



**THE UNITED NATIONS
PLAN OF ACTION
to safeguard
RELIGIOUS SITES:**

**In *Unity* and *Solidarity* for
Safe and Peaceful Worship**



8-POINT GUIDE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SAFEGUARDING OF RELIGIOUS SITES

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Follow the guiding principles of the UN Plan of Action to Safeguard Religious Sites in your daily life, namely:

- **RESPECT** for all peoples, regardless of their faith, culture, and history;
- **RESPONSIBILITY** to build bridges of mutual understanding and cooperation;
- **DIVERSITY** to accept and respect differences among human beings;
- **DIALOGUE** as a tool to better communicate and engage with one other;
- **SOLIDARITY** to support one another, particularly in times of sorrow or trouble;
- **STANDING TOGETHER** as one to respond with unity to attempts to divide us;
- **STAYING TOGETHER** as one to ensure that unity in response to attacks against religious sites is sustained and reinforced over time.





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Educate yourself and your community:



While a lot of us know a few basics about the world's main religions and spiritual traditions, we rarely are given opportunities to learn and dive deeper. Today, there are many resources out there that can help you gain knowledge. Visit this page for more info: safeguardreligiousites.unaoc.org! Also, encourage your congregation/community to have dialogues about other religions and cultural diversity to promote interreligious dialogue, understanding, mutual respect, and peace.



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Speak up! Change starts in your community!

Don't hesitate to speak up and be an ambassador for respect, understanding, unity, and solidarity, whether you do it with your family, your community, on social media, etc. By doing so, you will help build counter-narratives to hatred and alienation. In particular, be vocal and active when religious sites and worshippers are targeted. You can also share your story with us at: safeguardreligiousites.unaoc.org/share/.



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Explore:

When given an opportunity, visit religious sites of all sorts that are open to the public. Even better: organize group visits to religious sites with diverse people, especially youth.



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Don't be afraid to ask!

When it comes to religion, there's no stupid question, as long as your questions come from a place of genuine curiosity, openness, and eagerness to learn. Ask people around you who practice other faiths, learn, and make new friends!



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Get people involved!

Organize dialogues in your community and invite people with diverse backgrounds to join. That can be an opportunity to learn about different faith denominations, facilitate inter or intra-faith dialogue, and help resolve differences and build community resilience. Dialogue can also focus on preparedness and response to attacks against religious sites.





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Lobby policy-makers in your country to support the UN Plan of Action to Safeguard Religious Sites and religious education at school for everyone.

A good way to do that is to identify and prioritize contacting policy-makers who have shown previous interest and commitment to the cause as they are more likely to be responsive.

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Spread the word

about the UN Plan of Action to Safeguard Religious Sites and introduce it to the members of your family, colleagues, organization, community, etc. You may use this summary: safeguardreligiousites.unaoc.org/about/





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rules and regulations in your locality
in order to keep everyone safe.*