



Charter for **Compassion**

Summation Report for World Interfaith Harmony Week 2018

The Charter for Compassion is a grass-roots organization that exists in over 400 communities in 52 countries. Many of these individual initiatives conducted their own World Interfaith Harmony Week activities and will be submitting their own reports. It is the work of the international Charter for Compassion to be the catalyst and facilitator of featured activities of our compassionate cities/communities. Our staff's role, just 2.5 people, operates to let our thousands of volunteers across the world take note of what is important to bring unity and peace to our troubled world. Our network is mighty with close to 200,000 members and over 2000 partners who voluntarily and passionately work to promote compassionate action.

The Charter presented three separate offerings during World Interfaith Harmony Week: a Interfaith Tea in our home community, and two radio-style webcasts. The latter was attended by 70 local islanders, our home is Bainbridge Island, WA, a small community a short 45 minute ferry ride from the better know city of Seattle. The webcast was experienced by thousands through our own Zoom network, YouTube, soundcloud.com and FaceBook.

Description for all events: "We've come a long way to be together, you and I" was the theme for this year's Charter for Compassion's contribution to the World Interfaith Harmony Week. Our two-part program delve deeply into the real purpose of "Interfaith" and explored how its concept should be a guiding light into the harmony that is possible through interfaith practice, the true foundation of living in a more peaceful and just world. Getting to know the other, as the Jewish philosopher, Martin Buber implied, is the ability to look at another from a different perspective, not leaving our own perspective behind, but broadening our understanding of the other—totally recognizing our willingness to accept an "I" and "Thou" relationship that is not separated by culture or faith or other bounds. This relationship conceivably leads us to the threshold of realizing the Eternal "Thou."

Locally on Bainbridge Island, the Charter sponsored an interfaith tea at Huney Hall on Friday, February 2, 2018. The event consisted of interfaith readings presented by the Waterfront Park Readers Theatre, musical interlude by the Evergreen Singers and special remarks by interfaith leaders from Bainbridge Island, WA.

Promotion of Our Events

The Charter promoted our webcasts through our weekly newsletter and notifications were made three times. A PDF newsletter has been provided in the documentation of this report. Charter events are picked up by Compassionate Cities in our network. The local event was promoted through the Island's Splash News.