



Working to Affirm Dignity.

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"If you picture Central New York as a tapestry of all colors and sizes and shapes, then InterFaith Works is the ribbon that gives it shape and holds it together."

— Stephen A. Rogers, *Editor & Publisher, The Post-Standard*

"I think about recent world events based largely on misconceptions and religious intolerance... and then I think about how blessed we are with an organization right in our midst that stands for religious harmony and a mission of bringing faith communities together in mutual respect and understanding. What better time than now to support the InterFaith Works."

— Aminy I. Audi, *CEO, Stickle, Audi & Co.*



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Affirming Dignity

in Central New York.





About us

InterFaith Works of Central New York, through education, service and dialogue, affirms the dignity of each person and every faith community and works to create relationships and understanding among us.

InterFaith Works was founded in 1976 to bring together a diverse array of faith traditions in our community, in the belief that engagement among these different faith groups would lead to understanding, friendships and a collaborative strength to address community issues. This remains the essence of our work.

We affirm dignity by providing support, advocacy, and human care through our five social service programs. Through service, education, and dialogue, we serve and empower people in need, including refugees, the elderly, the disabled, and the institutionalized. As a result, thousands of people in our community live better, more independent, lives as our neighbors.

InterFaith Works also affirms dignity by promoting compassion, cooperation and partnership among the various faith traditions in Central New York through interfaith educational initiatives and variety of events and forums.



Our Programs

Center for New Americans – welcomes immigrants to our community from many of the most troubled places on earth, helping them to establish new lives in our community by assisting them with finding housing, resources for learning English, and securing employment

Community-Wide Dialogue to End Racism – is the longest-running dialogue program on ending racism in the United States. We build relationships and create a forum for action that combats racism among people who may not otherwise have the opportunity to meet, work, and learn from one another.



Covenant Housing – develops and manages special needs housing for low and very-low income individuals with special needs.

Senior Companions – provides companionship, service, and advocacy for frail elderly citizens which allow them to remain independent in their own homes.

Spiritual Care Program – provides chaplains of all faiths to care for the spiritual needs of those in long-term care, acute care, correctional and psychiatric facilities.

Our Scope & Reach... Did You Know?

- Our Covenant Housing Program has provided home ownership opportunities and independence in living to more than 1,000 people with physical and/or mental disabilities and recently completed the renovation of its 100th unit of special needs housing.
- The Refugee Resettlement Program of our Center for New Americans has helped more than 8,000 refugees from all over the world find a safe haven in our community and live productive lives as our neighbors.
- Community Wide Dialogue has enabled over 8,000 community residents, and over 3,000 students, to connect and develop understanding toward one another through its adult circles and its “Starting Small” Youth Dialogue and High School Exchanges.
- Senior Companions have kept more than 250 frail elderly each year in the comfort of their own homes.
- Spiritual Care has counseled and comforted tens of thousands of patients in hospitals, people in institutions and troubled youth each year – offering emotional and spiritual support during times of crises and difficulties.
- More than 20 faith groups are represented as part of the InterFaith Works Roundtable of Faith Leaders.
- Over the last five years, InterFaith Works has hosted a variety of interfaith lectures, exchange programs, public forums and special events to educate and deepen understanding of the variety of religious and faith traditions.