



INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE

Together, working for peace

Interfaith Paths to Peace held its 2nd Annual Community Peace Concert celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week on February 4th, 2017 at St. Paul United Methodist Church.

The theme for this year's concert was: Solidarity and Unity for One Human Race. Our call to action was: Call to Compassion (video included).

The concert was a multi-faith, multi-ethnic, and multi-national concert for global peace, led by Harry Pickens a favorite local community peacemaker and talented musician.

Our goal was to promote interreligious, intercultural music and dialogue for world unity and peace, especially during this unprecedented time of division. The intention was to bring us all together as one human race, regardless of our faith, traditions, or backgrounds. The interfaith peace concert opened with the call to prayer by Imam Wasif (his mosque defaced last year), followed by performances from a diverse group of musicians from Jewish, Baha'i, Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, Sufi, and even Native American. The concert ended with the song of "One Bread One Body" sang by local opera singer and a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. We had about 32 musicians that participated in this year's interfaith peace concert.

We had over 450 guests in attendance from a diverse group in our community, young, old, multi-culture, and faith. We had about 30 immigrant guests attended as our VIP guests. They came with their families, and most of them work at our local horse park. They were mentioned during my opening remarks and most welcomed as our guests as well as contributing member of our local community.

We publicized it on NRP with the following content:

Interfaith Paths to Peace, hosting the second annual interfaith peace concert during the World Interfaith Harmony week, at United Methodist Church, on Feb 4th at 6 pm, led by Harry Pickens, as a call for unity, peace, and harmony. People of different faiths and cultures, including our community refugees, can dance, sing or chant the message of peace and solidarity.

"All community refugees and immigrants are welcome to attend free of charge - call the office to secure your seats."

Details at [paths numeral two peace dot org](http://pathsnumeraltwopeace.org).

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Some of the testimonials:

It was a powerful and heartfelt concert

Musicians spoke from their hearts

The message of peace was similar amongst all different groups

The Sufi singer sang Rumi song in Persian, and we could feel his message even though we didn't understand his words

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Overall, we believe that we truly made an impact in our community to create peace and harmony through music. I want to thank WIH for inspiring us to do this interfaith peace concert for the second year in our community.

Peacefully Yours,

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