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Theme "Unity Among Religions Can Bring Peace"

Unity Among Religions can Bring Peace, through common understanding and cooperation society become better and good

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Saifullah is experienced in the field of youth empowerment, human rights, peace & harmony and life skills based education and capable to take initiative as well as in decision-making. He has led DIYA Organization with affiliation of Universal Peace Federation (UPF) which is registered in Social Welfare Department, Government of Sindh - Pakistan.

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Forward Message



The World Interfaith Harmony Week 2017 is rightly in this event participation from different faiths and segments of society were evident according to essence of topic. DIYA by celebrating such week indeed has tried to sow the seeds of peace, tolerance and love by promoting pluralism for saner and safer Pakistan it's my personal wish that the celebration of this week like these activities DIYA is suggested to celebrate more weeks like this for the betterment of our society.

I think the dream of *"Unity Among Religion Can Bring Peace"* only can become true until the Religion is separated from state affairs practically as religion purely is a matter of faith of each & every person, otherwise banned outfits and increasing trend of religious extremism definitely will destroy the peace of entire globe.

According to my point of view a week that is going to be celebrated in our society world interfaith harmony week is very important and also too valuable because our area has extreme need of these things it's no doubt a source of inspiration for our upcoming generations to be well known and concentrated I can say that the inspiration like this will be proved as a way to success for our era so in this connection it's a great suggestion for encouragement of our youth who are working for the betterment of our society that they would have to work hard and keep their efforts high with a great enthusiasm because this society needs these sort of initiatives.

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DIYA's Overview

DIYA 2016 was very successful year towards its journey of empowerment neglected segments of society and creating access to social justice. DIYA addressed the issues of health reduction, environmental and climate change adaptation, promoting and protecting social justice. In Year 2016 DIYA benefitted 34772 beneficiaries of its area of operation with its development commitment through various interventions of youth empowerment, at 34772 beneficiaries of its area of operation with its development commitment through various interventions of youth empowerment were improving access to livelihoods, promoting and protecting human rights. Youth were the major focus group of DIYA's interventions. DIYA focused the marginalized sections including rural girls, young people, minorities and laborer in its development and advocacy interventions. In 2016 DIYA entered in new partnerships with donors and increased its area of operation from Sindh. DIYA adopted a standard working procedure and untiring commitment for development of the neglected sections to enable them to exercise their rights for their social, economic empowerment with the rights based approach. As Peace, rule of law and bad governance, denying social and economic justice were remained key challenges for the development of the neglected sections of society, so that DIYA addressed these issues through its development and advocacy actions. This year most of the programs of DIYA were focused on social and economic justice. DIYA provided capacity building and rights awareness to the rural youth of rural and slums to be active citizens for protecting their rights.

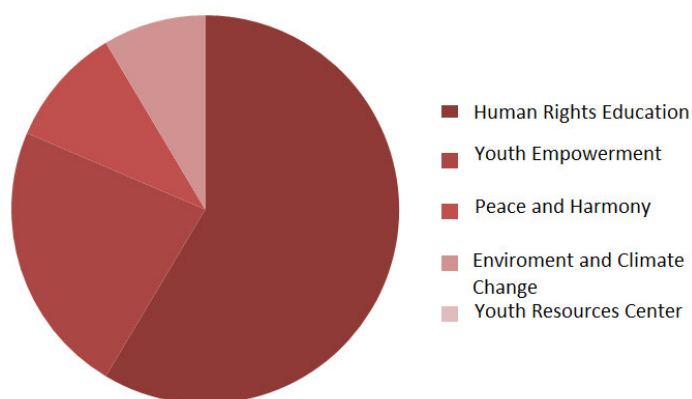
DIYA is committed and dedicated to address the above said social issues with more potential, attention and capacity in 2016 with innovative solutions and approaches in Sindh province of Pakistan.

Programmatic Outreach



Program	No. Male	No. Female	No. Youth
Human Rights Education	7635	3716	8000
Youth Empowerment	3506	1246	553
Peace and Harmony	765	-	1680
Environment and Climate Change	634	538	756
Youth Resources Center	-	-	6243
Total	12540	5500	17232

Beneficiaries



DIYA Background:

It is not rare to hear the phrase; “Pakistan’s future is very bright, because the population of census of 1998 the number of exact population was near about 9 million and widely the number of youth can be counted as 5 million till the current time and now at the time in our country the census system is taking place currently. This has become part of the most widely used rhetoric about our country’s future and this rhetoric is even more prevalent on our national days. But, the problem with this assertion is quite simple an army can have the best weapons in the world.

For a successful and peaceful society it is necessary to create an environment which promotes peace and social harmony. Pakistan as a developing country is not exempt to these problems. Poverty, illiteracy and unemployment are the burning questions in our country that contributes to ceaselessness in the family, in society, as well as in the country. The government and different NGOs are working to remove these problems from the country but they are having trouble reaching their expectations through lack of peace are caused by the people. It is a major hurdle in progress of country.

There is a need to initiate project based on building social harmony among the Youths and communities’ people will to share and understand each other’s point of view and respect differences religious and faith etc in Pakistan. It has been observed that there is big difference in thoughts between different peoples who’s they belong different religions and faith, It is important we shall create peaceful surroundings. This project will have start at northern Sindh. It is essential work on Interfaith Harmony in these areas, it has been work on activities based similar to workshops, Seminars, Dialogues, and cultural evenings etc.

DIYA is a youth based organization founded by a group of young professional activists in 2012 as “Youth Group” with the motto “Empower the Youth through Education”. DIYA was registered under the Voluntarily Social Welfare Registration Act 1961, Registration No# F.DO/SW/CDD/GHK/AV-79 on 2nd April, 2013 in Sindh, Pakistan. DIYA is serving as a “Youth Resource Centre” for youth-led groups and organizations and offers training programs, exposure, and networking to strengthen the capacity of youth-led organizations from all over the Sindh.

DIYA is working on the issues of health/reproductive health, peace, interfaith harmony, civil education, career building, democracy and human rights while gender and meaningful youth participation is DIYA’s crosscutting themes, while DIYA employs innovative implements, such as interactive theatre, peer education, media and dialogues to engage with the young people and adults in the communities.

DIYA established in 2012 brings together under one umbrella an initiative of faith based organizations which aims, through a series of actions, to spread the message of peace and interfaith harmony, dialogue and collaboration as key foundations towards nation building. This year, 2017, DIYA celebrated the World Interfaith Harmony Week with a daily dose of activities every day for the whole week from 1st to 15th February. In collaboration with partners from government and non-government organizations, and the media, a series of activities brought about the spirit of peace and harmony to people in the community and society.

Reasons and Principles

The United Nations General Assembly declared World Interfaith Harmony Week in resolution/RES/65/5 approved on 20th October 2010 as a yearly event to be observed during the first week of February starting 2011. In the General Assembly, points out that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace and establishes World Interfaith Harmony Week as a way to promote harmony between all people regardless of their faith. Responding to this global call for harmony and solidarity, DIYA was established in 2013 to implement programs and activities during the World Interfaith Harmony Week. The main goal of the celebration is to strengthen unity and cooperation between and among religions and Youth leading organizations and to advocate peace and harmony in the society.

In April 2014, The Act was enacted declaring the First Week of February of every year as “World Interfaith Harmony Week” in the Pakistan. Section 1 state that “All government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned and -controlled corporations as well as local government units, are hereby mandated to carry out the observance of activities designed to advance the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill in accordance with religious traditions and practices.

Objectives:

- ❖ To organize activities in harmony with global celebration of The World Interfaith Harmony Week 2017.
- ❖ To foster friendship and advance mutual action among the interfaith communities.
- ❖ To promote awareness of the challenges and ambitions of the World Interfaith Harmony Week.
- ❖ To observe the love, affection and concern as wellsprings of harmony mechanisms of dialogue.
- ❖ To gather youth (individuals & groups) and senior fellows at one point.
- ❖ To build capacity of youth to understand the peace, development and cultural diversity.

Universal Peace Federation:



Universal Peace federation (UPF) is an international and interreligious network of individuals and organizations, including representatives from religion, government, civil society and the private sector dedicated to achieve world peace. UPF supports the work of the United Nations, particularly in the areas of interfaith peace building, peace education, and the strengthening of marriage and family.

Universal Peace Federation is an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. We support and promote the work of the United Nations and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

There are many critical challenges facing our world at this time, from poverty and climate change to conflict and inequality. At the same time, the rise of civil society initiatives and the expansion of "track two" diplomatic efforts involving people-to-people relations, provide new dynamics that can complement and support the work of governments in the search for solutions to our world's most pressing problems.

UPF has developed a strong track record of accomplishment. Our commitment to service, partnership and cooperation are hallmarks of our work. Through forums, seminars, conferences, service programs and interfaith peace initiatives, UPF is building a global network of peace builders to contribute to a world of sustainable peace in which everyone can live in freedom, harmony, cooperation and prosperity.

We invite you to join our effort, share your ideas and contribute to this global effort to build a world of sustainable and lasting peace.

The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) is a global network of individuals and organizations dedicated to build a world of peace in which everyone can live in freedom, harmony, cooperation and prosperity. Peace is not simply the absence of war or a term that applies only to the relationships among nations. Peace is an essential quality that should characterize all relationships.

UPF advocates renewal of the United Nations, including a proposal that the UN create an interreligious council within its structures. UPF implements its programs through a global network of Ambassadors for Peace.

UPF encourages all religions to dialogue and cooperate for peace based upon the recognition that human dignity derives from a universal divine source that is the basis of harmony and unification.

UPF offers relief and humanitarian programs, service-learning projects, character education and sports programs with a special focus on personal leadership and peacemaking skills.

Introduction of HWA Foundation:



HWA foundation is an indigenous civil society organization, working for marginalized community groups in remote areas of Sindh province of Pakistan. The organization established during 2004 and was registered in 2005 under Societies Act 1860.

HWA Foundation is a group of human rights and development activists having related experience, so why the organization established under the situation of many challenges due to social issues prevailed in the area; like as human rights violation, extreme poverty, lack of facilities, low standard of education, poor health services, tribal clashes, poor access to institutions/resources, lack of awareness, poor governance, violation against women and children and other related issues which may cause create hurdles in development process.

HWA Foundation has passed the journey through establishing the Organization, and then did its development and now the team has been working practically in the area through organized approach under the slogan of: “Journey towards the change”

Vision:

The society where every person has access to all resources on equal bases

Mission Statement:

To Improve Socio-Economic Conditions Of The Marginalized Community Groups In Order To Increase Their Access To All Resources, Rights And Institutions By Under-Taking Integrated Community Development Approach.

Objectives:

- To reduce poverty of marginalized communities.
- To increase the access of marginalized groups to basic development services and facilities.
- To promote human rights for protecting the communities.
- To build the capacities of communities and institutions against vulnerabilities related to hazardous areas.
- To enhance capacity of the CSOs and local government for effective working.

Norms & Values:

- Simplicity
- Accountability and transparency
- Commitment to human rights and democratic values
- Community need based approach
- Participation of women
- Reliance on own and local resources.

Area of Interest:

- Economic Development
- Integrated Community Development
- Human Rights
- DRM



2 DAYS TRAINING WORKSHOP

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Objectives of the Workshop:

- The vulnerability of the minorities and ignorance by media houses
- Different kinds of Negative Media Effects
- Recognize how Religious fanatics have encroached on Society.
- Information and Disinformation, Manipulation and distortion of facts
- Understand the rights and privileges of people to right to express, faith and assembly
- To understand individual and collective role and responsibilities in a conflict ridden society like Pakistan

Resource Persons:

Highly qualified practitioners with practical methods and best practices were drawn from Peace & Harmony and its connection faculty to make presentation on topics for the training program. They included:

1. Mr. Saifullah Channa - Training Facilitator
2. Mr. Abdul Malik - Lead Training Facilitator Peace & Harmony
3. Mr. Rajesh Kumar - Lecturer from Government Degree College
4. Mr. Ghulam Nabi - Lecturer/consultant

Other coordinators for the training programme were Majid Kalwar and Abdullah Laghari with support from Peace and Harmony DIYA staff.

Workshop Process:

The program involved individual and group exercises as well as input from the course leader, and presentations from guest speakers, specializing in their own particular fields of Peace and Harmony. There were many opportunities to raise questions or concerns throughout the workshops.

Hand-outs were prepared and given to participants to take home as resource reference which will hopefully constantly refresh them on the knowledge and skills acquired during the workshop.

Day 1: Opening of Workshop:

The training was started with the prayers of all religious (Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs and Christians).



The event was formally started with the introduction of organization, facilitators and the program. The workshop was organized in order to educate and train about how interfaith harmony can bridge the gap amongst the followers of different faiths and religions. The workshop also focused on how diverse members of civil society. Students, Youth Activist and media person can play their roles in bringing peace through understanding other faiths, emerging respect for other faiths, and engaging in intercultural dialogue.



The workshop was organized in HWA Foundation, Resources Center. Thirty youth peace activist participated in the training. Training started with a prayer depicting messages from Islam, Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhs. Mr. Abdullah Laghari Secretary General DIYA welcomed the participants and briefed them about workshop aims and objectives. The participants wrote their expectations, read them aloud and pasted them on the wall. It was really interesting exercise that brought the participants close and introduced them.

Mr. Ghulam Nabi, gave an introduction of the Partner Organization 'HWA Foundation'. He introduced the organization's programs, aims and objectives, running activities and encourage to youth peace activist to promote the peace and harmony in Pakistan.

Inauguration of training by Mr. Saifullah Channa (Executive Director) DIYA, He started his presentation with the poetry of Baba Khwaja Ghulam Fareed which was a beautiful symbol of “Interfaith Harmony and Cultural Diversity”. He explained about interfaith harmony and how it works as a tool to promote peace and respect in building a composite heritage.

Saifullah explained the meaning of interfaith harmony. He said people like Khwaja Ghulam Fareed, Bullhe Shah, Sachal Sarmast, Shah Abdul Latif Bahittai, Baba Guru Nanak and contemporary intellectuals and organizations like Frithjof Schuon, Martin Lings, Rene Guenon, William Chittick, Interfaith Dialogue Center, and DIYA is helping build bridges of understanding among people of different faiths for peace and tolerance around the world.

Participants Expectations:

The session of the workshop started with a summary of the expectations of participants. The expectations were found to be in line with the objectives of the workshop. Participants were encouraged to monitor the workshop process and draw the attention of the facilitator. Some expectations were being addressed:

1. What is Word Harmony Week?
2. What does mean by interfaith and intra-faith?
3. How to reduce the religious conflict?
4. How will be Peace Possible?



Overview of the Program:

Mr. Saifullah Channa gave a brief introduction of interfaith harmony program for the purpose of peace and harmony among different religions people on the bases of “Love of God and Love for the neighbor”. The World Interfaith Harmony Week was first proposed at the UN General Assembly on September 23th 2010 by H.M. King Abdullah-II of Jordan. Just under a month later, on October 20th, 2010, it was unanimously adopted by the United Nation and hence forth the first week of February will be observed as a World Interfaith Harmony Week.



It is not rare to hear the phrase; “Pakistan’s future is very bright, because we have a nearby eight millions youth population.” Most don’t even know whether the exact number is seven, nine or eight! Yet, this has become part of the most widely used rhetoric about our country’s future and this rhetoric is even more prevalent on our national days. But, the problem with this assertion is quite simple, an army can have the best weapons in the world, but if it doesn’t use them properly and effectively it still loses the war.

For a successful and peaceful society it is necessary to create an environment which promotes peace and social harmony. Pakistan as a developing country is not exempt to these problems. Poverty, illiteracy and unemployment are the burning questions in our county that contribute to ceaselessness in the family, in society, as well as in the country. The government and different NGOs are working to eliminate these problems from the country but they are having trouble reaching their expectations lack of peace is caused my both internal and external factors. It is a major hurdle in progress of country.

Day 2:

The facilitator was reviewing the 1st day, asking questions and answers regarding yesterday’s session. The next day was used to assist participants learn and explore the various tools of facilitation and mobilization regarding peace and harmony to promote in Pakistan. Apart from the lecture sessions, there were presentations from participants in groups:



Group A:

What is Interfaith and Social Harmony? This group attempted helping participants discuss their current standing in the process of Interfaith and Social Harmony. It was a self-evaluation exercise.

“Giving equal rights by denying any class differences” To spread peace and love among religions, races, cultures and communities to reduce the discrimination. We should have to play active role to

promote peace and interfaith harmony among all religions. This group was to help participants identify strengths and weaknesses in their personal characteristics which influence their performance.



Group B:

This group discussed about proper religious and general education, aware session and respect for all humanity and religions. Study discussion helped participants to more aware and engaged in knowledge. They were discussed and advised to take a positive rule of media regarding peace and harmony. Participants were actively discussed about rights and duty to take part in the society without any religion and sect discrimination.

Group C:

How to create Peace and Harmony among in the different Societies? They discussed the role of Sects in their communities / societies. The 'C' group was actively engaged and described:

1. Respect for all religions
2. Respect and love for all humanity
3. Don't interfere with other faith or religions
4. Respect, Promote Peace and Harmony
5. Helping other poor peoples in the spirit of love, peace and harmony without any discrimination

Purpose of discussion was to expose participants to the real challenges in the right people for the right issues. It encourages the need to include cross cultural issues and adaptability in the positive processes, especially in the case where the peace in persons will be working in a very difference cultural environment. Group was marked and the results discussed with participants during subsequent sessions.

Workshop Conclusions:



The key issues of the workshop were summarized and the workshop was closed with concluding remarks from the Rector of 'Peace and Harmony', Facilitator Saifullah Channa, Co-Facilitator Mr. Abdul Malik and Abdullah Laghari, the training coordinator.

Workshop Evaluation by Participants:

At the end of every section of the workshop participants were asked to evaluate the training in terms of relevance and effectiveness of delivery as well as meeting their objectives and expectations.



The key evaluation criteria are:

- Objectives of the workshop
- Quality of Modules/handouts
- Overall course content
- Lecturer
- Learning environment

Of the 28 participants, up-to 85% took part in evaluations of different training sessions. The grading ranges from 1=low to 5=very good. A summary of the responses obtained from the participants is as follows:

What Participants Liked about the Workshop?

A summary of what the participants liked about the workshop is as follows:

- The training methodologies.
- Facilitation, which was good and interesting.
- The interaction among participants.
- The knowledge and skills acquired.

- Contributions from participants.
- The knowledge and skills of the facilitator.
- The linkage between the objectives of the workshop and the job content of participants.

Suggestions and General Comments from the Participants:

The suggestions and general comments from the participants were as follows:

- More local examples, assignments and encourage more group work
- Through involving Religions Persons and Youth session and corner meetings
- To Promote Peace and Interfaith Harmony, we will do this journey in our society
- After this workshop we do something for our society being a good citizen
- We will spread and promote the peace and harmony through our social action plan
- We can promote the peace and harmony in villages, cities and our country as well

Conclusion and Recommendations:

The evaluation of the participants indicated that the workshop was successful. To a large extent the objectives of the workshop and expectations of participants were met. The experiences, skills, knowledge and interactive mode of presentation made facilitation friendly and lively. Most of the participants were of the view that the workshop was very relevant to their work.



A Group Photo with Training Participants at HWA Foundation Office, Ghotki

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Pictures Link: https://www.facebook.com/pg/diyasindh/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1063109850478880

News Link: http://www.dailyexplorer.net/epaper/archive_back.php?date=20170209

Pease Exposure Visit at Ghotki

Introduction of Ghotki:

Ghotki District is a popular district in the state Pakistan, situated in the Sindh province. Its capital city is Ghotki City. In accordance with the 1998 census, the district had an intended population of 970,550. Of these households, 158,500 (16.33 percent) lived in urban places, and 812,050 (83.67 percent) lived in rural places.



Ghotki was discovered by an ambassador general of Raja Ibn Selaj Birhman in the period of 637 ACE (the 15th year of Hijra). Its name was derived after Hath Sam, who established a military camp in the place after defeating the Muslim Army of state Arabia. The camp after that assumed the shape of a village in the period of 639 ACE (17th Shaban in the 17th year of Hijra), when individuals of different tribes went there to get settle down. 2 years later, the individuals deserted this village and it again became remotely rural and uninhabited. In 695 ACE, fishermen get settled there and named the village “Miani,” but when the river altered its course the village was abandoned once more.

In the year 712 ACE, Mohammad Bin Qasim, a Muslim military commander, defeated and attacked Raja Dahir and conquered the province Sindh. Regardless, Ghot Ibn Samed Ibn Dahar, a Hindu born to 1 of Raja Dahir’s sons, settled down in the place. Ghot voluntarily and gladly embraced Islam from the Arabs. In accordance to Shariat-e-Mohammadi, Ghot married a Muslim woman named Emna. They had a baby boy, Tameer, from whom the Ghota tribe came into being. Arabs granted various jagirs to the Ghotas and named this village “Dharwali” to give tribute to their grandfather.

Consequently, as the Ghotas grew in number and established culturally, the name of the village was altered from Dharwali to Loh-e-Saheban. This happened after a saint, Syed Mubarak Shah Jillani Baghdadi, came from the city Baghdad, married a girl of the Dhareja family, and permanently settle down there. A tomb to the saint was constructed at a village named Adalpur, and several persons continue today to pay tribute and homage to the saint by visiting his grave.

After the British conquest of Sindh in the year 1847, the British granted large blocks of irrigated, fertile land to the Ghotia tribal chieftains in the return for their honesty and loyalty. Steadily, the name of the town was changed into Ghotki (“of Ghotias”).

A famous Muslim tribe, the Arain (previously known as Areehai), came from the historical city of Jericho to settle in the city Ghotki. The Arains are the descendants of those Umayyad Arab soldiers who accompanied the personality Muhammad Bin Qasim in his conquest of province Sindh. In accordance to the order of the new caliph, Caliph Al-Walid ibn Abd al-Malik, the army was

considered to stay in Sindh province or in other parts of South Asia. Accordingly, the left over Arab Umayyad soldiers were permanently settled around the Ghotki place.

Today, there are many Sindhi-speaking Arains in the district Ghotki who descended from the place's ancient inhabitants, as far back as the days of Muhammad Bin Qadim. Punjabi Arains, who speak the language of Punjabi, have been settled in the Ghotki District since the year 1940s.

Objectives of the Peace Exposure:

- ∂ The weakness of the minorities and ignorance by media houses
- ∂ Recognize how Religious extreme have invaded on Society
- ∂ Information and Disinformation, exploitation and deformation of facts
- ∂ Understand the rights and human rights of people to right to communicate, speech, faith and assembly
- ∂ To understand individual and collective role and responsibilities in a conflict ridden society like Pakistan

Locations of the Peace Exposure:

- ∂ Church (Christian Religious Place)
- ∂ Jamia Mosque (Muslims Religious Place)
- ∂ Gurduwara (Sikh's Religious Place)
- ∂ Krishna Mandir (Hindu Religious Place)

Religions:

Per the 1998 census of state Pakistan, the most common religions in the district of Ghotki are:

- Islam 93.06 percent
- Christianity 0.14 percent
- Hinduism 6.68 percent
- Others: 0.04 percent

Also in accordance to the census, the district's Hindus, Christians, and Urdu-speaking Muslims are primarily focused in the urban places.

Languages:

The most popular languages spoken in the Ghotki District are:

- Sindhi 79.00 percent
- Urdu 4.08 percent
- Saraiki 10.92 percent
- Balochi 4.00 percent
- Punjabi 0.57 percent
- Brahui 2.00 percent
- Pashto 0.27 percent
- Others (usually English and French) 0.20 percent

Location of Ghotki:

The Ghotki District is a district of border between the northern Sindh province of state Pakistan and Punjab, state India. Administration of Ghotki district is administratively classified into the following Tehsils: Mirpur Mathelo, Daharki, Ubauro, Ghotki and Khangarh city.



Visit at Church:



He was narrated a message from Hazrat Muhammad (Peace be upon him), that all human are equal, not a white man greater than a black man and all humans are equal treated with respect. He more said we must study all religions and it is necessary to know about them and as well Christianity. We have served to all humanity without any religion, we have arranged an awareness programs specially women empowerment on different topics.



a great event for spreading the message of peace and harmony. During this visit a peace ambassador Mr. Saeed Ahmed with us, he said we are equal and must respect for all humanity; some peoples are washing the minds. We first of all respect for all, we work for all humanity. All religions are given us a lesson for peace and we can make peaceful world with the message of peace and harmony.

Yousif Maseeh was giving the gifts of Holy Injeel, to Mr. Saifullah Channa (Executive Director) DIYA, and also was gifted to Youth Peace Activists

Mr. Yousif Maseeh was welcomed to DIYA team and youth peace activist delegation, warmly introduction of DIYA's team and delegation. Yousif Maseeh was very happy to see these young peace activists are among with him at religious place to promote the peace and harmony. He was much appreciated to DIYA team for initiative to spread the message of peace and harmony and celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week, 2017 and he was again said I am very glad that youth of Ghotkian along with me.



He was talking with delegation I have to be proud on Sindh, I have had lived in Sindh since last 75 years, Sindhi peoples are peaceful. He said to youth peace activists that you must all spread the message of peace in the Punjab province for the spreading and promoting the memorandum of peace. In the last he said I am thankful to DIYA team and youth peace activist delegation to come here and arranged



delegation. He Said that you have to initiate a great work for peace, this will make one a peaceful Pakistan and as well will e changed the society with peace and harmony in all aspects. In the last delegation was thankful to Mr. Yousif Maseeh for giving a such respect and holy gifts.



Group photo of Youth Peace Activist Delegation with Padri Yousif Maseh at Church, Ghotki

Visit at Gurduwara:



Mr. Darshan Singh was welcomed by DIYA team and youth peace activist delegation of Peace activists, warmly introduction of DIYA's team and delegation. Darshan Singh was very happy to see these young peace activists are among with him at religious place to promote the peace and harmony. He was a large amount appreciated to DIYA team for initiative to spread the message of peace and harmony and celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week, 2017 and he was again believed I am very glad that

youth of Ghotkian along with me. The youth peace activist delegation was joined the worship at 'Gurduwara' with Mr. Darshan Singh. He interpreted the verses of their holy book, and was telling the message of 'Guru Nanik Sahib' regarding humanity, peace and harmony.

He was talking about the message of 'Guru Nanik Sahib' where we preach together, in the place there is no any discrimination, and you can come here and can pray. Our Religious Leader 'Guru Nanik Sahib' said we can live together with each other with love and



peace. We are equal human in eye of Allah who is our creator. We can live with peace and love, our lord creator 'Allah' is One: We all have right to spread peace and love with each others. He was telling about the history of Sikh's preaching and delivering the 'Pray Food (Parsad)'. The (Parsad) was delivered to each of delegation individuals and they were happy to eat this 'Pray Food' (Parsad).

He said that all humans are equal for respect and we all humans are equal in eye of our creator 'Allah'. He more said we must study all religions and it

is necessary to be on familiar terms with about them. We have served to all humanity without any religion discrimination. We are arranged every Thursday food for poor people's without any favoritism. He was talking with delegation I am pleased to see the young peace activist come here to spreading the message of peace and harmony with in different religions.

He said to youth peace activists that you are all spreading the message of peace, it very enormous work for humanity. In the last he said I am especially thankful to Execuitve Director, DIYA Mr. Saifullah Channa, and DIYA team and youth peace activist delegation to come here and arranged a great event for spreading the message of peace and harmony.



Sharing a Story:

When we were reached at Gurdwara Mr. Darshan Singh let us know especially an interesting story that we are welcome to all religions here in Gurdwara for praying whom belongs from any religions. This was a great and happiness for us to know that the Sikh's Religion allowed to others for worship in their religious place, this is impossible to be possible in the eye of peace and harmony. A great idea for promoting tolerance, peace and harmony among the religions, our thematic topic was "Peace can bring among the religions". This is very pleasure for us to

heard that and we appreciated the harmony among religions and glad to heard that he said, A Muslims Scholar (Molvi) was came at our religious place 'Gurdwara', he was praying with his own religion way, than ate the 'Holy Parsad' and also ate the foods in the Gurdwara'. This is amazing and lesson for all religions to promote the tolerance, peace and harmony among the religions.



Group photo of Youth Peace Activist Delegation with Darshan Singh at Gurdwara, Ghotki

Visit at Krishna Mandir:



DIYA team and youth peace activist delegation, warmly introduction of DIYA's team and delegation. It was very happy movement to see these young peace activists are at religious place to promote the peace and harmony. It was much appreciated to DIYA team for initiative to spread the message of peace and harmony and celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week, 2017 and it was again believed that we were very glad that youth of Ghotkian are going to spreading the message of love, peace

and harmony among the religions.

The youth peace activist delegation was jointly praying at 'Mandir' with all young peace activists. They were seeing the holy book of (Hindu) and were happy to see the decorated religious place and discussing about their religions for the lesson of Shri Krishana and others God (Bhagwans) regarding humanity, love, tolerance, peace and harmony.

Delegation were talking about the message of God 'Bhagwans' where we preached our



God is with us and seeing to us, and you can come here and can pray. A Youth Activist from Hindu Community Mr. Manohar Lal with us. He said we are all first humans than we are 'Muslims, Hindu or others' we can live together with each other with love and peace. We are equal human in eye of our God, who is our creator. We can live with

peace and love, our lord creator 'God' is one: We all have to right spread the peace and love with each others. He was telling about the history of Hindu's preaching and worships. Each of delegation individuals were happy to see this beautiful religious place and got the knowledge and spreading the peace message among the



religions.



A Group photo of Youth Peace delegates at Kirshina Mandar, Ghotki - Sindh

Visit at Historical Jamia Mosque, Ghotki:

DIYA team and delegation of Youth Peace activists reached at famous Jamia Mosque, Ghotki kindly welcomed by Imam Shahab of Jamia Mosque, warmly introduction of DIYA's team and youth peace activist delegation.

Imam Sahab was very happy to see these young peace activists are among with him at religious place to promote the peace and harmony. He was much respected to DIYA team for program to spreading the message of peace and harmony and celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week, 2017. He was again assumed I am very glad that youth of Ghotkian along with me.



Jamia Masjid Ghotki is a historical grand mosque known as Jamia Masjid Ghotki. According to a hand-written book "Sahih-ul-Subaten" of Gul Mohammad, that is available in library of the Madrassa Qasim-ul-uloom of the Ghotki, Syed Abu Saleh Moosa Shah Hussiani Jillani who was the

near fellow of the famous saint Hazrat Sultan Baho of district Jhang from He was titled as Ghous Moosa shah, in the days of Mian Noor Mohammad S/O Mian Yaar Mohammad Abbasi / Kalhoro constructed this Mosque at this time the name of city was Loh-e- Saheban which means land of purity or place of purified persons means (Jillani Syeds belongs to Prophet's Family) Ghotki city also known by Pir Syed Musa Shah, around 1747, named as Loi Sahiban in Persian which means stay of sahibans (Royals).



There had been a masjid and Madrasah, known as Jamia masjid, erected in 1732 by Pir Syed Ghous Moosa Shah, who was famed for his sanctity. It was constructed of burnt brick, every single brick is recited Holy Quran on it and was quadrangular in shape, 113 feet long by 65 feet broad, with an extensive courtyard in front, and a cupola covered with glazed tiles. The interior had a coating of colored plaster, and was decorated besides with carved and painted wood-work.

The youth peace activist delegation was jointly praying from the God 'Allah' to make this world with love, peace and harmony among the all religions; and tolerance. Mr. Abdullah Laghari, Secretary General DIYA, was leading the praying ceremony with youth peace activist delegation. He was praying with the heart and soul. Our Youth Mr. Muhammad Zaman was recited the Holy Quran in the Mosque, and parrying for all humanity to spreading the message of love and peace with each others.



Imam Sahab was explaining the verses of their holy Quran (Holy Book) of Muslims, was telling the message of 'Allah' our creator and the message of our prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace be upon him) regarding tolerance, humanity, love, peace and harmony. The youth peace activists were keenly recorded and listened to interestingly.

He was talking about the message 'Allah' our creator. Our Religion is peaceful religions. He said we can live together with each other with love and peace. We are equal human in eye of Allah who is our designer. We can live with peace and love, our lord creator 'Allah' is One, we all have to right spread peace and love with each others. He was telling about the preaching and the message for peace. Each of delegation individuals were happy to saw and heard for peace message from religious scholar. He more said we must study all religions and it is necessary to know in the terms of knowledge. We have served to all humanity without any religion discrimination. He was talking with delegation. I am pleased to see the young peace activist come here to spreading the message of peace and harmony with in different religions. In the last he said I am thankful to Youth peace activist delegation to come here and arranged a great event for spreading the message of peace and harmony.



Group photo of Youth Peace Delegation at Jamia Mosque, Ghotki

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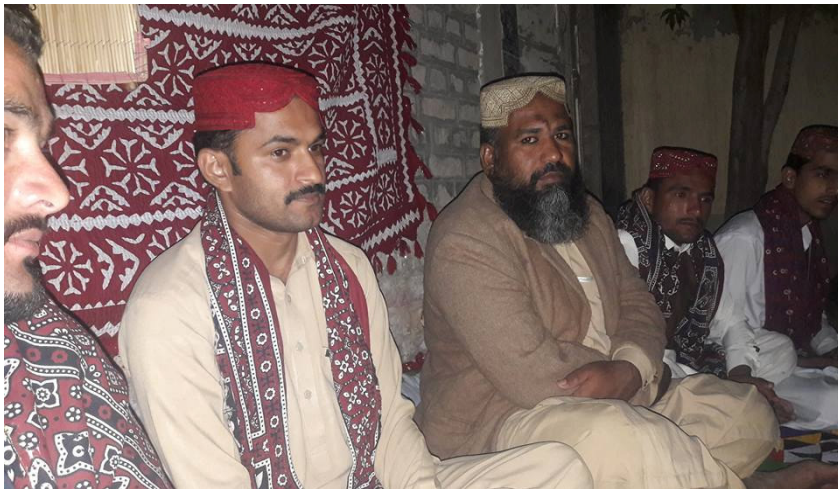
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Harmony Cultural Evening 2017 World Interfaith Harmony Week

Friday 3rd February, 2017
Ghotki - Pakistan

Harmony Cultural Evening



DIYA team and Youth Peace activist delegation arranged a harmony cultural evening, connecting with 'World Interfaith Harmony Week-2017' at Dargha (Shrine) Muhammad Faqeer Ghoto, at Hussain Beli, warmly welcomed by Sufi Muneer Ahmed at the saint shrine of Muhammad Faqeer.

The saint of shrine was very happy to see these young peace activists are arranged with him at shrine place to promote the peace and harmony. He was appreciated to DIYA team for

program to for peace and harmony and celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week, 2017 and he was again believed that I am very glad that youth of Ghotkian along with me.

DIYA was celebrating 'World Interfaith Harmony Cultural Evening in village Hussain Beli, Ghotki to promote communication and sharing of life, experience vision and reflections of believers' searching together for a peaceful living. Keeping the existing situation of terrorism in Pakistan, Interfaith Dialogue has become a challenging apostolate. DIYA has given a serious concern and consideration to meet this challenge. A large number of people from different communities, Muslims, Hindu and Christian were participated in this cultural evening. Program started with the recitation of Holy books of different religions. Representatives from all faiths were summoning on



the stage and peace candles were lighted with prayer for peace and harmony in the society. Mr. Saifullah Channa (Executive Director) DIYA explained the objectives of Harmony Cultural Evening and different forms of be together and taking place in Pakistan among people of different faiths. He further explained that harmony is a gathering of heart and mind among followers of different religions. It is a walking together towards the truth and working together in harmony for a common cause of peaceful living as brothers and sisters of the same culture and same soil.

The poets and artists highlighted the cultural aspects of our daily living. Sugharr Ali Muhammad, Allah Rakhiyo, Raizk Dina, Shehzado Khan, entertained the audience with peace songs, Gazals and folk songs. Local community delegation also took part in the peace cultural evening.

Mr. Abdullah Laghari spoke on different aspects of promotion of peace and harmony through interfaith dialogue, importance of diversity in religions, different cultures and ethnic groups and acceptance of each individual as a unique person. In the end peace and harmony cultural evening was finished with the pray from God promotion of peace and harmony through tolerance, love and harmony all over the world.

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2017 World Interfaith Harmony Week

Dialogue | “Unity Among Religions Can Bring Peace”

Venue: HWA Foundation

5th February, 2017 | Ghotki - Sindh, Pakistan

Program started with interfaith prayers ‘Yousif Maseeh said a prayer according to Christian faith; Zubair Ahmed said a prayer according to Muslim faith and Manohar Lal said a prayer according to Hindus faith in the beginning of the program.

Welcome Note was given by Mr. Abdullah Laghari to all the guest speakers and participants thanking them for coming here in ‘World Interfaith Harmony Week’ with the theme ‘Unity Among Religions Can Bring Peace’ celebration which is a symbol of peace in the world.

Guest speakers:

- ❖ Welcome Address by Abdullah Laghari
General Secretary DIYA
- ❖ Vote of thanks by Saifullah Channa
Executive Director DIYA
- ❖ Dr. Khadim Hussain Dahot
Chief Guest, Managing Director SEWA Trust
- ❖ Rauf Paras Dayo
President of Sindh Chapter, Rawadari Taahreek - Pakistan
- ❖ Prof. Vijesh Kumar
Progressive Writers Association and Religious Leader of Hidu
- ❖ Molvi Ghulam Rasool Kalhoro
Religious Leader of Jamiat Ulamae Islam
- ❖ Padri Yousif Masih
Religious Leader of Christian
- ❖ Prof. Nazir Sham
Educationist and Writer
- ❖ Ayaz Latif Dayo
Member of Sindh Graduates' Association

Inauguration of the Program:

Mr. Saifullah Channa Executive Director DIYA thanked to all participants and chief guest Dr. Khadim Dahot and guest speakers: Padri Yousif Maseeh, Professor. Nazir Sham, Rauf Paras Dayo, Ayaz Latif Dayo, Molvi Ghulam Rasool, Professor Vijesh Kumar for their cooperation. The participants welcomed the guests by warm clapping. This was presented to each guest as a sign of unity and beauty in diversity, of all the religions. Executive Director specially thanked Universal Peace

Federation (UPF) and collaborative partner HWA Foundation, for their support and concern for Pakistani people and for promoting Peace and Harmony through Peace Education Initiative program. He thanked his team members of DIYA; her friend's who are a source of strength and inspiration.



Introduction of WIHW:

Mr. Saifullah Channa gave a brief introduction of interfaith harmony program for the purpose of peace and harmony among different religions people on the bases of Love of God and Love for the humanity of different religions and neighbors. The World Interfaith Harmony Week was first proposed at the UN General Assembly on September 23th, 2010 by H.M. King Abdullah-II of Jordan. It was UN anxiously adopted by the UN and henceforth the first week of February will be observed as a World Interfaith Harmony Week.

The World Interfaith Harmony Week extends the Two Commandments by adding 'Love of the God and Love of the Neighbor'. This formula includes all people of goodwill. It includes those of other faiths, and those with no faith.



DIYA presented information which showed that people from all religions and faiths pray to God in their own manners and all religions give the message to peace and love for all humanity and their neighbor and it helps all people when they pray to God, (Allah), God, (Wahay Guru) and Bhagwan, changes people for the betterment.

Molvi Ghulam Rasool' Speech:

Religious Scholar (Molvi) from Muslim Community, the Member of (Jamiat ul Ulama-e-Islam) in Pakistan, talked about the main motives of the Islam which is to create peace and harmony among different religion's people. He said that interfaith harmony and promotion of tolerance is a need of the hour, for which everyone must fulfill his responsibility in the establishment of durable peace in the society.

He was addressing in the dialogue on "Interfaith Harmony in the Light of Teachings of Islam and Life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH)". He more said that that as a good effort for gathering renowned scholars and intellectuals at one platform to forge unity, tolerance and harmony among various religions. He added, would continue with such endeavors to achieve this vital and sacred cause.

He said today, religious education of people was indispensable for their enhanced correlation and establishment of peace in society, asserting that welfare and service to humanity were great causes and it must be everyone's motto. Unfortunately, he said, the element of terrorism had penetrated

into the society, instead of the well-being of humanity. He added, “It is high time that we must show seriousness to this grave situation; otherwise, our coming generation will be facing the brunt of this menace.”

He stressed the need for adopting and implementing such advocacy programs which lead us to weed out terrorism and extremism, and help in restoring durable peace and harmony in society. He added that it would prove a milestone for forging peace and harmony in the society and among various religions.

Yousif Maseeh’ speech:

Religious Scholar (Christian) from Christian Community, the Padri of Church in Ghotki, talked about the main purpose of the Christianity which is to build peace and harmony among the people.

He said about interfaith harmony week and objectives of celebration of this week and the role of interfaith harmony for peace. He more said that Mr. Saifullah Channa started to mobilize community toward peace and attended national and international peace conferences. He said that all religions preach peace, tolerance and brotherhood among the followers of all the religions. He addresses the whole of humanity as a family, believes in equal respect for all religions and their followers, and accepts the right of each individual to choose faith of its own choice. To sensitized and mobilized community for interfaith harmony is the only best solution of inter religions conflicts.

It is diversity in Nature which has made this world beautiful and the only way to save our spirit is to love humanity and human beings. He said that no one has a right to impose his ideas on others. He criticized the idea of attaining heaven after destroying lives or killing someone. He said that God is benevolent and the only way to achieve his will is to love and serve humanity.



Finally he convinced the formation of interfaith harmony. DIYA team struggle to motivate others communities toward interfaith harmony so we could able to live in peace and message given to other global community “nothing is more precious than peace”

Professor Vijesh Kumar Speech:

Professor Vijesh Kumar from Hindu Community, the Member of (Young Writers Forum), in Pakistan, talked about the main object of the Hinduism which is to make

peace and harmony among diverse religion's people. He more said there are many examples of secularism, and was killed in the name of religion all over the world. That time we were eating together Hindu and Muslim, when the world was not seen by humanity, and we were back at the height of mysticism.

Shah Abdul Latif was the Muslim and Hindu to also respect, Shahbaz Qalandar was the same, with the same floating Schal Sarmast, given the same respect and location of branch. If religion be separated from the state, if you want to promote the Interfaith Harmony. If religion is a projection, and will impose a particular religion, so obviously against the others to come to supremacy, if he starts to protest the conflict there, not only Muslims but also Hindu Interfaith Harmony damage.

Many old Hindus were killed many Muslims. Bring our settlements were from the beginning. No state cannot sustain on the basis of religion and the cult of terrorism in every religion. The state would create hatred in the name of religion. The religion will suffer, will suffer and so will go up in flames will stand up against the state. It would be better to separate the state from religion; religion should be separated from political issues.



He said others do not use religion to be seen, in the market we are all together, why involve the cinema together, they involve no religion, while the state. Let religion be included in the state! But we have terrorism, radicalization cannot stop, then in the form of the BJP, Moodi will form, or form of another states. Take the example of Israel, he is killing humanity in the name of religion, He is based on the name of a religious state.

Trump made a statement, which Saudi Arabia also supported. The behavior you see, are leaving the company against the US today and tomorrow, today France is up, they are up against different world states. Do we have an example? Today our schools, mosques, temples, churches are not safe, because it is not secularism and religious radicalization. Pay Interfaith Peace and Harmony We need to work in schools, colleges and universities.

He more said that we have lost the tolerance, religious have lost chain. Minorities are also looking to meet the first goal of his government. Interfaith Harmony should pay more cities, as well as together; we can promote a culture of Peace and Harmony. If any other religion or belief is believed to be a man. Are you the name of any religion, but a citizen's rights should be equal, it may be possible and Peace. You'll have to change the curriculum in social studies and will need to take along with serious effects. Will have to leave their radicalization attitudes? If you have a chain of peace and we have to take care of those who are in the minority, they're associated with any faith.

Professor Nazir Sham Speech:



While delivering an speech on the topic “Unity among religion can bring peace” he said it is the most discussed topic in the world and according to my studies it is completely scientific approach towards peace and harmony among interfaith and this whole universe is marching towards this question that actually what the peace is...

So for peace state of law and justice is mostly required and very necessary in this condition now from where we can find these things for that there two pillars first is religion and second one is the man and with man the term of intra and inter (with and without) it mean if one is secured and satisfied with himself then everything will be good to him, human needs are mostly depending on his psychology if he is satisfied bodily and psychologically only then. He can keep love and belongings to others and it is the source for self actualization.

Actually the religion is a set of beliefs and it is totally connected and based on belief every religion emphasizes on peace, faith and harmony. If we find the universality in the all religions the existence of a super natural personality equally exists in all religions the thought of a Teacher or a Prophet and God is inside us and religious praying is also same in all religions but again these all religions are nothing without a set of beliefs. Most of similarities are also present in all religions like the messages of poets and saints and ways of living their lives and also ways of worshipping their gods exactly exist similar.

So now the question of land comes it is clear that all cultures, societies and lands are related with religions no doubt every land like Sindh is the reflection of religion and religions are reflections of lands and societies. So first we have to create peace and harmony in our hearts then in our societies after that in our atmosphere and then in characters and thoughts finally a peaceful religion will be take place by we people.



Rauf Paras Dayo Speech:

Religions are always sources of learning and humanity and if peace and harmony is present in our though its and characters then definitely we can survive largely in the world with the help and teachings of our religions with inner belief and inner satisfaction and we Sindhi people are always good followers of religions because it is always said that Sindh is “Babul Islam” according to history religion is the main aspect of lives of historical people and Sindh contributed more and more in the history If we will through an eye on history we will definitely find the peace and harmony in all religions and characters of the people. So the extremism of current era is same as starting era of Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai it is mostly similar to that era when Muslims were forced to come in the lines of Islam.

Bhitai was a great saint and poet of early Sindh and his company was the mystics and liberal people we can say that by the

character and teachings of Bhitai most of the people accepted Islam and contributed a lot in the development of Islam not only. Muslims but when Bhitai wrote poetries on Hinduism then most of the people accepted the Hindu religion because of the effective writings and messages of Bhitai molded in the verses of his poetry.

This is the week of Harmony and world interfaith so for that we should make our limitations high and also our struggles at high approach in our era there are so many secular persons so it is not a problem and matter of break in our beliefs and religions so we need peace in our religion and harmony in our religion by making our society and more peaceful because our all religions are connected with each other by different ways if they are united then we should also be united.



Chief Guest Dr. khadim Hussain Dahaot:

Today's topic is well discussed and most of speakers have through their well discussions very briefly on this special topic but I m going to discuss three aspects in my speech Ethics, Humanity and Science. How and how much they are important in the religion we all are by birth connected with our religions by our parents and we started our lives with religion and with universal books that are given by our parents and their beliefs most of the people have taken their religions by their parents not by their well studies.

Actually the religion is not a name of extremism but real religion is to be sympathized with poor and sharing of foods and basic needs with needy people that is the way of prophets and also their teachings that they have taught us throughout their lives it can be said the real religion that is based on equality and frankness with all races and all communities of our society giving respect to our nears and neighbors the original religion is to take care of friends relatives and each other it is called the religion ethics and humanity.

But science is always opposite to religion because religion is based on faith and belief and science is based on reason and logic but our all basic needs are connected with science and it is a other name of revolution that has made our life easy that's why we are become habitual of this magic named science that can do each and everything except making human being it is a source of developing our country but not development of religion.

So now it is said that our one who serves the humanity is a Prophet and a system that teaches peace harmony and humanity that is the religion and all religions are united with rules and beliefs but ways can be different and ethics can be different but we should be united and connected with each other.

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Celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week 2017 Spreading the Message of Peace and Harmony

By Our Correspondent

GHOTKI: World Interfaith Harmony Week was celebrated by DIYA affiliated with Universal Peace Federation, a NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations promote the work of the United Nations and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. DIYA accepted, "Unity Among Religions Can Bring Peace" which is an open letter, from leaders of the Islamic religion calling for peace between Muslims and Christian. After the inauguration of the dialogue on "Unity Among Religions Can Bring Peace" was started from 1st - 8th February, 2017.

This was highlighted that this right keynote for religions between Muslims and other religions in the 21st century. This year the basic purpose of holding the World Interfaith Harmony Week, was to spread the message of peace and harmony among all groups of humanity and the weekend event were attended by thousands of people in different programs. On 1st and 2nd February, 2017 DIYA organized two days workshop on 'Peace and Harmony' for 'Youth Peace Activist' of Pakistan at Ghotki with the collaboration of HWA Foundation. Where was welcomed



by Secretary General of DIYA, to all participants, inauguration speech by Executive Director of DIYA, While Spoke at length about the 'Peace and Harmony' by training facilitator Abdul Malik and Saifullah Channa. During the training, they talked about 'Conceptual of Understanding Peace Conflict Management', Peace as a Right, Human Right Perspective of Minorities, Role of Media and Peace Building', Role of Youth Ambassador for Peace' presentation, group activity, action plan of 'Peace and Harmony' done by participants and in the last appreciation certificate awarded to participants.

On 3rd February, 2017 DIYA is organized a Peace Exposure Visit in Ghotki at different religion location of Ghotki. This is fact that "Youth is happy it has the capacity to see

beauty, anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old." And "The formula of life is simple. It is the formula of giving - giving courage, attention, peace, love and comfort to yourself and the society." Peace Exposure visits, giving the plate form to youth for the promotion of peace and harmony in different cultures and religions of Pakistan. We are looking passionate youth from all over the Pakistan, we give welcome to participate and be an Youth Peace Activist be a Ambassador for Peace and harmony promotion.

On 4th February, 2017 DIYA organized 'Harmony Cultural Evening' at Dargah Muhammad Faqir Ghoti, Village Hussain Beli, Ghotki where Social & Youth Activist Saifullah Channa, Rauf Paras Dayo, Asif Ali

Malik, and other participants from other religions. They spoke about the Inter-faith Harmony, during this Cultural Evening. They said that this event is the fruit of universal words 'Peace and Harmony' initiative taken by DIYA.

They said the Harmony Cultural Evening Celebrated about teachings of love, peace, harmony and tolerance. It is our responsibility to disseminate the universal message to make the world full of peace and love with inter-faith harmony. We are all equally revered by all religions alike and are regarded as the chosen messenger of God. We believe that all religions are an inspiration of light. On 5th February, 2017 DIYA organized Dialogue on 'Unity Among Religions Can Bring Peace', in Ghotki with collaboration of

HWA Foundation. Where was welcomed by Secretary General DIYA, to all participants. Inauguration speech by Executive Director DIYA, While Spoke at length about the 'Unity Among Religions Can Bring Peace' by Saifullah Channa. During the dialogue, Guest Speakers, Molvi Ghulam Rasool, Yousuf Maseeh, Lecture Vijesh Kumar, Dr. Khadim Dahot, Professor Nazeer Sham, talked about 'Unity Among Religions Can Bring Peace', and in the last appreciation award given guest speakers.

Speaker, Guests, 'Yousuf Maseeh', Church Paadri, Ghotki, Dr. Khadim Dahot', Executive Director SEWA Trust, Molvi Ghulam Rasool, Religious Scholar and Professor Nazeer Sham, Rauf Paras Dayo, President Sindh RAWADARI Tehreek Pakistan. They spoke about the 'Unity Among Religions Can Bring Peace', religious harmony, peace and tolerance in society. It was a momentous congregation and people from different walks of life as well as different religions were attended. Especially the youth and social activist, students, teachers, and different communities' people attended the dialogue in large numbers to listen to the words of peace and harmony showing great interest in the words of peace and harmony and showing

great interest in the cause of peace. While 'Professor Nazeer Sham' delivered special lecture on the religious tolerance and Islam is the most tolerant religion, which is mostly misunderstood. 'As far as the reality is concerned, only the study of Holy Quran may clear the point as it is filled with fact about Christianity and Judaism, he added.

He said it is only four times, the name of Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) is mentioned in the Holy Quran while name of Jesus Christ has appeared 25 times in the Holy Quran, where there is no mention of any relative of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace be upon him) in Holy Quran whereas the names of mother of Jesus Christ, Holy Mary and his maternal grandfather, Imran has been mentioned in the Holy Quran.

Speaking about the prevailing wave of terrorism in the country, he said the extremist elements attitude is inferred from their misinterpretation of the holy Quran and they are out of control of Muslim Ummah praying May Allah Almighty give them guidance to behave responsibly. The dialogue was aimed at shelving the nation most faiths perceive about Islam that Muslims don't support them in the name of religion.



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