

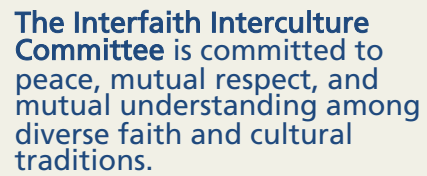


October 4th

Connection
Cooperation
Celebration



Interfaith Day 2015



Our Purpose:

Our Vision:

It is our intention to foster and grow the consciousness of peace, mutual understanding, and fruitful dialogue by participating in the wider interfaith work in our communities. We build peace through communication. We construct the bridges over which people of all faiths may walk. We develop unity and meet in mutual respect and understanding via communication and interaction with peoples of all teachings, religions, and cultures. Our vision to accomplish “Peace in Our Day” deepens our ability to communicate, cooperate, and actively listen to others. This endeavor begins locally and moves to embrace the global community.



An Invitation for Participation

- Here it is, an event that will bring us together to love, understand, & be one.
- Join us for Centers for Spiritual Living's inaugural Interfaith Sunday on October 4, 2015.
- Our Oneness, our Diversity, our Inclusiveness; can make a crucial difference in our world.
- You can be a magnificent part of our commitment to create a compassionate world that respects & cherishes Spirit in All.

Rev. Dr. Moira Foxe
Chair, Interfaith Intercultural Committee



Why Interfaith?

- To educate and inform; to build friendships and foster good will.
- To discover that our differences make us interesting.
- To recognize that our similarities are many.
- Getting involved in interfaith strengthens our beliefs, inspires me to practice my own spirituality more deeply.
- Interfaith has widened my world, opened my heart, grown my worldwide circle of friends.
- It is enriching to learn more, to practice non-judgment, inclusion, and love with our many interfaith friends and neighbors.
- Together, we are co-creating a world that works for everyone.

Rev. Dr. Peggy Price
Minister Emeritus
Center for Spiritual Living - Seal Beach, CA



Resources

BE CREATIVE

Movies

Garden Projects

Luncheons

Service Events

Whatever calls your Heart

Rev. Louisa Gravelle
Vice-Chair, Interfaith Interculture Committee

INTERFAITH IN A BOX



- **Interfaith Intercultural Cafes** – In a café like setting, persons of all ages and faiths (teens through seniors) dialogue and learn about each others teachings. We deepen our own awareness and have an opportunity to listen to others.

- **Personal Invitation** – Invite another faith leader to lunch or dinner. Engage in conversation, set your next meeting date, and discuss how many times you would like to meet one another to participate in interfaith dialogue.

- **Fundraising Events** – bike-a-thons and walk-a-thons promote communication while raising funds and having fun. The fundraisers are targeted to raising money for each participating center, as well as the local interfaith community. The suggested split is 50/50.

- **Speaker Bureau:** Speaker Bureaus offer the wider community an opportunity to listen to panels and talks by Interfaith Intercultural Speakers. The Interfaith Community also offers a wide range of available speakers when your Senior Minister is away on a Sunday.

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- **Films** – Have a film night and discussion afterwards.

- **Potluck Dinners**– Sponsor an annual potluck dinner featuring foods and tastes from other cultures around the world. Invite Interfaith Intercultural members in your local community to participate.

- **Visiting Places of Worship**– Visit and attend services at various churches, mosques, temples and places of worship.

- **Community Service Events**: Partner with local nonprofits that promote peace, provide services for those in need and marginalized in your communities. Invite Interfaith organizations in your community to participate.



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- **“64 Ways for 64 Days”**– Create Interfaith events and activities around the various peace practices.

- **Sponsor a Peacemakers Series** – Create and sponsor a series of talks on great peacemakers free to the public.

- **Music Events** – Create an evening of music with Interfaith artists weaving a theme together.

- **Nature Events** – Sponsor a picnic at a local nature preserve or park.

- **Prayer Ceremony**– Create an event where various faith leaders gather in prayer with music from the various traditions woven within a candle lighting ceremony.





INSPIRED TO SERVE

An Online Tool Kit for Youth-Led Interfaith Action

Planning an Event that Welcomes All

- Rituals (music, meditations, etc.): Remember that any religious ritual may be off-putting to a first-time participant, particularly if it is perceived as exclusionary. (These activities may also be illegal if you are using public funding to support the event.) Creating a **safe place** for all is key.
- Food: Will you be having food at your event? Think and ask about dietary guidelines you need to consider for different faiths (Kosher, Halal, Vegan).
- Gender: Are you having both genders work on a project together? Consider the implications of appropriate gender interactions in different religions.
- Cleanliness: Consider purity concerns for any service project. What kind of service work will you be doing? Are you asking participants to get dirty or expose themselves to ritually impure products or substances?
- Prayer: What are the prayer needs of the diverse faith communities who will be attending, will you need to set aside time or space for regular prayers (without requiring anyone to participate)?

Inviting Youth, Congregations, and Partners to Join the Day

- Watch for scheduling conflicts! Major religious holidays, school schedules, major sports events can all hurt your attendance.

Have all members of the leadership team reach out to others they know and who trust them. Word of mouth will be by far the best strategy for recruitment. More passive strategies rarely work.

- Tailor your invitation to the specific interests and priorities of the group you're approaching. Use stories to inspire particular groups of people based on ideas or issues they are passionate about
- Ask young people to get their own youth groups to participate. Also talk with adult leaders in various faith-based youth programs, and check with other community organizations that may be interested.



INTERFAITH PRAYER CEREMONY
UNITY WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

UNITY OF ARLINGTON
 3525 S. BOWEN ROAD
 ARLINGTON, TX 76016

SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

7:00 PM

A Service of Thanksgiving

offered by
The Richardson Interfaith Alliance

Thanksgiving in word and song offered in the Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, and Muslim faith traditions.
 SPECIAL GUEST: MAYOR LAURA MACZKA

Tuesday - November 26, 2013
 6:30 pm Sanctuary

First United Methodist Church Richardson
 503 N. Central Expressway, 75080
 FACEBOOK: Richardson Interfaith Alliance

Inter Faith Week 2014

16–22 November

An opportunity to:

- Strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels
- Increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society
- Increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs

**REFLECT/DEBATE/
 COOPERATE/LEARN/
 QUESTION/RESPECT/
 APPRECIATE/MAKE
 FRIENDS/CELEBRATE**

www.interfaithweek.org

2nd Community Potluck Dinner
 Sharing Faith and Blessings
 Bring the Family!

Northaven Methodist Church
 11211 Preston Rd.
 Dallas, TX 75230

Sunday, October 19
 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Please bring a dish to share.

RSVP to Becky Kester
bailey229@aol.com
 972.788.5286

Create events in your unique way.



<http://agnt.org/season-for-interfaith-celebration>



www.parliamentofreligions.org



www.interfaithweek.org



www.inspiredtoserve.org/one-day-event



www.unf.edu/interfaith-center/Interfaith_Week.aspx



www.thefountainsumc.org/about-us/multi-faith-campus



<http://www.beliefnet.com/#>



Website Links



**NORTH AMERICAN
INTERFAITH NETWORK**

www.nain.org



**SOUTH COAST
INTERFAITH COUNCIL**

www.scinterfaith.org



<http://abrahamicfamilyreunion.org>



www.interfaith-presidio.org

**Interfaith Council
of Southern Nevada**

<http://interfaithsn.org>



www.worldprayers.org



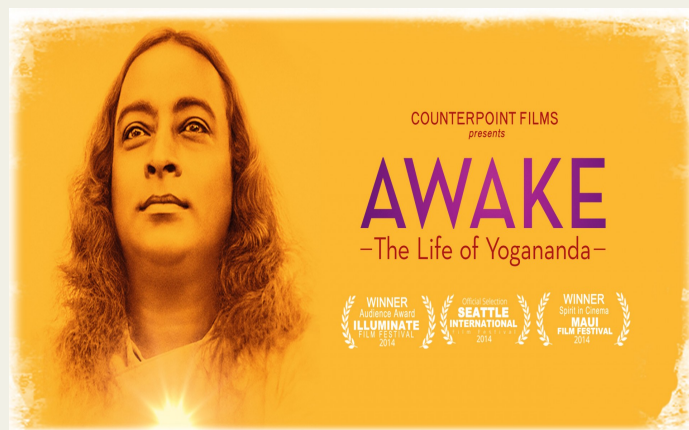
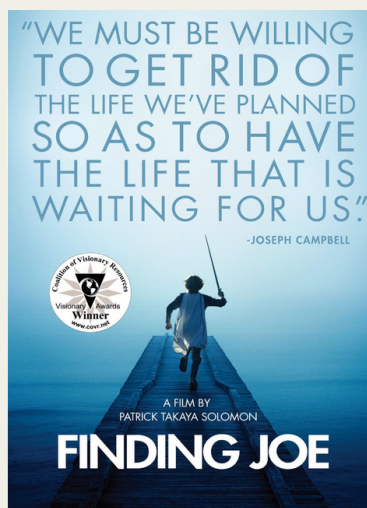
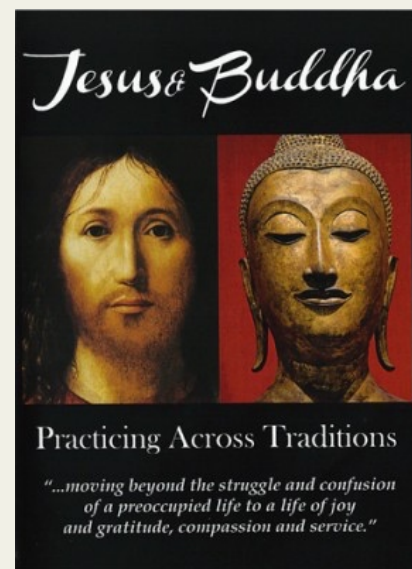
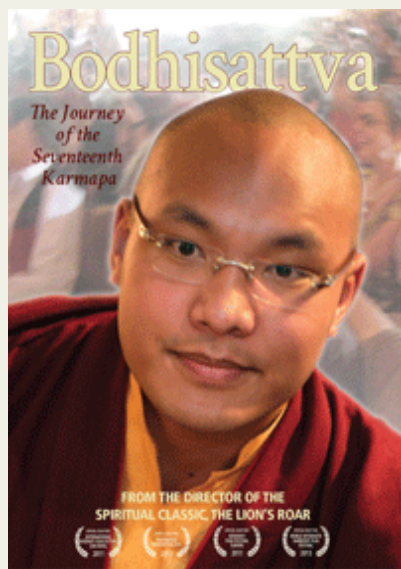
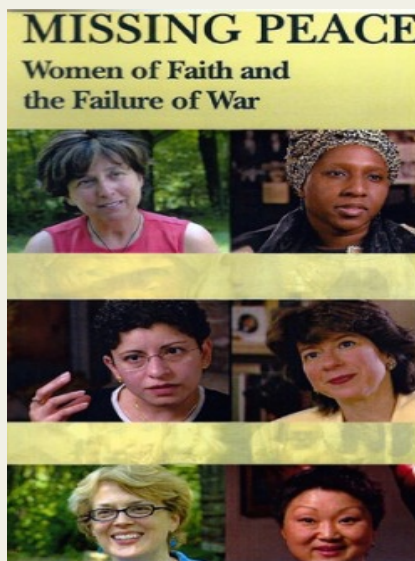
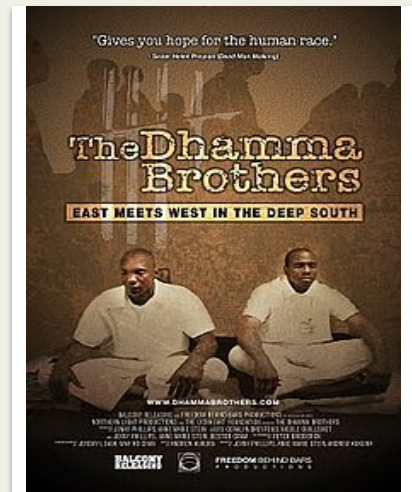
Gratefulness.org

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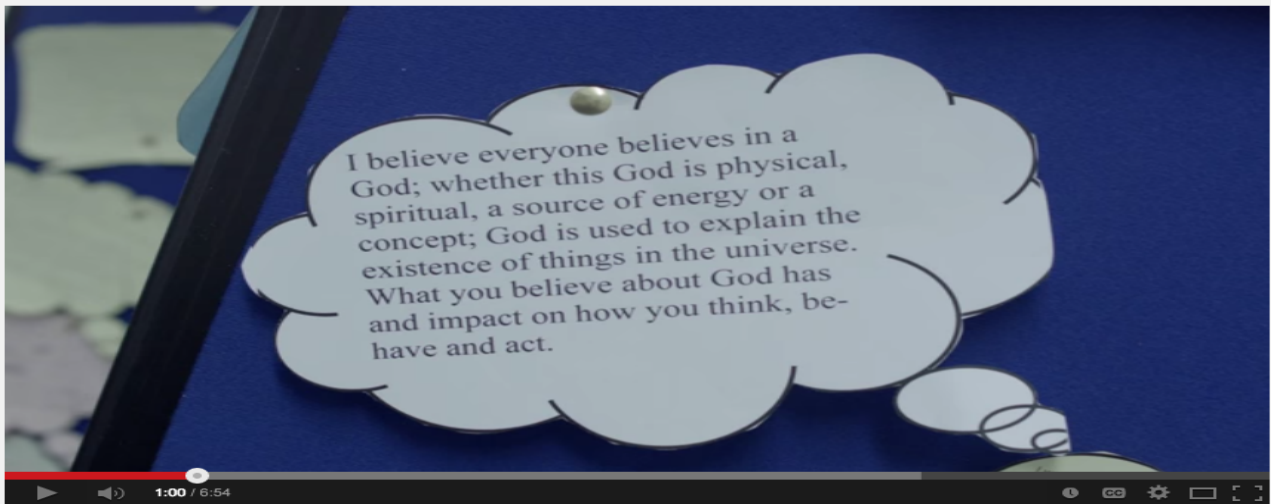


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Films



YouTube



Interfaith Week at KNGS

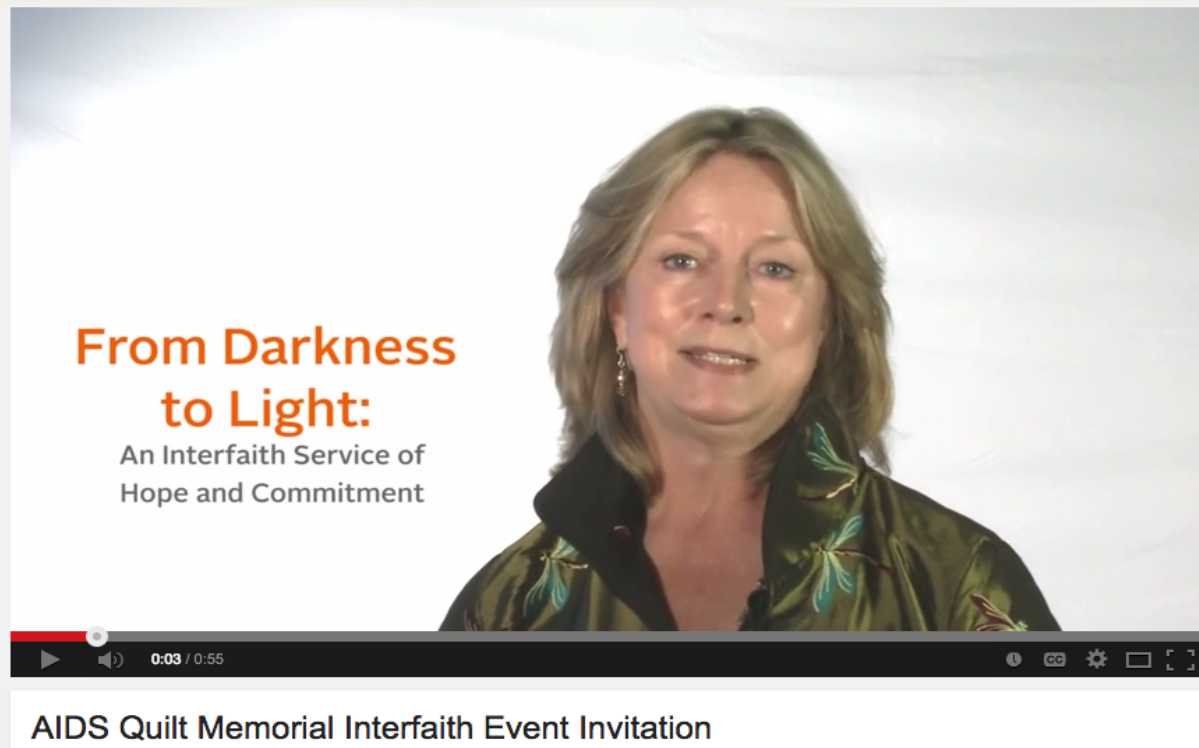
www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9Yf4krXBYw



TEDxDU The Interfaith Amigos – Breaking the taboos of interfaith dialogue.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPnZArtsG_c

YouTube



www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ha8siUWSQA



www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifQ4VaM6wcs

YouTube



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www.youtube.com/watch?v=bz3hl02xOPc

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Stories, etc on our
Facebook page.



www.facebook.com/CSLIIC

INTERFAITH PRAYER

Interfaith Prayer for Peace

Anonymous

O God, you are the source of life and peace.

Praised be your name forever.
We know it is you who turns our minds to thoughts of peace.
Hear our prayer in this time of crisis.
Your power changes hearts.

Muslims, Christians, and Jews remember, and profoundly affirm,
that they are followers of the one God,
Children of Abraham, brothers and sisters;
enemies begin to speak to one another;
those who were estranged join hands in friendship;
nations seek the way of peace together.

Strengthen our resolve to give witness to these truths by the way we live.
Give to us:
Understanding that puts an end to strife;
Mercy that quenches hatred, and
Forgiveness that overcomes vengeance.
Empower all people to live in your law of love
Amen.

<http://www.beliefnet.com/Prayers/Judaism/Nations-Leaders/Interfaith-Prayer-For-Peace.aspx>







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