

## 2018 World Interfaith Harmony Week Report

### **EVENT:**

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Festival of Faiths Launch Event  
LISTEN! Feminine Wisdom

### **DATE/TIME:**

Saturday, January 27, 2018  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### **LOCATION:**

The Brown Theatre  
315 W. Broadway  
Louisville, Kentucky 40202 USA

### **DESCRIPTION:**

On Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Brown Theatre in Louisville, Kentucky, the Center for Interfaith Relations hosted a FREE community-wide, multi-faith event titled, *LISTEN! Feminine Wisdom*. The event featured a multi-faith, intergenerational group of women, sharing their sacred wisdom and insight on the spiritual practice of listening. Through storytelling, music, and art, guests were invited to participate as active listeners in the teachings and stories shared by local wisdom keepers, including the following:

- Sister Rose Howard, *Roman Catholic nun and member of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth*;
- Hannah Drake, *local poet, writer, and activist*;
- Shaikha Camille Helminski\*, *co-founder of the Threshold Society*;
- Brianna Harlan, *mixed media artist*;
- Rabbi Nadia Siritsky, *VP of Mission for KentuckyONE Health*;
- Kim Baker, *CEO and first female president of the Kentucky Center for the Arts*;
- and
- Reverend CJ Wright, *also known as Awahili Gawoni, half Cherokee and half European in descent, of the Rainbow Spiritual Education Center in Louisville*.

*\*Shaikha Camille Helminski was unable to attend at the last minute due to a health emergency. Her remarks were shared by one of her students, Anna Rohlender.*

More than 600 people attended the event, *LISTEN! Feminine Wisdom*. Christian, Jewish, Indigenous, and Muslim faith leaders shared teachings on the art of listening as a spiritual practice from their traditions. In addition, local wisdom keepers, including the first female president of the Kentucky Center for the Arts; a mixed media artist; and a writer, poet, and activist, shared deeply personal stories related to their work, and life.

*LISTEN! Feminine Wisdom* provided a platform for our community of “*Many Faiths. One Heart. Common Action.*” to gather to honor the voices that are ever present, deeply rooted, yet too often unseen and unheard. It was a celebration of the diversity of our faith traditions, and an incredible expression of gratitude for our unity.

This event launched a year-long exploration of the theme of *Sacred Insight – Feminine Wisdom*, which will mine the treasures of the world’s ancient spiritual traditions for wisdom, guidance, and insight on how to reinfuse feminine wisdom in modern society.

Enclosed please find photographs and video documentation of the event.