



## Topic World Interfaith Harmony Week: Program Two

### Description

***"We've come a long way to be together, you and I"*** is the theme for this year's Charter for Compassion's contribution to the World Interfaith Harmony Week. Our two-part program will delve deeply into the real purpose of "Interfaith" and explore how its concept should be a guiding light into the harmony that is possible through interfaith practice which is 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."

Highlights of Program Two, February, Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7 am PT:

Rabbi Ted Falcon, Pastor Don Mackenzie, and Imam Jamal Rahman, the Interfaith Amigos, address the topic "Breaking the Taboos of Interfaith Dialogue." In the Interfaith movement we learn first to set aside our discomforts and prejudices, experience listening to and learning from others, come to know the other, accept and acknowledge differences and then appreciate that difference. In his speech, Eli Wiesel helps us understand that the person we see in the street is a fellow sojourner, a potential friend. Musical renditions include the First Nation group, the Ulali Project, Noa and Mira Awad and Susan Salidor. We close with an interfaith service, Way of Unity and Peace, an event sponsored by the Vatican in 2015. The closing song, Amazing Grace, is sung here by Darlene Zschech, best known as a Pentecostal singer and songwriter from Australia, Don Moen, American singer-songwriter, pastor, and producer of Christian worship music, Italian tenor, Andrea Bocelli and once again, Israeli singer, Noa.

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