

# Celebrating Our New Home

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InterFaith  
works

*Affirm Dignity*

# Celebration and Ribbon Cutting

## **Invocation**

The Right Reverend Gladstone "Skip" Adams  
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Central New York

Rabbi Daniel Jezer

Member Emeritus, InterFaith Works' Round Table of Faith Leaders  
Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Beth Shalom-Chevre Shas

## **Welcome and Remarks**

Beth A. Broadway

President/CEO, InterFaith Works of Central New York

## **Thank You to Our Donors**

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## **Ring of the Gong**

The Venerable Roko Sherry Chayat

Member, InterFaith Works' Round Table of Faith Leaders  
Abbot, Zen Center of Syracuse

## **Cutting of the Ribbon**

### **Benediction**

The Rev. Colette Matthews-Carter

Member, InterFaith Works' Board of Directors  
Pastor, Zion Hill World Harvest Baptist Church

Madalyn Smith

Co-Convener, InterFaith Works' Round Table of Faith Leaders  
Coordinator, Rangrig Yeshe, Dzogchen Ati Ling Center

### **Tours**

Will begin in the lobby

### **Refreshments**

Please join us in the Room of Common Ground

*This celebration is held in memory of The Rev. Dr. Jon Regier, one of the  
founders of InterFaith Works of Central New York.*

“We have inherited a large house, a great ‘world house’ in which we have to live together—black and white, Easterner and Westerner, Gentile and Jew, Catholic and Protestant, Muslim and Hindu—a family unduly separated in ideas, culture and interest, who, because we can never again live apart, must learn somehow to live with each other in peace.”

– Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,

*Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?*



## Beloved Community

As we celebrate our new home on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we are mindful of the role that InterFaith Works assumes in advocating for *beloved community*. Dr. King popularized the term that has captured the imagination of people of good will throughout the world. Dr. King believed that *beloved community* could be attained by a critical mass of people who were committed to and trained in the philosophy and methods of nonviolence.

*Beloved community* is a global vision in which all people share in the wealth of the earth. Poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency won't allow it. Racism, discrimination, bigotry and prejudice will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood. International disputes will be resolved by peaceful conflict resolution and reconciliation instead of military power. Love and trust will triumph over fear and hatred.

Dr. King acknowledged that conflict was an inevitable part of the human experience, but he believed that conflict could be resolved peacefully and that adversaries could be reconciled through a mutual, determined commitment to nonviolence. Conflicts in *beloved community* should end with reconciliation of adversaries cooperating together in a spirit of friendship and good will.

Through its mission, vision and programs, InterFaith Works of Central New York aspires to continue to be one of the driving forces for the creation of *beloved community* in Central New York and to serve as an inspiration to other communities who wish to do the same.

# InterFaith Works of Central New York

Founded in 1976, InterFaith Works is a nonprofit organization that builds bridges of understanding to affirm the dignity of *all* people and *all* faith traditions in Central New York.

Founded as the Syracuse Area InterReligious Council by a formidable group of civil rights and faith leaders, and led by Rabbi Theodore Levy (Temple Concord), The Rev. Dr. Jon Regier (New York State Council of Churches) and Bishop David Cunningham (Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse), the agency initially focused on advancing interracial understanding. It also was progressive in working toward interreligious understanding, first among Jews, Catholics and Protestants, and then expanding to include Muslims, Sikhs, Mormons, Baha'is and other faith groups.

Led by an interfaith and multiethnic Board of Directors and Round Table of Faith Leaders, InterFaith Works embraces different faith communities and the region's diverse people to address deeply embedded social divisions and to help the community find common ground on its issues. We strive to provide life-changing experiences that lead to the creation of a more equitable and loving community.

InterFaith Works social service programs address the needs of and empower people who are vulnerable, low income and targets of oppression, including refugees, the elderly and the institutionalized, through direct service and educational programs. InterFaith Works is committed to the belief that all people are deserving of dignity and respect regardless of ethnicity, faith tradition or social circumstances.

## Our key programs include the following:



### Ahmad & Elizabeth El-Hindi Center for Dialogue

- Serves as a regional hub for constructive community engagement and dialogue-to-action programs
- Brings disparate groups together to foster mutual understanding and trust, and to find ways to work together for the betterment of the whole community
- Each year, more than 2,000 unduplicated individuals participate in programs that include the Duck Race to End Racism, Starting Small suburban-city school exchanges, and police-community relations dialogues

## Center for New Americans

- Settles more than 500 refugees from across the globe annually, helping them to find housing, learn English, secure employment and become citizens
- Provides post-settlement services to about 800 families who have been in the U.S. less than five years
- Since 1981, more than 8,000 refugees from all over the world have been helped in finding a safe haven in the U.S. and in living productive lives



## Senior Services

- Senior companion program provides companionship and advocacy to frail seniors living in Onondaga, Madison and Cayuga counties
- More than 62,000 hours of assistance to 200 seniors is provided annually to help keep them socially engaged and living independently in their own homes
- Expansion is expected in 2015 to further serve the needs of elders in Central New York

## Spiritual Care

- Provides interfaith chaplaincy services to approximately 2,000 people each month who are confined to hospitals, nursing homes and correctional facilities
- Offers worship services, study groups, spiritual counseling and prayer for those in need of solace and spiritual support
- Coordinates Spiritual Care Day, and manages the "Daily Inspiration" column for the *Syracuse Post-Standard* and [Syracuse.com](http://Syracuse.com)



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Gift of Dr. Shiu-Kai Chin & Dr. Linda Milosky

## **Ahmad & Elizabeth El-Hindi Center for Dialogue**

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## **Wall of Distinction**

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### Our Mission

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.

### Our Vision

InterFaith Works builds bridges of understanding to affirm the dignity of all people in Central New York. Working with the different faith communities and the diversity of the region's people, we address deeply embedded social divisions. Informed and influenced by the values and ethics of the faith traditions, we work with the community to find common ground on its issues. Using the tools of interfaith and cross-cultural dialogue, we create life-changing experiences that lead to actions for the creation of a more equitable and loving community.

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