

DAILY INSPIRATION

Celebrate World Interfaith Harmony Week

This feature, coordinated by The Post-Standard and InterFaith Works of Central New York, provides daily inspiration and reflection from religious and spiritual leaders and faithful followers in our community. We welcome your feedback or involvement; email features@syracuse.com for more information.

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The United Nations has called for the world community to celebrate and promote interfaith harmony. Our community is responding and you are invited to the party! People from 15

different faith traditions will gather at Temple Concord Jan. 29 for a two-hour celebration and exploration of the many faith communities in Syracuse. On Oct. 20, 2010, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously established World Interfaith Harmony Week as the first week in February. Here in Central New York, we affirm the importance of mutual understanding and interfaith dialogue as critical to the creation of a culture of peace. Our organization, InterFaith Works of CNY, and our sister organization, Women Transcending Boundaries, join with the United Nations to encourage interfaith understanding and harmony. Throughout history, and currently around the world,

The details

What: Interfaith Harmony Celebration.

When: 3 p.m. Jan. 29.

Where: Temple Concord, 910 Madison St., Syracuse.

Information: Call 449-3552, ext. 101.

misunderstanding about each other's religion and culture causes civil strife, war and even genocide. Together, Women Transcending Boundaries and InterFaith Works seek to build cross-cultural bridges of understanding that affirm the dignity of all people in Central New York. Working with different faith communities, we seek to dispel deeply embedded social and religious

divisions.

Using the tools of interfaith and cross-cultural dialogue, we work to create life-changing opportunities which lead to actions that create a more equitable community. Throughout the coming two weeks, you will be hearing the voices of some of the different faith leaders who will be coming together Jan. 29 to share a glimpse of how they practice their faith. Please join us for this free event . . . bring your youth group, your senior group, your family and friends as we celebrate the love of God and the love of neighbors here and throughout the world.

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