



Interfaith Toolkit

Engage your neighbors

This kit contains a variety of resources to help as you engage with neighbors of faiths other than your own, or prepare to do so. It contains “how to do it” sorts of pieces, examples of what others have done, as well as more reflective materials on interfaith relationship as an integral part of being faithful followers of Jesus Christ

Using the toolkit

It is okay to approach interfaith relations by diving in first and learning as you go, or by studying first and then stepping into engagement. We hope that you will find useful tools here for either approach.

The Interfaith Toolkit has been designed to be flexible. New models of what Presbyterians are doing will be added as you tell us about them. Individual “tools” will be updated, or deleted if not found useful. All the “tools” in this kit are available to be printed from this Web site, and to be used freely.



Elizabeth Peterson and Fargie Nasiep of Cape Town, South Africa, visiting a church in the United States. Photo by David P. Young



Zainab Ampatuan and Peggy Thomas develop a friendship. Photo by David P. Young

An ecumenical endeavor

The toolkit is the work of staff members serving a number of churches in the United States, and particularly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. The Handbook on Faithful Living Workshops is the result of an ecumenical project involving four local communities in the United States, conducted by Jay T. Rock, and funded by the Greenville Foundation and the UCC/Disciples of Christ. Material from other sources, including an interfaith study guide created for Disciples, is clearly marked so that you can use it with proper credit to its creators.

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www.pcusa.org/interfaith/toolkit/index.htm

Take a look inside the toolkit

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- How to Get Started in Interfaith Relations
- Concise Introductions to Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism
- Strategies for Living Together as Friends
- Christians and Muslims in Dialogue
- Getting to Know Neighbors of Other Faiths (bulletin insert)



Models *that work*

- An invitation to share your model
- Reuniting the Children of Abraham
- The Interfaith Listening Program



Presbyterian *principles and policies*

- Presbyterian Principles for Interfaith Dialogue
- Toward a Theological Understanding of the Relationship between Christians and Jews
- A Study on Islam
- Respectful Presence: An Understanding of Interfaith Prayer and Celebration
- Resolution on All Forms of Anti-Semitism
- Guiding Principles re: Religious Freedom Around the World



Basic Guides *and troubleshooting*

- Frequently Encountered Challenges
- Guidelines for Respecting Religious Diversity
- Visiting the Other Children of Abraham
- Guidelines for Discussing the Middle East in Christian-Jewish Conversation



Workshops *and further study*

- Faithful Living Workshops: A Handbook
- Open Doors, Open Minds I and II
- Interfaith Study Guide from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Interfaith Relations and Christian Living: Study and Action Suggestions
- Seven Friends, Seven Faiths – looking at celebrations of different faiths w/ children
- Bibliography



Faithful Witness *among our neighbors*

- Witness and Evangelism Among People of Other Faiths
- Engaging in Interfaith Dialogue
- Loving our Buddhist and Muslim Neighbors
- Christian Faith and Other Faiths: the Tension between Dialogue and Evangelism

And much more...



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