

Event Name: World Interfaith Harmony Service

Place Held: Nashville Church of Scientology, 1130 8th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203

Date Held: February 1, 2017 from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Details:

Rev. Brian Fesler, pastor of the Nashville Church of Scientology, and Mrs. Julie Brinker, Community Affairs Coordinator for the Nashville Church of Scientology, organized an interfaith service for the first day of World Interfaith Harmony Week in 2017.

The service began at 4:30 pm with a complimentary dinner, provided by Rev. Enoch Fuzz, pastor of Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church.

At 5:15 pm, Rev. Fesler took the stage and welcomed all of the many guests in attendance (there were 54 people attending). He explained the significance of World Interfaith Harmony Week and its crucial message, especially at times like these. He then brought up people from many various faith traditions to say a few words about why they feel this week is important to commemorate.

Those participating on the program were:

- Rev. Enoch Fuzz, pastor of Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church
- The Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church choir
- Rev. James Turner II, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church
- Rev. James Green, pastor of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church
- Rev. Vernon (Sonnye) Dixon, pastor of Hobson United Methodist Church
- Sheikh Osama Bahloul, Imam of the Islamic Center of Nashville
- Carol Mansour, Public Information Officer for the Baha'is of Middle Tennessee
- David Watson, President of the Nashville Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Prem Singh Kahlon, faith leader for the Sikh community in Nashville
- Acharya Passatininna, lay leader for the Buddhist community in Nashville

The event was a beautiful celebration of diversity and unity, and was appreciated by all in attendance. Many of those attending took to Facebook afterward to post photos of themselves with friends of different faiths, and to express appreciation for the wonderful opportunity to be part of the celebration.