



WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

# ANNUAL WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK DMV 2020



RUMI FORUM







# MOSAIC HARMONY: MULTIFAITH CONCERT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020, 7 PM  
HOSTED BY SILVER SPRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A PROGRAM OF WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK  
a UN global observance, during the month of February,  
spreading the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill

## Featured Performers:

Mosaic Harmony Choir (Multifaith)  
ADAMS BEAT (Muslim)  
Jayamangala (Hindu)  
Metropolitan Washington Baha'i Chorale  
Mosaic Harmony  
Shir HaLev (Jewish)  
Silver Spring UMC Choir (Christian)



The event began with the Muslim "Call to Prayer," which was followed by the combined choirs singing "Help Me Make Peace." After each group sang their individual pieces, they reunited to sing "Harmony."

The event concluded with representatives from many different faith traditions joining in a moving water-pouring ceremony while choir and audience members declared:

The water we pour symbolizes HARMONY:  
The harmony we promise to make; the harmony we  
promise to share; the harmony we promise to spread.  
Together, we endeavor to unify the WORLD: one song  
at a time; one prayer at a time; one act of kindness at  
a time.



## ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

- 250 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS FROM DIVERSE FAITHS & CULTURES
- 100 PERFORMERS
- DONATIONS WERE COLLECTED FOR UNICEF





# FAITH MATTERS: LIVING IN A RACIALIZED SOCIETY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020  
HOSTED BY MCLEAN ISLAMIC CENTER  
CO-SPONSORED BY CHALLENGING RACISM, ARLINGTON VA

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The purpose of this program was to reflect on how faith may have a positive impact on living in a racialized society by learning from an expert panel and through sharing in small group interfaith dialogues. Our desired outcome was to raise awareness about the impacts of racism in the DMV, to lift up faith-based responses to racism, and to inspire reflection and action among those participating.



**FEATURED SPEAKERS**  
Leah Hendey, Urban Institute;  
Rev. Dr. Carol Flett,  
Montgomery County Faith  
Leaders Council; and Monique  
Brown, Challenging Racism  
Arlington

"This was my first time ever in a mosque and I had never heard a Muslim prayer before. To be honest, I never would have taken a step on my own to visit the McLean Islamic Center if it hadn't been for this IFC program. I'm so glad I did! They were so warm and welcoming and now I feel like I have new friends in the neighborhood."

-- Latter-day Saint participant



## ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

- 55 PARTICIPANTS FROM DIVERSE FAITHS & CULTURES
- 6 TRAINED FACILITATORS
- MUSLIM PRAYER LEADER
- 40 NEW CONTACTS FOR IFC





## INTERFAITH DINNER DIALOGUES FAITH MATTERS: LIVING IN A RACIALIZED SOCIETY

DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020  
HOSTED IN HOMES THROUGHOUT DC METROPOLITAN AREA

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### Faith Matters: Living in a Racialized Society *Interfaith Dinner Dialogue Guide*



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About the Dialogue Theme: Humans are social creatures. We make sense of the world through our relationship to others. Using a pair of glasses as a metaphor for the elements that shape our experiences and identity, the frame of the glasses is the gender, race or ethnic identity we're born into, while the lenses of our glasses reflect our unique personal experience with those around us and other social forces. Through learning and reflection, we can gain deeper insights into what it means to wear our particular set of glasses. When we bring our religious and moral values to bear on the quality of our lenses, we can change what we see and how we respond to racial (and other social) issues.

The Dinner Dialogue Guide is excellently prepared. It made hosting easy.  
- Dinner Dialogue Host from the Hindu community



"We enjoyed exploring these important topics with one another over dinner. The structured activities were helpful. Thanks again for organizing. I had a great time, and hope to host again next year."

- Dinner Dialogue Host from the Buddhist community



## ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

- 50 PARTICIPANTS FROM DIVERSE FAITHS & CULTURES
- 11 HOSTS





## **MORE WIHW DMV 2020 PROGRAMS ...**

### **Parenting for Pluralism**

**February 9, 2020**

**New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, DC**

**Sponsored by IFC and Center for  
Children and Theology**

A conversation around your own faith traditions, the religious life of children, and your faith experience as a child.



### **Living Harmoniously in an Interfaith World, a Muslim Contribution**

**February 4, 2020**

**George Washington University, DC**

**Sponsored by Rumi Forum**

**Washington Theological  
Consortium Figel Event on  
Ecumenism, Wednesday,  
February 5, 2020  
Washington, DC**



### **"Just Mercy" Book Group Interfaith Dinner and Dialogue**

**February 9, 2020**

**Latter-day Saints Chapel**

**Chevy Chase, DC**

**Sponsored by IFC DMV Interfaith  
Leadership Team**