



# CENTER FOR INTERFAITH COOPERATION

Pursuing Peace through Interfaith  
Understanding and Cooperation





# Building Bridges of Cooperation: Our Vision for a Peaceful World

CIC welcomes you to explore our mission, vision, and the vital role we play in promoting interfaith dialogue and cooperation in today's world. Right now, fostering understanding among different faith traditions is more important than ever.

## Mission

Center for Interfaith Cooperation provides safe environments, resources, and opportunities for service to increase religious literacy, build empathy between faiths, and facilitate interfaith encounters.

## Vision

A community that pursues peace through interfaith understanding and cooperation.





# Why Center for Interfaith Cooperation?



Since our creation in 2011, CIC has been essential in bringing people from different faith backgrounds together in Central Indiana. We have facilitated countless conversations, organized educational and festive events, and worked tirelessly to bridge divides.

Centering ourselves as a connector and resource to organizations such as Eli Lilly, Indiana University Health, Indiana University Health Foundation, NCAA, Children's Museum of Indianapolis, and Ascension St. Vincent we are firmly established as a trusted and reliable interfaith organization in Indianapolis. In times of crisis or attacks, we have gathered leaders of many faiths to support the communities being impacted.

# The Need for Interfaith Dialogue and Encounters



In a time marked by religious tensions and misunderstandings, we believe that interfaith dialogue is not just an option but a necessity.

Central Indiana and our country at-large is diverse, and understanding, respecting, and celebrating this diversity are essential steps towards lasting peace and unity.

Breaking down stereotypes and misconceptions, promoting understanding and respect for one another.

Individuals from different faiths discover shared values and beliefs, which creates a sense of unity and connection.

Leads individuals and faith leaders to joint initiatives and projects that promote solidarity and collaboration.



# Programs

## Religious Diversity Workshops

Through these workshops, we empower individuals to engage in meaningful conversations with people of different faiths. Workshops help people gain insight, bridge communication gaps, and empower them to become leaders in interfaith diversity and for social change.



## Interfaith Encounters

This program introduces people to places of worship that are outside of their own tradition and experience

## Emerging Interfaith Leaders

A peer-to-peer experience takes young people on their own Sacred Places tours, present information about their faith, and lead discussions to help them in becoming interfaith leaders within their own community.





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## Interfaith Enrichment Corps

CIC's Interfaith Enrichment Corps allows members to learn and connect with cultural services, faith communities, and community resources along with a cohort of service members. Members are given the opportunity to build quality interfaith relationships that explore community solutions in an asset-based approach. Specific service activities vary per site. The IEC program is available to all, without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, political affiliation, or, in most instances, religion.





# Community Engagement

## **Festival of Faiths**

Central Indiana's largest one-day celebration of the diverse religious landscape that is Indianapolis. 2022 saw the Festivals 9th year, we continue to see an increase in attendance by individuals, organizations, and the diversity of activities offered at the event.



## **Interfaith Banquet**

Celebrating those who lead the way, the Interfaith Ambassador of the Year and Emerging Interfaith Leader of the Year are recognized at an interfaith dinner. Honorees come from different faiths and professions but all have the desire to build a stronger community through interfaith relationships.





# Join Us in Building a Better Tomorrow

Your support is crucial to our continued success. By making a donation to CIC, you directly contribute to promoting understanding, peace, and unity among diverse faith communities.

- Make a Gift - Your financial support enables us to expand our reach and impact
- Volunteer - You can become part of the effort to build bridges
- Spread the Word - Follow us on social media, share our messages, and help us reach a wider audience
- Partner with Us - Collaborate with CIC to create impactful interfaith initiatives

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