



Center News - An Inter-religious Prayer Service for Peace and Justice

India Center of Westchester hosted Westchester County's 15th annual event, **Inter-religious Prayer Service on Saturday, Feb 2**. Led by **Charles S. Chesnavage, PhD** and **Dr. Sudhir Vaidya, MD**, this service was attended by many religious scholars. Scroll all the way bottom to see the list of them. **Suman Jain** and **Subha Sundaram** of India Center led the **Jain** and **Hindu Prayers**. In addition, you will also see **Zen Buddhist, Jewish, Sufi** and **Sikh Prayer Services**.

We are sharing following mementos and they are all LIVE. Click on them.

We will share additional set of prayers of this day in an upcoming news story.









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In Thanksgiving for all those who participated in the Service

The Hospitality of The India Center of Westchester and those who helped with the planning: Siddhartha Basu, and Amita Ajmera.

Dr. Sudhir Vaidya: is a life member of the India Center of Westchester and a Physician at the Burke Rehabilitation Hospital and an Associate Professor in Family and Community Medicine at New York Medical College and an Associate Professor in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Meredith Garmon: Minister of Community Unitarian Church at White Plains, NY since 2013. A life-long Unitarian Universalist, Rev. Garmon holds Masters' degrees in communication studies and philosophy, and a PhD in government from the University of Virginia. He completed his theological studies at the Meadville-Lombard Theological Seminary in 2003 and was ordained a UU minister in 2004. He previously served congregations in Texas and Florida.

Joyce Schroeder: has been a member of Purchase Friends Meeting for the past 22 years. She is a cancer survivor and serves on the Board of Trustees for the Friends Publishing Corporation and on the General Committee for Friends Committee of National Legislation.

Seth Zuihō Segall, Ph.D. is a Zen Buddhist priest with *White Plains Zen*. *He is a retired member of the Yale School of Medicine clinical faculty and the former Director of Psychology at Waterbury Hospital. He is the author of Encountering Buddhism: Western Psychology and Buddhist Teachings (SUNY Press, 2003). Dr. Segall is the science writer for the Mindfulness Research Monthly and volunteers as a chaplain associate at White Plains Hospital. His blog, The Existential Buddhist, can be found at: www.existentialbuddhist.com.*

Ron Schwartz: colleague of Chuck at Cardinal Hayes High School

Fr. John P. Martin, M.M.: A Maryknoll Missionary priest who has dedicated his life to cross-cultural and inter-religious living. He lived 25 years in Mexico dedicated to pastoral ministry and 10 years in Bangladesh and India dedicated to living and sharing with Muslim and Hindu believers. He is presently doing writing so as to share the fruits of these years with others. Be well, stay happy, keep smiling and spread Them around and around.

Ola Nosseir: Founder of Our Common Beliefs, and Owner of The Arabic Sound Game. (First time Participant and Attendee)

Angela Anderson: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, New Rochelle, NY.

Vivvian Bergenthal: Baha'i Faith Community of Westchester, Connecticut, and New York City.

Subha Sundaram: The India Center of Westchester

Dr. Remi Alapo: Director of the Institute for Peace and Transformational Leadership. She is the U.S. country representative of the Global Education for All Initiative (GEFAI), an organization working for Peace with the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), a Global Interreligious Ambassador for the GEFAI in Nigeria, an Interfaith Ambassador for World Yogi Community as well as founding member of World Interfaith Alliance. www.peaceandleadership.org

Suman Jain: The India Center of Westchester

Jatinder Singh and Family: NYS licensed Associate Real Estate broker and active participant in this event and other interfaith events representing the Sikh community.

Geoffrey D. Smith: is a lifelong pacifist, refused induction during the Vietnam War, and a participant in the "No Drones Tour". He is a member of the Ethical Culture Society of Westchester.

Reverend Qalvy Grainzvolt: is a native New Yorker and the youngest ordained Shinnyo-en Buddhist minister in North America. He currently serves as a representative of the Shinnyo-en Buddhist order in the United Nations as well as in interfaith circles in the east coast and beyond. Qalvy is also the assistant secretary of Religions for Peace USA, one of the largest and most broadly-based interfaith forums in the United States. Shinnyo-en has a temple in White Plains, and a meditation center in New York city.

Reverend Dr. John Krysko, D. Min.: Interfaith Minister of Fellowship of All Faiths Ministry

George Stonefish: is a lifelong resident of New York City, and known as a native singer, dancer, artist and speaker. Most recently he spoke at the United Nations. He has worked for the American Indian Community House throughout his life in various capacities, from organizing Native Communities to sitting on the Board of Directors for numerous years.

Charles S. Chesnavage, PhD, Service Planner: Currently Adjunct Professor of Religious Education at Unification Theological Seminary, and Mercy College, Bronx Campus, Graduate of Fordham University Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education. His dissertation research on interreligious prayer is entitled: Principles from Inculturation as a Key to Interreligious Prayer: Being Religiously Revelatory and Educative in a Diverse World." (2016). Available via ProQuest LLC, 2017, or author at cchuck60@aol.com.



World Interfaith Harmony Week 1-7 February

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK
The Official UN Observance in the 1st Week of February

