

## Appendix

### National Organizations Endorsing the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths® Movement

African American Women's Clergy Association	Inner City Renewal Society
African Methodist Episcopal Church, Women's Missionary Society	Interfaith Resource Center
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Christian Education Department	International Institute for Islamic Thought
American Baptist Churches, USA	International League of Muslim Women
Anti-Defamation League	Islamic Society of North America
Armenian Apostolic Church of America	Jesuit Social Ministries, National Office
Armenian Orthodox Church	Jewish Reconstructionist Federation
Association of Brethren Caregivers	Jewish Women International Leadership Conference
Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America	Lexington Theological Seminary
Benedictine Sisters, Queen of Angels Monastery	Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry
B'nai B'rith International	National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA
Border Association for Refugees from Central America, Inc.	National Farm Worker Ministry
Bread for the World	National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís in the United States
Catholic Charities USA	NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
Center for Ethics and Economic Policy	Network of Religious Communities
Center for Ministry Development	Parenting for Peace and Justice Network
Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence	Pax Christi USA
Christian Children's Fund	Peace with Justice Week, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	The Piarist Fathers
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	Presbyterian Child Advocacy Network
Church of the Brethren	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Child Advocacy Office
Church Women United	Presbyterian Health, Education, and Welfare Association
Communities of Christ	Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A
Congregations Concerned for Children, Child Advocacy Network	Rabbinical Assembly
Congress of National Black Churches	Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries	Reformed Church in America
Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church	Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism Service Employees International Union
Council of Christian Communion	Seventh Day Adventist Church, North American Division
Covenant to Care, Inc.	Sikh Council on Religion and Education
Cross-Lines Cooperative Council	Sisters of Charity, BVM, Women's Office
Ecumenical Child Care Network	Sojourners
Episcopal Church Center, Children's Ministries	Solid Ground Ministry
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Division for Church in Society	The Swedenborgian Church in North America
Faith Institute for Black Catholics	Trinity College, Campus Ministry
Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot	Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America
For the Love of Children	Union of American Hebrew Congregations
	Union of Reform Judaism
	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
	United Church of Christ, Office of Church in Society

## The Road Ahead: Action Ideas for the Children's Sabbath Weekend and Throughout the Year

United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society

United Methodist Church, General Board of Global Ministries, Women's Division

United Methodist National Youth Ministry Organization, Steering Committee

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

Voices for Illinois Children

Women of Reform Judaism

Women's League for Conservative Judaism

World Vision Relief and Development

**For a full list of organizations endorsing CDF's *National Observance of Children's Sabbaths* celebration, please visit [www.childrensdefense.org/childrenssabbaths](http://www.childrensdefense.org/childrenssabbaths). Don't see your national, regional, or local faith community listed? Visit this website and fill out an easy form for your organization to endorse this celebration.**



## Response Form for Endorsers of the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths (for local, state, regional, and national religious organizations)

### Yes! We will endorse the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths® Movement.

Name of Endorsing Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information for Media/Communications Staff

Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the boxes below to indicate the support you plan this year:

- We will distribute Children's Sabbaths Manuals to our members.
- We will distribute Children's Sabbaths flyers with ordering information to our members. Please send.
- We will print a camera-ready box about the Children's Sabbaths Manual in our publication. Please send.
- We will link our website to yours. Please send the necessary information.
- We will include the Children's Sabbath date on our calendar this year and next year. (Next year's Children's Sabbath dates are October 16-18, 2009.)
- We are interested in having a Children's Sabbath workshop at a meeting, conference, or convention. [Please contact the Religious Action Division at (202) 662-3641 to discuss dates, times, locations, and other logistics.]

**Please return this form to Children's Defense Fund, Religious Action Division.  
It may be faxed to (202) 662-3570 or mailed to 25 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001  
Questions? Call the Religious Action Division at (202) 662-3641.**

# 2008 National Observance of Children's Sabbaths®

## Evaluation Form

Let us know how you celebrated the Children's Sabbath!

Please detach and return this evaluation form to:

The National Observance of Children's Sabbaths  
Children's Defense Fund  
25 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

### About You and Your Congregation

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Congregation (if not part of address) and Religious Affiliation

Telephone (indicate day or evening)

Fax

Website

Email

Please describe your congregation: its membership (number, racial/ethnic makeup, number of children, and so forth) and location (urban, suburban, rural) \_\_\_\_\_

Is this the first time your congregation has celebrated a Children's Sabbath?  Yes  No

If not, in which years (1992-2008) has your congregation participated? \_\_\_\_\_

### About Your Children's Sabbath

Who took the lead in proposing and planning the Children's Sabbath in your congregation?

(Please describe their role, e.g., senior pastor or rabbi, lay person, committee member, youth group leader) \_\_\_\_\_

How many other people helped significantly in the planning? \_\_\_\_\_

How did your congregation observe the Children's Sabbath? What activities, services, or events were held, and approximately how many persons participated in each?

Please underline all that apply to your celebration:

1. Focused the worship service, liturgy, or prayer service on children through sermon, prayers, music, or other.  
Was it for a single congregation, ecumenical group (different Christian congregations), or interfaith gathering (Christians, Jews, Muslims, and members of other faith groups)?
2. Involved children and youth more fully in the service.
3. Led educational programs focused on children's concerns for preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, and adult classes.
4. Held special outreach and advocacy activities.

Briefly describe any or all of these events (use additional paper if necessary). Please feel free to enclose any bulletins or other materials from your Children's Sabbath. We would love to see what you did!

What follow-up is planned? That is, how will your congregation incorporate the commitment to children generated by your Children's Sabbath into the ongoing life of your congregation this year? Please be specific.

What support would you like from CDF for your follow-up efforts or your involvement in the Children's Sabbath next year? \_\_\_\_\_

Did any other congregations in your community hold Children's Sabbaths events? Tell us about them if possible.

## About the Children's Sabbaths Manual

Please rate the Children's Sabbaths Manual sections.

- |                      |                       |                       |                            |                              |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Very useful       | 2. Somewhat useful    | 3. Not very useful    | 4. Didn't use              | 5. Plan to use at later date |
| ____ Section 1       | ____ Section 2        | ____ Bahá'í Resources | ____ Buddhist Resources    | ____ Christian Resources     |
| ____ Hindu Resources | ____ Jewish Resources | ____ Muslim Resources | ____ Multi-Faith Resources | ____ Section 4               |

What resources or changes would you like to see in the Children's Sabbaths Manual?

## About Spreading the Word

How did you learn about the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths?

1. Denomination/faith group \_\_\_\_\_
2. Religious organization or community group (specify which) \_\_\_\_\_
3. CDF (publication, mailing, meeting, Internet website, other) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Media coverage (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Other \_\_\_\_\_

How did you publicize your Children's Sabbath events? (Underline all that apply)

1. Print coverage: (name and date of publication; send clipping if possible)  
Community newspaper \_\_\_\_\_  
Denominational newspaper/faith group newspaper \_\_\_\_\_  
Congregational newsletter or bulletin \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. Broadcast coverage (name of television/radio station) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Other \_\_\_\_\_
4. Did not actively publicize the Children's Sabbath.

What individuals do you know or what professional networks are you a part of that might be interested in receiving material about the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths?

Organization	Denomination/Affiliation	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Telephone	Fax	
Website	Email	



## When Will We Hear Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Call to End Poverty in America?

The first step on the path to being a constant and committed advocate for children is to participate in a Children's Sabbaths celebration. Now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year, the "Children's Sabbaths Manual" is an easy-to-use, step-by-step resource to assist congregations in planning, promoting, and presenting a Children's Sabbath celebration and in their persistent advocacy work for and with children.

This year's manual focuses on answering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s call to build and be the Blessed Community, where all children can live out their God-given potential. In the last years of his life, Dr. King warned against the triple dangers of materialism, militarism, and racism and called on us as a nation and as a people of faith to respond.

Included in the Children's Sabbaths Manual are:

- Reflections on Moving Forward by Marian Wright Edelman
- Promotion and publicity resources
- Educational resources
- Extensive worship resources for Protestant, Catholic, Episcopal, Jewish, Muslim, Bahá'í, and Buddhist communities of faith
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- Suggestions and strategies for developing a lasting witness and ongoing actions to improve the lives of America's children

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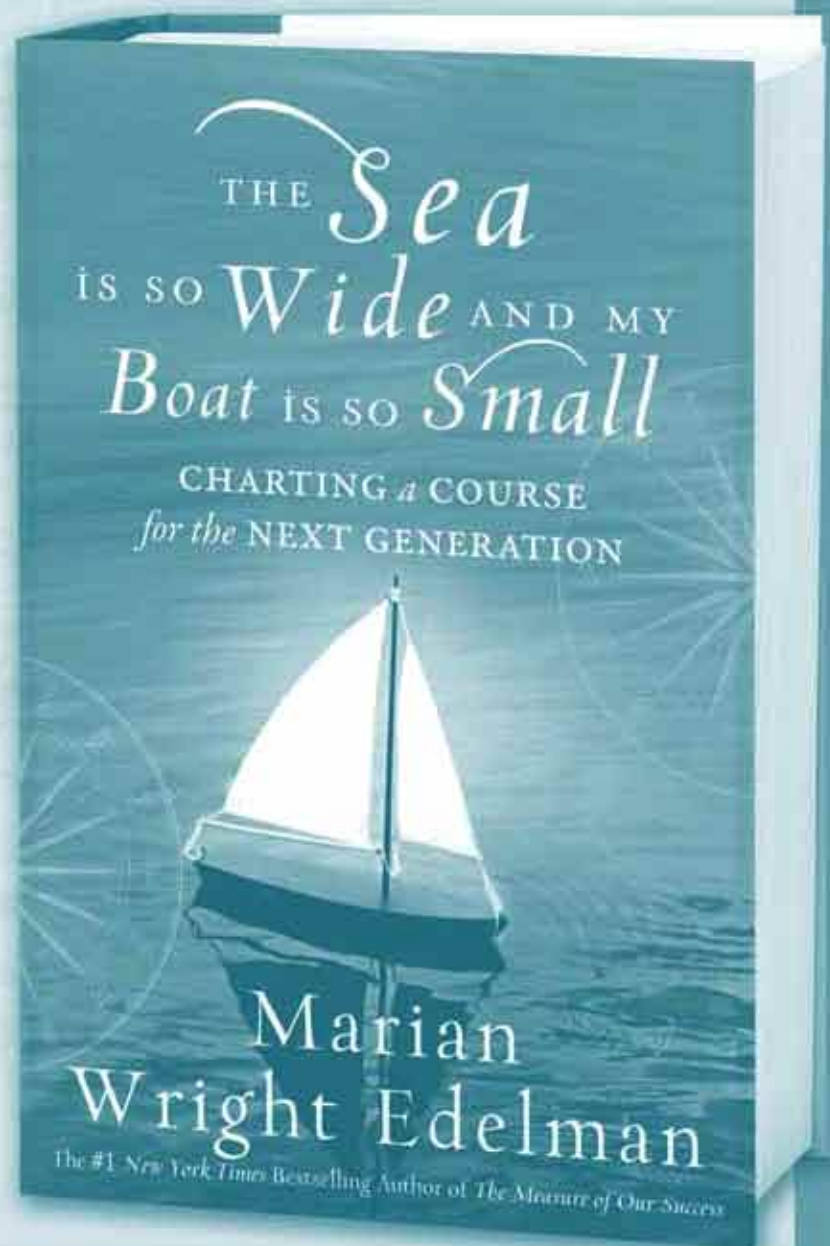
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## What is the Children's Sabbath?

Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, the annual, multi-faith National Observance of Children's Sabbaths® weekend is an occasion to celebrate children as sacred gifts of the Divine and to recognize and respond to the urgent needs of children. It provides the opportunity for communities of faith to renew and live out their moral responsibility to care for, protect, and advocate for all children. This resource book (and our website, [www.childrensdefense.org/childrenssabbaths](http://www.childrensdefense.org/childrenssabbaths)) provides all you need to plan a service of worship, educational programs, and activities to affirm what your place of worship already does with and for children while challenging members to take new actions and commit to new efforts to meet the needs of children in your community, state, and our nation. In some communities, many local places of worship work together to sponsor a multi-faith service to which the entire community is invited.

This weekend is part of a broader Children's Sabbaths movement uniting religious congregations of all faiths across the nation in shared concern for children and common commitment to improving their lives and working for justice on their behalf throughout the year. The *National Observance of Children's Sabbaths* weekend is supported by Catholic Charities U.S.A., the Islamic Society of North America, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the National Spiritual Assembly of Bahá'ís in the U.S., the Sikh Council on Religion and Education, the Union for Reform Judaism, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, and more than 200 other religious organizations and denominations.



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