Season’s greeting and Happy New Year to our UNA Dane members and friends,

As 2022 begins and 2021 comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued interest in UNA Dane and provide a brief summary of our activities in 2021.

We continue to be active in Dane County in support of the United Nations, the only organization with a common concern for the health and safety of all citizens of our planet.

Some of our key activities of 2021

- We sponsored a monthly lecture series about important international issues and were fortunate to have many experts in their field of study speak. A few of the lectures included how the UN trains local partners to prepare for climate emergencies, how Nepal is improving its water supply and local sanitation standards, and how adverse childhood experiences connect to the work and goals of the UN.

- Board members worked with UW Madison staff to bring before the Madison Common Council a resolution to adopt the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). This work will continue in 2022.

- Our virtual celebration of the 76th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations was held on November 14th. Bandana Rana, Chair of the Working Group on Inquiries of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, gave the keynote address from Nepal.
The 2021 Global Citizen Award was given to 100 Black Men of Madison for the work they do with youth in the community. Dr. Floyd Rose will present on the programs of this organization on January 11, 2022, 7pm. Our education sessions will continue to be virtual for 2022.

We co-sponsored, with Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change, a successful climate change conference for youth in Dane County. The one-day conference “Climate Change: Glasgow to Dane County” was attended by 80 high school students and school environmental advisors at the Oregon High School Innovation Center.

We advocated for a strong fully funded United Nations with our congressional delegation.

We look forward to an active 2022 with engagement in our three priority program areas - CEDAW, climate issues, and supporting youth and UN advocacy.

If you are a member of UNA Dane County we hope you will continue your membership and if you are not a member, please become a member. You can become a member or renew your membership at https://unausa.org/join/. Be sure to indicate that Dane County is your local chapter.

With best wishes for 2022,

Linda Baumann, President