

World Interfaith Harmony Week

The General Assembly,

Recognizes that the moral imperatives of all religions, convictions and beliefs call for peace, tolerance and mutual understanding,

1. Reaffirms that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace;
2. Proclaims the first week of February every year the World Interfaith Harmony Week between all religions, faiths and beliefs;
3. Encourages all States to support, on a voluntary basis, the spread of the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill in the world's churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship during that week, based on love of God and love of one's neighbor or on love of the good and love of one's neighbor, each according to their own religious traditions or convictions;

Each year since 2010, we are called to Recognize the imperative need for dialogue among different faiths and religions to enhance mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among people. Also the General Assembly encourages all countries to spread the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill in the world's churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship during that week, on a voluntary basis and according to their own religious traditions or convictions. There is hope in cultivating harmony among the world's religious and spiritual communities and in fostering their engagement with the world and its guiding institutions in order to achieve a just, peaceful and sustainable world.

In 2022, the Permanent Missions of Sierra Leone, **Canada**, Morocco, **The Holy See** and the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations and other UN partners sponsored a conversation focusing on "**Faith and spiritual leadership to combat stigma and conflict during pandemic recovery**".

For the **2023** observance, the Parliament of the World's Religions invites the global interfaith community to celebrate World Interfaith Harmony Week by hosting an event in **Chicago** and making it a pre-Parliament event in support of the upcoming 2023 Parliament of the World's Religions.



Let us Pray:

**Make me O Lord, a sign of your peace,
Living a life-in-dialogue with you,
To understand Your silence and seek Your presence;
In dialogue with myself to rediscover the meaning of my life;**

**In dialogue with others to move together in harmony with all;
And in dialogue with creation to care for the earth.**

**Give me, O Lord, the courage to live in dialogue,
In the midst of divisions and conflicts,
and to build peace with all people of sincere hearts who believe
in Your love and compassion.**

AMEN.