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To whomsoever it may concern,

I have been participating in the activities of the Canberra Interfaith Forum (CIF) for more than a year. Last year the CIF had organised a well attended symposium on "How Can We Contribute to Global Peace and Human Rights? Perspectives from Spiritual Faith Traditions".

I was one of the speakers at the symposium and I spoke from the perspective of the Hindu faith. All speakers and members of the CIF were very respectful to all religious faiths. Their depth of knowledge on faith related matters was great.

Since the symposium, I have been invited to several related interfaith activities. The CIF is open in sharing information and transparent in its dealings.

One such event was a session at the Parliament House in Canberra which was hosted jointly by two Senators belonging to different political parties.

Another was the reopening of the multifaith centre at the University of Canberra

I am now a proud and active member of the CIF and participated in the recently held CIF public forum as part of the National Multicultural Festival 2013.

Again it was a well organised and well attended event. Again I could visibly see the respect that the CIF members show to speakers, performers, participants and the public alike.

I would highly recommend to anyone, who is interested in the development of their faith perspective and to learn about other faiths, to join the CIF.

The CIF is very necessary today when religious intolerance is rearing its ugly head. The CIF brings a much needed sane perspective especially in a multicultural Australia.

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