

In-service Development Training Program in Interfaith Understanding and Dialogue

Program participants are expected to join one of the workshops focusing on basic principles and strategies of interfaith dialogue. Based on their faith background and exposure to various faiths (doctrines, beliefs, practices), participants are also encouraged to select and attend a diversity of introductory faith-based talks, interfaith dialogue forums, visits to places of worship and meditation sessions, held at different times during 2008. A number of workshops and talks will be repeated once or twice to facilitate attendance.

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
A. Introduction Faiths/Interfaith Dialogue (IFD)		Introduction IFD	Introduction IFD (repeat)	Introduction IFD (repeat)					
* repeat talks		Introduction (Buddhism) Introduction (Islam) Introduction (Christianity)	Introduction (Hinduism) Introduction (Judaism)	Introduction (Baha'i) Introduction (Islam)* Introduction (Sikhism)	Introduction (Christianity)* Introduction (Hinduism) * Introduction (Buddhism) *	Introduction (Sikhism) * Introduction (Judaism) *	Introduction (Christianity)* Introduction (Islam) *	Introduction (Buddhism) * Introduction (Baha'i)*	
B. Interfaith Dialogues (IFDs) Sponsored or co-sponsored by MFC	April 1 st Muslim-Christian Conversation Bshp Nazir-Ali & Dr. Abdalla	May 3rd IFD during Buddha's Birthday Festival May 20-26 Reconciliation Week, National Sorry Day	June 5 UN World Environment Day June 20 International Refugees Day	July Health or Youth or Women themes (TBC)	August [TBC] Film Showing <i>Imam & Pastor</i> C-M dialogue	Sept 21 [TBC] International Day of Peace	Qld Multicultural Festival [IF activities] (TBC)	Nov 13 Abrahamic Faiths Concert	Dec 10 Human Rights Day
C. Events organized by various faiths & interfaith groups	To be confirmed & advertised.	To be confirmed & advertised.	To be confirmed & advertised.	To be confirmed & advertised.	To be confirmed & advertised.	To be confirmed & advertised.	To be confirmed & advertised.	To be confirmed & advertised.	To be confirmed & advertised.
D. Festivals, Rituals, Ceremonies (Preliminary list) Others to be added.	Pesach (Jewish) Easter (Orthodox)	Ridvan (Baha'i) Pentecost (Christian) Vesak (Buddhist)			Assumption (Christian)	Ganesh Chaturti (Hindu)	Eid il Ftr (Muslim) Yom Kippur (Jewish) Sukot (Jewish) Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Sikh) Diwali (Hindu)	All Saints Day (Christian) Baha'u'llah (Baha'i) Guru Nanak (Sikh)	Immaculate Conception Nativity (Christian) Guru Nanak (Sikh) Eid-ul-Adha (Muslim) Chanukah (Jewish)
E. Meditation: MFC-organized meditations:	To be confirmed /advertised	To be confirmed /advertised	To be confirmed /advertised	To be confirmed /advertised	To be confirmed /advertised	To be confirmed /advertised	To be confirmed /advertised	To be confirmed /advertised	To be confirmed /advertised

A CONCLUDING FORUM AND CELEBRATION EVENT WITH SHARING OF PERSONAL STORIES AND REFLECTIONS ON THE PROGRAM AND THE PRESENTATION OF CERTIIFICATES WILL BE HELD IN EARLY 2009.