

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK  
2017 Participant Report  
Submitted by  
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## Original Song and Music Video

<https://youtu.be/5afKOCJ0RXA>

As our 2017 contribution to World Interfaith Harmony Week, we wanted to write an original song and create a music video that reflected the message promoted by World Interfaith Harmony Week

As the theme for Toronto was "Reach Out", the song itself is called "Reach Out" and the video asks people to reach out to one another...and gives them all the reasons why they should.

But we wanted to go a step further and elicit participation by others. A call went out and we received musical contributions from others in the Toronto area, plus from Halifax Canada and from St Petersburg in Florida, USA making this an international project.

The song itself was written in August 2016 when the Toronto theme was announced by the World Interfaith Harmony Week Toronto Steering Committee, and a call for participation went out in September.

In October, Mark Kieswetter, the St Philips Lutheran Church music director and Juno Award winning pianist laid down a bedding track that others could use as a guide for submissions.

Submissions came in December and January, and a recording session was held at St Philips Lutheran Church on January 25 2017 that brought No Fixed Address together with the St Philips Lutheran Church choir and members of other local Toronto congregations.

The video itself was created during December and January and reflects input from a number of different sources to hone the messages embedded in the video.

In the end, although the submission was driven and organized by No Fixed Address, we are pleased to say the project was embraced by a pluralistic and international group.

No Fixed Address is also pleased to have participated for the third time An Evening of Interfaith Performing Arts, organized by the Toronto Steering Committee, where it played Reach Out live for the first time.

All in all, it was a rewarding experience for our band to have worked with a diverse group of like-minded people to promote the message of "Love of God and Love of The Neighbour, Or Love of the Good & Love of The Neighbour"



No Fixed Address playing "Reach Out" live at the February 4 2017 Evening of Interfaith Performing Arts, organized by the Toronto Steering Committee.

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