

World Interfaith Harmony Week MultiFaith Clergy / Faith Leader Breakfast, Toledo, OH

*Sponsored by the MultiFaith Council of NW Ohio, in conjunction with
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Fifty-five guests attended the MultiFaith Clergy / Faith Leader Breakfast, in observance of World Interfaith Harmony Week that was held Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 8:30 – 10:30 am, at Christ Presbyterian Church, 4225 W Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH 43623. Twenty-six volunteers catered a deluxe continental breakfast, with pastries, fruit, yogurt, granola, juice and water. A local coffee shop, Black Kite Coffee and Pies donated coffee and tea.

The guests were from diverse faith traditions, including Baha’i, Buddhism (2 sanghas), Protestant Christianity (at least 5 denominations), Roman Catholic, Judaism, Islam (2 mosques), New Thought, Pagan, Sufi Universalism, Unitarian Universalism.

The program started with the Love One Another challenge. [Video](#)

Clergy, faith and community leaders had a good opportunity to mingle and chat with others, learn about MultiFaith Council activities, and to discuss collaborative solutions to their choice of three critical issues – what faith groups can do to alleviate

1. loneliness / isolation - This [article](#) by Nicolas Kristof is a very good commentary on the seriousness of the issue of loneliness;
2. climate change - <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>; and
3. violence against faith communities - In 2018, 36 hate groups were tracked in Ohio.



Table discussion was lively. The report outs were recorded [here](#) for future use by the Council.

The event concluded with a sending forth by the Rev. Otis Gordon of Warren ANE Church and an optional tour of Christ Presyterian Church, led by the Associate Minister Rev. Lanie Sipes, who is also a board member of the MultiFaith Council.