

# HANDOUT

for all UUs and UUA General Assembly, June 2022

## *ISLAM, A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION*

**GOOD NEWS: *The Petition to Include Islam as A Source of Inspiration was passed by two UU congregations on May 15 & May 22, 2022:***

- (i) Passed by All Peoples, a UU Congregation, Louisville, Kentucky in the Congregational Meeting on May 15, 2022 (Vote in favor: 56, against 1, mis-vote 1)
- (ii) Passed unanimously by the Board of First Unitarian Church of Lynchburg, Virginia, on May 22, 2022

CLICK ON THIS LINK TO SEE THE PETITION

<https://www.allpeoplesuu.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Petition-In-Support-of-Including-Islam-in-the-Unitarian-Universalist-Sources-of-Inspiration.pdf>

**THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PETITION:** The Petition consists of 10 sections on relevant theological, historical, ethical and spiritual aspects of the connections between Unitarian Universalism and Islam. Its objective is to present a variety of compelling reasons for including Islam in the UU Sources of Inspiration. The comprehensive Petition is posted on All Peoples' website. Please see the first and most important section of our statement below:

### (1) *ISLAM AS AN ABRAHAMIC RELIGION*

WHEREAS, Islam is universally recognized as one of the three major Abrahamic religions along with Judaism and Christianity,

**WHEREAS, it has been noted by the esteemed Catholic scholar of Islam Louis Massignon that the phrase “Abrahamic religion” denotes that Judaism, Christianity and Islam come from one spiritual source,**

**WHEREAS, the 4th Source of Inspiration affirms and promotes “*Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to God’s love by loving our neighbors as ourselves,*”**

**WHEREAS, the 4th Source of Inspiration explicitly mentions Judaism and Christianity, it does not mention Islam,**

**WHEREAS, the ethical and spiritual teachings and values of Islam are the same as those found in Judaism and Christianity,**

**WE CALL UPON ALL PEOPLES, A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF LOUISVILLE TO INCLUDE ISLAM IN THE 4TH SOURCE OF INSPIRATION ALONG WITH JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY SINCE THERE IS NO THEOLOGICAL, SPIRITUAL AND ETHICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR REFUSING TO DO THIS.**

**IMPORTANT MATERIALS ON SALIENT ASPECTS OF OUR PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE ISLAM IN THE UU SOURCES OF INSPIRATION**

**(A) A Short Film entitled “*Islam as a Source of Inspiration*” which presents the rationale for our Proposal clearly and compellingly:**

**Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNoJmyiD9bc>**

**(B) A Letter to Fellow UUs (Updated on May 14, 2022)**

**Link:** <https://www.allpeoplesuu.com/letter-to-uus-and-all-peoples-members-proposal-to-include-islam-in-the-sources-of-inspiration/>

**(C) The Proposal Submitted to the Article II Commission of UUA (January 2022) and Dossier of Various Supporting Materials Compiled for the Consideration of the Article II Commission of UUA (October 2020)**

**Link:** <https://www.allpeoplesuu.com/islam-in-uu-sources-of-inspiration/>

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