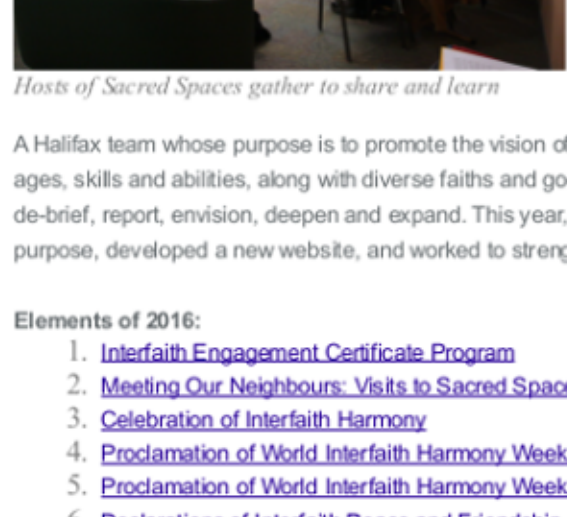


Halifax, CANADA Report
2016 Theme: Peace and Friendship

2016 was the third year for Halifax to celebrate World Interfaith Harmony Week. We are happy to see the growth in this initiative, as each year relationships, sponsorships, events, and other elements expand and deepen, including the following in 2016:

- Proclamations from both the **City of Halifax** and **Province of Nova Scotia** to annually promote and celebrate World Interfaith Harmony Week.
- Over 30 **'Declarations of Interfaith Peace and Friendship'** from local, provincial, national and international organizations.
- Increase of five new sponsors, bringing our total number to 12.



Hosts of Sacred Spaces gather to share and learn

In addition, we were delighted to deepen our relationships with 10 faith communities by holding a meeting with their representatives in October 2015. The purpose of the meeting was for education and networking, specifically to:

- Raise awareness of WIHW, and how it is celebrated locally and worldwide
- Explore together how to become better hosts to those visiting our sacred spaces during World Interfaith Harmony Week.

Who is Interfaith Harmony Halifax?

A Halifax team whose purpose is to promote the vision of WIHW. We represent diverse community partners, cultures, ages, skills and abilities, along with diverse faiths and good will. The team meets monthly throughout the year to plan, de-brief, report, envision, deepen and expand. This year, along with planning for WIHW 2016, we clarified our name and purpose, developed a new website, and worked to strengthen our team and community network.

Elements of 2016:

1. [Interfaith Engagement Certificate Program](#)
2. [Meeting Our Neighbours: Visits to Sacred Spaces](#)
3. [Celebration of Interfaith Harmony](#)
4. [Proclamation of World Interfaith Harmony Week from the Province of Nova Scotia - NEW in 2016](#)
5. [Proclamation of World Interfaith Harmony Week from the City of Halifax - NEW in 2016](#)
6. [Declarations of Interfaith Peace and Friendship](#) (over 30 to date) - **NEW in 2016**

Including: **Hon. Geoff Regan Speaker The House of Commons, Parliament of Canada - NEW in 2016**



11 Faith Groups Hosted WIHW Events in Halifax



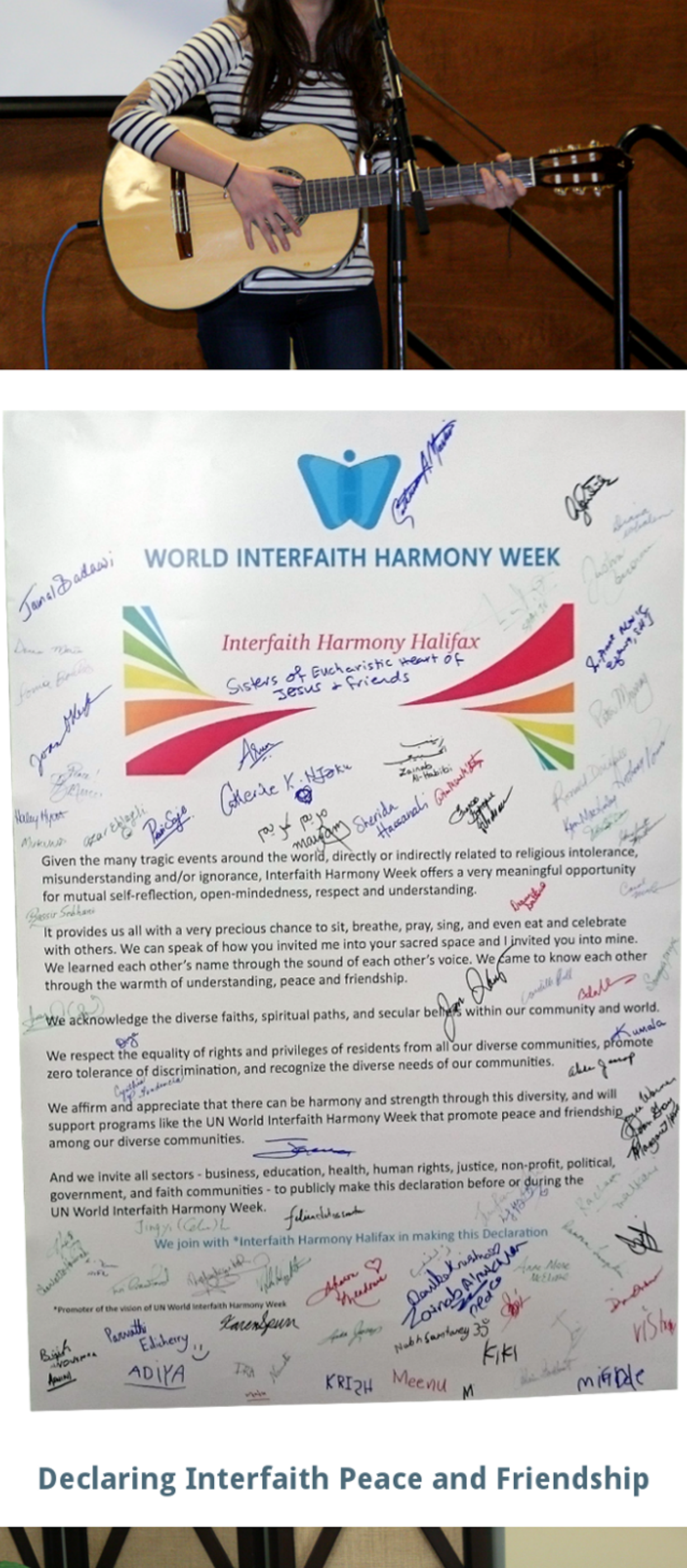
Declaration
We acknowledge the diverse faiths, spiritual paths, and secular beliefs within our community and world.



2016 World Interfaith Harmony Week Celebration



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Declaring Interfaith Peace and Friendship



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Interfaith Engagement Program in Action



Interfaith Engagement Program Participants

