

The "lasting" World Interfaith Harmony Week

Since the first World Interfaith Harmony Week in 2011, members of the URI CC of Eastern Tyrol organized meetings, exhibitions and prayer times in our little town Lienz/Austria.

In 2015 we started to light a "Candle for Forgiveness" in front of a refugee house and invited people from all over Austria to do the same on Saturday Febrary 7. at 7 PM GMT:

To pray for once one ancestors, who suffered from religious violence or did something bad to members from other faith. Also to think about, where we take profit from such situations in history and presence.

This idea was also practiced in October 2015 for a workshop at the Parliament of the Worlds Religions in Salt Lake City.

This year we showed for the first time a new "Bell for peace and friendship". It will hang in a tower from stones of more than 80 countries, on the top of a mountain and shows the symbols of 12 religions, surrounding the continents. The bell was made with prayers from an Imam, a Bahai and Christians. It will send the wishes for "Peace and Friendship" with its sound over to god, over the landscape and in the hearts of the people.

We want to create a meeting place for people from different faith, in a wonderful nature, near the sky. So that they can talk to each other, how to create "heaven on earth" for all. If nothing bad happens, the bell will last for about 500 years (like another one from the same factory some hundred meters below). So maybee, it will see the effort of the World Interfaith Harmony Weeks in Lienz/Tyrol/Austria/Europe/Planet Earth.

Please share an inspirational, Austrian story about the question "who created everything" in 43 languages on <u>www.little-owl.net</u>, as a present to WIHW participantes in 171 countries.

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