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Dear ICUU Members & Friends,

It is with great regret that we inform you that due to circumstances beyond our control, the Executive Committee has had to change the location of the 2018 ICUU Council Meeting and Conference from Shillong, India to Kathmandu, Nepal. Now to be held 12 February 2018 through 15 February 2018, with arrivals on 11 February and departures on 16 February 2018.

In recent weeks, the Unitarian Union of North East India (UUNEI) was officially notified by Indian national officials of the government's intention to enforce and increase restrictions on visas granted to foreigners entering India to attend conferences. These restrictions impose an arduous and lengthy conference approval and visa application process, taking up to a year or more, and that makes it impossible to hold the ICUU conference in India with our five-month timeframe.

After significant investigation, conversation and consideration on the part of the UUNEI leadership, ICUU staff and the Executive Committee, it was decided that, rather than cancel the conference outright, moving location will allow us to put to good use the planning and commitments already made. While this is not ideal, we thought it would be the best way to accommodate the plans many of you have arranged already.

We understand that this will be disappointing for the members of our global U/U family who were looking forward to being with the Unitarians of the Khasi Hills, and also for the UUNEI who have done a great deal of work to assist in planning for this conference and were excited to host such a large gathering of international Unitarians and Unitarian Universalists in their community. We are grateful for their efforts and their continued support in navigating the details and logistics of moving the conference.

Details are still being negotiated with venues, and we anticipate that within the next 10-15 days we can provide you with more complete information and any possible financial implications this change in location requires.

While this unexpected change to our Council Meeting plan is very unfortunate, we assure you that ICUU Executive Committee and Staff are already working to ensure that your conference will be everything you have come to expect from our international gatherings. We understand that many of you will have many questions. We ask for your patience and understanding while we work to confirm details as quickly as possible.

Kind Regards,

Rev. Gyerö Dávid  
ICUU President

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