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UN World Interfaith Harmony Week

“Sharing Sacred Stories From Generation to Generation”

February 1 - 7, 2018

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UNIVERS NATIONS WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

Sponsored by the Calgary Interfaith Council

February 1-7, 2018

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 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.
Calgary Interfaith Council

“Promoting Interfaith Harmony & Understanding”

The formation of the Calgary Interfaith Council in 2017 at the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week Opening Ceremony represented the hope of religious leaders for a new and re-energized interfaith effort that would more effectively harness the wisdom and good works of Calgary’s religious communities for the greater good of our city.

It is the vision of the Calgary Interfaith Council to become the voice and central address of interfaith activities in Calgary and, as such, to achieve its mission to:

- promote respect, understanding, and collaboration among the religious communities of Calgary (through education, dialogue, mutual worship experiences, and social justice),
- provide government and media with a single reputable contact for information and communication with and about the various religious communities in Calgary,
- model for Calgary interfaith relationships characterized by respect, understanding, mutual support and collaboration.

Among our shared core values are respect for religious diversity, compassion for those in need, building bridges of understanding, and fostering interfaith relationships through education, dialogue, mutual worship experiences, and social justice.

The Calgary Interfaith Council invites you to join us in this exciting venture by participating in our events and giving of your time and resources to further our worthy goals.

For more information, please go to www.calgaryinterfaithcouncil.org
City of Calgary Proclamation
United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week
February 1-7, 2018

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 2018 as the annual UN World Interfaith Harmony Week in Calgary.
Province of Alberta
Proclamation
United Nations
World Interfaith Harmony Week

WHEREAS
United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week is an opportunity to raise awareness of religious intolerance, misunderstanding or ignorance and bring opportunity for mutual self-reflection, open-mindedness and respect to all religions; and

WHEREAS
the Province of Alberta respects the equality of rights and privileges of residents from all its diverse communities, and encourages interreligious dialogue among different faiths to enhance mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among its people; and

WHEREAS
upholding a zero tolerance for discrimination and supporting programs and projects that inspire Albertans to practice and observe one's religion, individual conviction, or beliefs without fear is a priority of the government and community partners in Alberta;

THEREFORE 1, Rachel A. Notley, Premier of Alberta, do hereby proclaim February 1st to 7th beginning in 2018 to be the annual "United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week" in the Alberta.

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Honourable Rachel A. Notley, M.L.A.
Premier of Alberta
UN World Interfaith Harmony Week
Schedule of Events: February 1 - 7, 2018

February 1st
6:00pm    Opening Ceremony at City Hall Atrium

February 2nd - 5th
Open Houses
see www.calgaryinterfaithcouncil.org

February 2nd
1:00pm    Youth Program (9th-12th Graders)
AJC Islamic School of Calgary (2612 37 Ave. NE)

1:30pm    Prayer Service

2:00pm - 3:00pm    Conversation & Refreshments - “Sharing our Faith Stories”

February 3rd
9:00am    Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build Day
Contact Josh Naud at 403-253-9331 (ext.265) or jnaud@habitatsouthernb.ca

1:00pm - 5:00pm    Kiaros Indigenous Blanket Exercise followed by group discussion
Grey Eagle Resort (3777 Grey Eagle Drive)

February 5th
8:00am    Interfaith Breakfast - “Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges”
Beth Tzedec Congregation (1325 Glenmore Trail SW)
RSVP at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca

5:30pm    “My Story” - Hear and share stories of how faith shapes our lives
Mount Royal University - Lincoln Room

February 6th
9:00am    Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build Day
Contact Josh Naud at 403-253-9331 (ext.265)

5:00pm - 8:00pm    Calgary Food Bank Service Project (5000 11th St SE)
Registration required: www.ucalgary.ca/fsc/node/66
Contact Greg Veltman at 403-440-8942

7:00pm    Multi-Faith Dialogue, “Religious Discrimination in Calgary? Sharing Stories and Looking Ahead”

February 7th
7:00pm    Concluding Dinner & Celebration of Interfaith Harmony
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (2021 17 Ave SW)
RSVP 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca

Feb. 10th & 11th
“Building Sacred Bridges Concert”
Feb. 10th - 7:00pm    Knox United Church (506 4 St SW )
Feb. 11th - 7:00pm    Beth Tzedec Congregation (1325 Glenmore Trail SW)
To reserve seats - www.habitatsouthernb.ca/bsb

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
To RSVP and for more information, contact
www.calgaryinterfaithcouncil.org or call 403-255-8688 ext. 2
UN World Interfaith Harmony Week

Opening Ceremony
February 1, 2018 - 6:00pm at City Hall

1. Prelude - Lutheran Praise Singers
2. Procession of Faith Leaders
3. Welcome and Introduction of UN Interfaith Harmony Week - Rev. Dr. Danielle Ayana James
4. Greetings from Indigenous Community - Linda Heni-Nothing and Tony Snow
5. Music - Lutheran Praise Singers
6. Call to Prayer
   - Baha’i - May Cummings
   - Buddhist - Sensei Ken Madden
   - Christian - Dr. Michael Dugan (St. Mary’s University)
   - Unitarian - Rev. Debra Faulk
   - Hindu - Kish Arora (Hindu Society)
   - Jewish - Rabbi Mark Glickman (Temple B’nai Tikvah)
   - Muslim - Imam Hadi Hassan (Hussaini Association - Shi’a)
   - Sikh - Dr. Harjot Singh
7. 2017 WIHW First Prize Award Presentation - Rabbi Shaul Osadchey
8. Music - Lutheran Praise Singers
9. Greetings & Calgary Proclamation - Mayor Naheed Nenshi
10. Greetings & Alberta Proclamation - Anam Kazim, MLA, Calgary - Glenmore
11. Program: “Sharing Sacred Stories From Generation to Generation”
    *A senior and teen from different religious traditions will share important aspects of their faith that merit transmission to future generations.*
12. Closing Remarks and Invitation to Attend Upcoming Programs
    Rev. Dr. Danielle Ayana James
13. “O Canada” - Cantor Russell Jayne with Lutheran Praise Singers
14. Table Displays
UN World Interfaith Harmony Week  
February 1-7, 2018  
Open House Events at Places of Worship

Friday, Feb 2nd

Al-Madinah Calgary Islamic Assembly  
#10 7555 Falconridge Blvd. NE  
Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
Refreshments will be served  
Observe Muslim Prayer service at 1:30pm, visit, and meet people  
Contact Malik Ashraf at malik@coursolutions.ca or 403-966-0071

Hussaini Association of Calgary (Shi’a Mosque)  
4755 - 34th Street SE  
Time: 2:30pm - 4:30pm  
Refreshments will be served  
Introduction & question & answers  
Contact Riyaz Khawaja at khawajariyaz@yahoo.ca or 403-999-4614

Dashmesh Culture Centre  
135 Martindale Blvd NE  
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
A langar (a free warm vegetarian meal) will be served  
A tour of the Dashmesh Culture Centre Sikh Gurdwara  
RSVP to Sukhman Kaur at sikhicampsyyyc@gmail.com or 403-401-0887  
Contact Sukham at sukhman0hehar@gmail.com

FCJ Retreat and Conference Centre  
219 19th Ave SW  
Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Refreshments will be served  
Contact Sr. Ger Curran 403-228-4215 or gcurran55@gmail.com

Saturday, Feb. 3rd

Anatolian Turkish Islamic Centre of Calgary  
2937 19 St NE  
Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm  
Contact Malik Muadov at malikmuradov@gmail.com

Bahá’í Faith Open House at Capitol Hill Community Association  
1531 21 Avenue NW (in the lounge - use side door)  
Time: 10:30am - 1:30pm  
Refreshments will be served. Enjoy information displays and Bahá’í Houses of Worship virtual tours  
Contact Eva Torn Thomas at e_torn@yahoo.ca May Cummings at mcummings683@gmail.com
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Royal Oak Building, 81 Royal Elm Drive NW
Time: 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Enjoy inspirational musical performances, self-guided tours and access to the Family History Room and Family Discovery Board
(familystoryroom.com)
Sign up in the red brick building for guided tours of the Mormon Temple grounds
Contact Brother Keri Himmelreich at RRmissionaries@gmail.com

Akram Jomaa Islamic Centre
2612 37 Avenue NE
Time: 1:30PM - 2:45PM
Light refreshments will be served
Learn, Live & Love session, questions and answer session
Contact: Imam Fayaz Tilly at tfayaz@ucalgary.ca

St. Andrew’s United Church
Suite 1, 10601 Southport Road SW
Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Tour followed by pot luck supper and activities
RSVP to revjim@andychurch.org or office@andychurch.org, or phone 403-259-4080
Contact: Jim Kenney, Coordinating Minister at revjim@andychurch.org

Sunday, Feb. 4th
Calgary Buddhist Temple
658 1 Ave NE
Time: 10:00am
Contact Ken Madden at kenmadden@gmail.com

Hindu Society of Calgary
2225 – 24 Avenue NE
Time: 11:30am - 2:00pm
Indian vegetarian meal in Lower Level
Tour the Temple, all questions welcome
Contact: Kish Arora at 403-271-8583 or kisharora@shaaw.ca

Islamic Centre of South Calgary
539 Queensland Dr. SE
Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm
Muslims’ Contribution to Humanity's - Talk by Sheikh Fayaz Tilly,
Interfaith Dialogue, food and more
Contact: Sheikh Fayaz Tilly at fayaz121n@yahoo.co

Unitarian Church of Calgary
1703 1st St. NW
Time: 1:00 - 3:00pm
Contact: Rev. Debra Faulk at 403-702-6486
Beth Tzedec Congregation (Jewish - Conservative)
1325 Glenmore Tr. SW
Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Refreshments will be served
Tour of Synagogue and presentation on Judaism
Contact: Rabbi Shaul Osadchey 403-255-8688 ext. 2

Monday, Feb. 5th
Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church
4612 Varsity Drive NW
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Social Hour with light refreshments from 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Fayaz Tilly, Imam for the Muslim Council of Calgary and Chaplain at the University of Calgary, speaking on "Religious Pluralism: An Imam's Perspective"
Contact: John Egger at john.egger@vapc.ca or 403-288-0544

Tuesday, Feb 6th
Bethany Care Society at Lion’s Village
2528 Bowness Road NW
Time: 6:30pm
CHAPLAINS – 2 hour documentary film, beginning at 7:00pm. All are welcome, no charge for admission
Contact: Daranne Harris at Daranne.harris@bethanyseniors.com

Friday, Feb 9th
Temple B’nai Tikvah
900 47 Ave SW
Time: 7:30pm
Refreshments will be served
An Erev Shabbat service, informal chat with the Rabbi, and tour
Contact: Rabbi Mark Glickman 403- 252-1654 or rabbiglickman@bnaitikvah.ca

Saturday, Feb 10th
Ahmadiyyan Bait Nur Mosque
4353 54 Ave SE
Time: 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Contact 403-590-8008 or info@baitunnur.org
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