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*UN World Interfaith Harmony Week*

*“Sharing Sacred Stories  
From Generation to Generation”*

*February 1 - 7, 2018*

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# **UNITED 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](http://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** I, 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](http://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@habitatsouthernab.ca](mailto:jnaud@habitatsouthernab.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](mailto: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](http://www.ucalgary.ca/fsc/node/66)  
Contact Greg Veltman at 403-440-8942  
7:00pm Multi-Faith Dialogue, "Religious Discrimination in Calgary?"  
St. John The Evangelist's Catholic Church (1423 8 Avenue SE)  
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](mailto:info@bethtzedec.ca)

### Feb. 10th & 11th

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

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**To RSVP and for more information, contact**  
**[www.calgaryinterfaithcouncil.org](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**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@courtsolutions.ca](mailto:malik@courtsolutions.ca) or 403-966-0071

**Hussaini Association of Calgary (Shi'a Mosque)**

4755 - 34<sup>th</sup> Street SE

Time: 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Refreshments will be served

Introduction & question & answers

Contact Riyaz Khawaja at [khawajariyaz@yahoo.ca](mailto: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 [sikhicampsyyc@gmail.com](mailto:sikhicampsyyc@gmail.com) or

403-401-0887

Contact Sukham at [sukhman0hehar@gmail.com](mailto:sukhman0hehar@gmail.com)

**FCJ Retreat and Conference Centre**

219 19<sup>th</sup> Ave SW

Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Refreshments will be served

Way of the Cross for Trafficked Persons: Join in the Way of the Cross

Evening. Spend time in quiet personal and communal prayer and reflection of the Trafficking of Human Persons.

Contact Sr. Ger Curran 403-228-4215 or [gcurran55@gmail.com](mailto:gcurran55@gmail.com)

**Saturday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Anatolian Turkish Islamic Centre of Calgary**

2937 19 St NE

Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Contact Malik Muadov at [malikmuradov@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:e_torn@yahoo.ca) May Cummings at [mccummings683@gmail.com](mailto:mccummings683@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 revjjim@andychurch.org or office@andychurch.org, or phone 403-259-4080

Contact: Jim Kenney, Coordinating Minister at revjjim@andychurch.org

**Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>****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. 5<sup>th</sup>**

**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 6<sup>th</sup>**

**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 9<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

**Ahmaddiyan Bait Nur Mosque**

4353 54 Ave SE

Time: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Contact 403-590-8008 or info@baitunnur.org

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