with Habitat for Humanity. They have been helping in cleaning and renovating the home of an elderly woman who is unable to afford the repairs necessary on her home. They will likely complete the project this coming year.

World Faith Cairo

While World Faith Cairo has focused on issues facing Iraqi refugees, it has been put on temporary hold, but looks forward to getting started shortly after the domestic situation stabilizes.

World Faith Delhi

In 2010, World Faith Delhi has continued the Rainbow School, an informal education center for the children residing in the surrounding slum. Volunteers have also led medical camps and assisted the homeless in applying for ration cards as a part of HAQ, a campaign for the rights of the homeless.

HIGHLIGHT: World Faith New Delhi

In its second active year, World Faith New Delhi has grown exponentially. Efforts have included the creation of a non-formal education center for children in a rag-picking community centered in a slum. The center, called The Rainbow School, currently teaches 40 children with volunteer teachers. The success of this project has led to the planned opening of several more of these centers. These efforts are part of World Faith New Delhi's Project HAQ campaign for the rights of the homeless. Headed by World Faith India national director, Shakeel Basha, World Faith New Delhi is setting a great precedent for developing World Faith Chapters in Ahmadabad and Mumbai, and is headed for an even more productive 2011.

World Faith Khartoum

Due to the election, and other regional instability, World Faith Sudan has been on hold. We are looking for a Chapter President.

World Faith Beirut

World Faith Beirut is on hold as we look for a National Director and President.



Chapters Starting in 2011

World Faith Nigeria:

World Faith Abuja is opening, as the first World Faith Chapter in western Africa.

World Faith Lahore

World Faith Pakistan opened in January 2011 with an event to kickoff an education center for marginalized women, teaching them reading and basic skills for generating an income.



Map of Chapters and Interest



2010 Social Media Vital Stats:

<u>Website:</u>	<u>Facebook:</u>	<u>Twitter:</u>
Pageviews: 14,919	Post Views: 7,833	Followers: 617
Visits: 4,956	Fans: 413	
Unique visitors: 3,330		



Financials

<u>Starting Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
\$3,340.55	\$12,694.68	\$12,093.19	\$3,942.04



Service Hours 2010

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>
WFNYC	322	44
WFWS	84	11
RAP	720	50
WFI	3300	100
WF Egypt	0	0
WF Lebanon	0	0
WF Sudan	0	0
South Africa	1330	100
Totals	5756	305



World Faith Leaders in the Press



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by Frank Fredericks, Huffington Post

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