

## Who We Are

The Interfaith Network of Washington (TIN) is a non-profit organization committed to fostering interfaith understanding, respect and cooperation between people of different faith and spiritual traditions. We believe in the importance of emphasizing what we share in common that binds us together as humans, so that we can honor and appreciate one another on the road toward global peace and harmony.

The roads are different, the goal one...  
When people come there, all quarrels  
or differences or disputes  
that happened along the road  
are resolved...Those who shouted  
at each other along the road  
'you are wrong' or 'you are an infidel'  
forgot their differences...because there,  
all hearts are in unison."  
– Rumi

The Interfaith Network consists of individuals and groups who support our Vision, Mission, and Goals. All work of the organization is conducted by a volunteer Board of Directors representing at least five or more different spiritual traditions.

The Interfaith Network serves to connect individuals, communities, and organizations of all religious and spiritual backgrounds so that we might learn from one another and contribute to the well being of all.

## History

The Interfaith Network originally was called The Interfaith Council of Washington. It came into existence in 1986 when an informal group of spiritual leaders from 15 religious traditions organized a "Peace Through Harmony" interfaith service. A formal organization was founded in March, 1989. Today, The Interfaith Network includes individuals, communities, and non-profit organizations representing people from all faith traditions who agree on the importance of enhancing interfaith harmony and understanding in our community.

## What We Do

The focus of The Interfaith Network is to help individuals and groups in the Northwest to connect with each other via interfaith activities, programs, and events. We also seek to connect our local community with the larger global interfaith community through active affiliation with both URI and NAIN.

### Events Calendar

Our online calendar provides a listing of interfaith events and activities offered in the community, such as opportunities for education, dialogue, discussion groups, book clubs, interfaith services, service projects, retreats, and holiday celebrations with people from various spiritual traditions.

### Information and Resources

The Interfaith Network frequently receives requests for interfaith information and resources. Through the World Affairs Council, we also conduct round-table discussions with international visitors from such diverse places as Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Europe, North Africa, and India – visitors who are interested in learning about religious diversity and interfaith work in the United States.

### Sponsorship

The Interfaith Network offers sponsorship for events or ongoing interfaith programs that are in alignment with our Vision, Mission and Goals. Sponsorship can take a variety of forms, including assistance with promotion and publicity.

### Communication

Our Web site at [www.theinterfaithnetwork.org](http://www.theinterfaithnetwork.org) is a valuable community resource for contacts and information. It includes a directory of group members with links to their Web sites.

### Affiliations

The Interfaith Network is a Cooperation Circle of the United Religions Initiative ([www.uri.org](http://www.uri.org)), a global interfaith organization dedicated to reducing religiously-motivated violence. Additionally, we are a member of the North America Interfaith Network ([www.nain.org](http://www.nain.org)).

## How You Can Help

### Individual Membership

Individuals and families are invited to join the Interfaith Network of Washington as a way of showing support for the Vision, Mission, and Goals of The Interfaith Network.

### Group Membership

Faith communities and non-profit organizations are invited to join The Interfaith Network. In addition to demonstrating your support of our Vision, Mission, and Goals, we will list your group on our Web site with a link to your own Web site. Group members are invited to list interfaith events on our Events Calendar.

### Please Join Us

Become part of the growing community of people working together to promote understanding, respect, and unity in our world of religious and spiritual diversity. Complete the membership form (on the back) and become an individual or group member of The Interfaith Network today.

## The Interfaith Network of Washington

### Vision

A world where all faith traditions and communities are honored, respected, and celebrated as they work together for peace and harmony in the world.

### Mission

To sponsor, support and promote interfaith activities and programs that foster cooperation, understanding, social interaction and individual spiritual growth among people of all faiths.

### Goals

- Discover common ground among faith traditions
- Understand and respect the differences between faith traditions
- Build relationships between faith communities
- Inspire participation in interfaith programs and events
- Celebrate, enjoy and learn from one another

