

World Interfaith Harmony Week is a UN resolution for a worldwide week of interfaith harmony proposed in 2010 by HM King Abdullah II and HRH Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad of Jordan. It was launched in February 2011 to promote harmony among people of different faiths and prevent interreligious conflict from claiming lives and livelihoods all over the world. World Interfaith Harmony Week falls on the first week of February of every year.

URI (United Religions Initiative), a network of more than 600 interfaith Cooperation Circles in 84 countries, invites you to join us in taking action this year to build peace.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR PEACE?

Register your activity at www.WIHW.info



World Interfaith
Harmony Week

Official UN Week: First Week of February



WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR PEACE?

ORGANIZE AN INTERFAITH GATHERING

Organize a discussion of sacred texts in which people bring quotes from different traditions that showcase shared values and respect for different traditions.

Join with friends of different faiths in addressing a local need.

Host a film screening and discussion on an interfaith topic. Visit www.uri.org/resources for screening ideas.

SPEAK OUT FOR INTERFAITH HARMONY

Post your positive interfaith experiences online through blogs, Twitter, Facebook or YouTube.

Write OpEds or send letters to the editor of your local paper highlighting positive interfaith activity in your community.

Ask your local religious leader to speak out for tolerance of other faiths or talk about the religious values of different religious traditions in a sermon or homily.

Ask your local political representatives to endorse World Interfaith Harmony Week.

TAKE ACTION

Support a religious group that has been discriminated against or targeted by an act of religiously motivated violence by attending one of their public events; reach out to them to volunteer.

Create or join a URI Cooperation Circle. Visit www.uri.org.

WHAT CAN YOUR GROUP DO FOR PEACE?

REACH OUT

Invite members of different faith communities to your own faith group's events, or arrange an exchange of visits.

Host a hospitality dinner that celebrates religious, cultural and ethnic diversity. Invite people from different backgrounds and different sectors of the community to share their foods and traditions.

EDUCATE YOUR COMMUNITY

Bring attention to the issue of intolerance toward Muslims, Jews and other religious communities to your group or congregation. Include prayers that call for acceptance of people of all faith backgrounds.

Organize a public discussion around religious diversity with people of different faiths from your community. Invite a well-informed speaker on Islam, Judaism, Sikhism or other misunderstood religions to educate your group or congregation about the basic beliefs and essential practices of this tradition.

Hold an interfaith service in which clergy or lay people from different faiths read from one another's texts.

INSPIRE YOUTH

Invite youth from other congregations, local schools or universities to join yours in shared community service projects, and engage them in interfaith dialogue. Contact youth@uri.org for ideas.

