

The Vision

The Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia was founded in 2004 to advance trust and understanding in a region blessed with a richness of cultural and religious diversity. Creating communities of hope and reconciliation in workplaces, schools and neighborhoods is at the core of the Center's vision. From grassroots to leadership, the Interfaith Center contributes to the area's strength and vitality through multi-faith collaboration, education, dialogue and service.

collaboration



COMMUNITY

trust

faith

HOPE

Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia

Working together for the common good of the region.

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diversity





Connection: *Bridging Differences*

The Interfaith Center enables people to cross boundaries of perceived difference and foster meaningful connections. The Center's workshops and programs bring together individuals of many beliefs to honor their distinctive faith traditions and discover their shared values. Leaders and members of individual communities are trained in effective communication skills, dialogue facilitation and strategies for defusing tensions. When intergroup relationships are transformed through conversation, learning and understanding, barriers begin to dissolve.

Collaboration: *Working Hand in Hand*

Rooted in our community and looking outward from it, the Interfaith Center fosters interreligious cooperation by providing opportunities for civic, religious and community leaders to discuss critical issues and engage in direct service to the community. The Center offers administrative support to the *Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia*, which meets regularly to deepen relationships of understanding and enhance cooperation among religious communities. This work brings to light many opportunities to advance peace, unity, and a moral voice for our region.



Education and Dialogue: *Engaging Youth and Adults*

To know is to understand. The Interfaith Center's holistic approach to learning engages the head, the heart and the hands. Formal projects such as the *Interfaith Youth Service Learning Initiative* and the *Alternative Spring Break* program bring together diverse groups of young people to reflect on the core values of their faiths, to understand better those of others, and to bring those values to life by serving the community. The *Youth Service Learning Initiative*, with its dream of nurturing the peacemakers of future, has been recognized nationally for its depth of learning and breadth of vision. Programs of education and dialogue are offered to congregations and community groups, including *Deepening Faith Through Interreligious Engagement*, an interactive adult education series.



We must be the change we wish to see.
—Gandhi

Investing in the Vision

A tax exempt organization, the Interfaith Center is funded by generous individuals, foundations, philanthropic funds, community organizations and congregations who support the mission and programs of the Center.

Interfaith Center Leadership

Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Baha'i, Sikh and others...the Center is governed by a Board of Directors and a professional team whose members reflect a broad spectrum of religious, ethnic and racial communities. These leaders advance the agency's mission by drawing on their collective experience in interfaith relations and diversity work conducted in civic, governmental, community and educational arenas.

Getting Involved

We invite you to be partners in the work of the Interfaith Center. Additional information about our programs, board, staff, funders, community partners, and other interreligious resources is included on the Interfaith Center's web site: www.interfaithcenterpa.org.



The mission of the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia is to advance mutual trust, understanding and cooperation among faith communities, in order to work together for the common good of the region.

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