

CALGARY INTERFAITH COUNCIL
presents
UN World Interfaith Harmony Week
February 1 - 7, 2017



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UNITED NATIONS WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEKK

Sponsored by the Calgary Interfaith Council

February 1-7, 2017

Welcome

Calgary is blessed by a broad diversity of religious faiths whose origins and history originate from places that span the globe. Our city is enriched by the broad spectrum of languages, foods, and cultures that define Calgary's international flavour. The ability of these religions, in particular, to flourish in a setting of respect and dignity is essential for the city's future.

The intention of the Calgary Interfaith Council's sponsorship of the UN World Interfaith Harmony week is to join with similar efforts throughout Canada and internationally to promote peaceful coexistence in the face of intolerance, prejudice, and conflict.

Over the past several years, great strides have been made to create interfaith dialogues and educational programs to foster greater understanding and respect that can lead to the building of harmonious relationships between Calgary's faith communities.

We are proud of the presence of active clergy and laity from all faiths whose passion is interfaith work and who devote their time, energy, and resources to enhancing the quality of life for all Calgarians.

We encourage you to become aware, learn, and appreciate the contribution of the interfaith community through the exciting array of programs and activities during this week of harmony.

City of Calgary Proclamation
United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week
February 1-7, 2017

WHEREAS:

The 2010 UN General Assembly approved unanimously the first week of February as the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week.

The Freedom to observe and practice one's religion, individual conviction, faith or beliefs without fear is a fundamental right, recognized under the Canadian Bill of Rights.

The City of Calgary teems with the beauty and richness of diverse ethnic, cultural, racial, and religious communities that enhance the dignity and respect for all citizens.

The City of Calgary recognizes the significant contributions of these interfaith communities to the overall well-being and success of civic life and thereby supports the development of programs that foster the understanding and sharing of this diversity.

The City of Calgary recognizes the equality of rights and privileges of residents from all its diverse communities, promotes zero tolerance of discrimination, and recognizes the diverse need of its communities.

The City of Calgary encourages and supports the development of programs and projects that promote harmony among its diverse communities.

The City of Calgary encourages its diverse communities to share their customs, values and traditions with one another in the spirit of mutual respect, peace and harmony.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Naheed Nenshi on behalf of the Calgary City Council do hereby proclaim February 1-7, beginning in 2017 as the annual UN World Interfaith Harmony Week in Calgary.

UN World Interfaith Harmony Week

February 1—7, 2017

Schedule of Events

- February 1st**
6:00pm Opening Ceremony at City Hall Atrium with Mayor Naheed Nenshi issuing a City Proclamation
- February 2nd –5th** Congregational Open Houses & Pulpit Exchanges
(see www.calgaryinterfaithcouncil.org for a list of dates and times)
- February 2nd**
8:00am Interfaith Breakfast - co-sponsored by Council of Christians & Jews at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, featuring Rev. Kayko Dreidger-Hesslein, “*Multifaith, Not Interfaith Families*”
- February 4th & 7th** Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build Days. Sign up by contacting Les Sawatsky at les.sawatsky@shaw.ca
- February 5th**
7:30pm Evening of Uplifting Music and Poetry including the Knox Choir, organist Jim Picken and original poetry by Paul Grindlay. Knox Presbyterian Church
- February 6th**
2:00 - 4:00pm Presentation: “*Dancing on a Ray of Light: Transsexuality and other Border Crossings*” at University of Calgary
3:30pm “*Fifty Stories of Faith*” at Wild Rose United Church. Sharing of stories about faith’s impact on Canada
7:00pm Community Hub workshop, co-sponsored by United Way, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue
- February 7th**
7:00pm Closing Dinner co-sponsored by the Intercultural Dialogue Institute at Anatolia Restaurant - RSVP by February 3rd
- February 8th**
7:00am Daybreak Contemplative Service at Hillhurst United Church
- February 11th**
7:00pm Building Sacred Bridges Concert at Knox United Church
Reserve seating - www.habitatsouthernab.ca , rush seating available
- February 12th**
7:00pm Building Sacred Bridges Concert at Beth Tzedec Congregation
Reserve seating - www.habitatsouthernab.ca , rush seating available

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
To RSVP and for more information, contact
www.calgaryinterfaithcouncil.org or call 403-255-8688

UN World Interfaith Harmony Week Opening Ceremony on February 1, 2016 at City Hall

Drumming Prelude: YYC Campus Ministry Drum Troupe

Welcome: Rev. Debra Faulk

Greetings from Indigenous Community: Rebecca Many Grey Horses

Greetings from the UN Association of Calgary: Bronson Ho

Music - “Glorious” Conducted by Sharon Wood, LDS Institute Choir

Call to Prayer:

- Bahai: Chris Anderson
- Buddhist: Sensei Ken Madden
- Christian: Rev. Adrian Martens (Catholic),
- Christian: Bishop Greg Kerr-Wilson (Anglican)
- Hindu: Kish Arora (Hindu Society)
- Jewish: Rabbi Mark Glickman
- Muslim: Imam Hadi Hasan, Imam Irfan Gulsu
- Sikh: Dr. Harjot Singh

Reading of City Proclamation: Mayor Naheed Nenshi

Music: YYC Campus Ministry Drum Troupe

Calgary City Representatives

Calgary Fire Department - Fire Chief Steve Dongworth

Calgary Police Services Diversity Unit - Constable Gary Woods

Truth & Reconciliation Commission - Rebecca Many Grey Horses

Connecting for the Good of Calgary

Launch of the new Calgary Interfaith Council - Rabbi Shaul Osadchey

Closing Remarks and Invitation to UN World Interfaith Harmony

Week activities: Rev. Debra Faulk

“*O Canada*”: Cantor Russell Jayne and LDS Institute Choir

Table Exhibitions

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Open House Events at Places of Worship

February 2, 2017

- 2:00-4:00** - Tea and Tour at Unitarian Church of Calgary
1703 1st Street NW
- 4:00-6:00** - B'nai Tikvah (Jewish Reform)
900 47 Ave SW
- 7:00-9:00** - Open House at Calgary Buddhist Temple
658 - 1 Avenue NE

February 3, 2017

- 12:00-2:00** - Anatolian Turkish Islamic Centre
2937 19 St. NE
- 1:15-3:15** - Al Medinah Calgary Islamic Assembly
Genesis Centre

February 4, 2017

- 4:30-6:30** - Evensong Service, Cathedral Church of the Redeemer
Corner of 7th Ave and 1st Street SE
- 7:00-8:00** - Taize Prayer (followed by tea or coffee) at FCJ Christian Life Centre
219 19 Avenue SW

February 5, 2017

- 10:00-12:00** - Open House at St Thomas United Church
100 Hawkwood Boulevard NW
- 10:00-12:00** - Sunday Service and Tour of Heritage Building at Wild Rose Church,
1317 - 1 Street NW
- 10:30-3:00**, Open House (including lunch) at Living Spirit United Church
629 49 Avenue SW
- 10:30-3:00**, Open House (including soup lunch) at Robert McClure United Church,
5510 26 Avenue NE
- 12:00-2:00**, Sacred Space Tour at University of Calgary
Vitruvian Space: Dining Centre, DC-14 www.ucalgary.ca/map
- 12:00-3:00**, Open House (including lunch) at Hindu Temple
2225 24 Avenue NE
- 12:00-4:00**, Prayers, Interfaith Videos, Q&A, Refreshments at Islamic
Association of NW Calgary, #23 - 7750 Ranchview Drive NW
- 2:00-6:00**, Open House (including food, henna tattoos, try a hijab) at Islamic Centre
of South Calgary, 539 Queensland Drive SE
- 3:00-5:00**, Celebration (tea and snacks) at Vedanta Society
405, 4655—54th Avenue NE
- 3:30-6:30**, Open House at Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church and Ebenezer (Korean)
Presbyterian Church, 4612 Varsity Drive NW
- 4:00-6:00**, Open House at Beth Tzedec Synagogue (Jewish Conservative)
1325 Glenmore Trail SW
- 6:30-8:00**, Open House at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
30 Everstone Boulevard SW

*accurate at the time of printing. For most current listings visit
<http://calgaryinterfaithcouncil.org/harmony-week.html>

Opening Ceremony

Interfaith Breakfast

**Habitat for Humanity
Interfaith Build Days**

Dancing on a Ray of Light

Fifty Stories of Faith

**Community Hub
Workshop**

Closing Dinner

**Daybreak Contemplative
Service**

**Building Sacred Bridges
Concert**

Unitarian Church

**Calgary Buddhist
Temple**

**Anatolian Turkish
Islamic Centre**

**Al Medinah Calgary
Islamic Assembly**

**Cathedral Church of
the Redeemer**

**FCJ Christian Life
Centre**



