



Invitation to Affiliate with Greater Lansing UN Association

The invitation

The Greater Lansing United Nations Association (GL-UNA) is inviting affiliation to other Lansing area organizations and citizens who support the goal of peaceful resolution of international conflicts and the extension of human rights to all citizens of the world as reflected in the United Nations Charter.

Reasons for the invitation

At the time of the founding of the United Nations in 1945 it was recognized that political leadership of member nations would wax and wane in fulfilling the obligations of UN membership, and that involvement of citizens of UN member nations would be essential in encouraging political leaders to select and fully support UN leadership, programs and the agencies required to implement the provisions of the UN Charter. Citizens of UN member nations would need to be organized to fill this role, resulting in the formation of United Nations Associations in more 100 UN member nations. UNAUSA is our national organization, and Greater Lansing UNA is the Lansing regional chapter.

Our nation and the world are experiencing some of the greatest threats to international peace, human rights and mutually beneficial international trade since World War II and the Cold War which followed. Our national political leadership is promoting policies of uninformed self interest at a time when international cooperation and support of the work of the UN is more important than ever. Thus there is a greater urgency to expand citizen involvement in education and advocacy in support of UN goals and programs.

What does "Affiliation" involve?

The GL-UNA Board of Directors offers the following guidelines:

Benefits to your organization could include:

1. Announcement of your events, when requested, to over 200 community members through our online e-mail lists and to an even larger audience on our Facebook page.
2. Be listed as an affiliate organization on our chapter website.
3. Include link on our website to your organization's website with a short description of your mission/work.
4. Occasional e-mail announcements about upcoming community events of mutual interest;
5. New opportunities for advocacy for the mission of the UN in promoting world peace, aid for children and refugees, UN peacekeeping, and reducing the threat of nuclear and other destabilizing armaments.
6. The option of joining the national United Nations Association as a supporting member organization to demonstrate commitment to promoting world peace.
7. Be recognized as a supporter of United Nations goals and projects at UNA chapter programs

As an Organizational Affiliate of the Greater Lansing UNA chapter, you would agree to:

1. Announce our program events in your e-mail and print newsletters and bulletins. We would suggest the text to insert, and you could re-word if desired. Acceptance of each request is at your discretion.
2. Encourage your members to attend UN-related events and join the UN Association.
3. The option to receive and distribute our quarterly electronic newsletters
4. List the *Greater Lansing UNA* chapter as one of your affiliate organizations.
5. Other possible collaborations include co-planning and/or co-sponsoring, including financially support.
6. Our UNA chapter could provide informational articles about special United Nations-designated commemorations such as United Nations Anniversary Day, International Day of Peace, Human Rights Day, International Women's Day, and others that specifically relate to your organization's interests .

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