

## **WIHW The World Interfaith Harmony Week 2019**

### **Annual UN Observance Week: February 1-7**

The World Interfaith Harmony Week was unanimously adopted by the UN United Nations in 2010. The first week of February is observed as a World Interfaith Harmony Week.

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/>

The WIHW website states:

“The World Interfaith Harmony Week provides a platform—one week in a year—when all interfaith groups and other groups of goodwill can show the world what a powerful movement they are. ....It is hoped that this initiative will provide a focal point from which all people of goodwill can recognize that the common values they hold far outweigh the differences they have, and thus provide a strong dosage of peace and harmony to their communities.”

### **Sunday 3rd Kendal Unitarian Chapel Service**

Inter Faith Service organized by the Unitarian Chapel and SLIF South Lakeland Interfaith Forum. Readings from faiths.

### **Tuesday 5th SLEDP Event at The Town Hall**

SLEDP South Lakeland Equality and Diversity Partnership presented the Cumbrian launch of the third edition (2018) of *Religion, Belief and Culture in our Community: Understanding, respecting and valuing the diverse cultures of the United Kingdom*.

Deputy Lieutenant Air Commodore Peter Smith represented The Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria. Other speakers were Councillor Guy Tirvengadam Mayor of Kendal & Chair of SLEDP, Joe Murray QPM – Chair Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association, Jacquetta Gomes – SLEDP Lead on Interfaith and Multifaith, Mark Clement – Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service, Mike Humphreys – Chair South Lakes Interfaith Forum, and Peter McCall – Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner.

### **Thursday 7th**

Retired Roman Catholic Priest Monsignor Francis Slattery held a multifaith event at Milnthorpe Presbytery to celebrate World Interfaith Harmony Week on 7th February 2018. This included early celebrations for his 90th birthday. Monsignor Slattery has been involved in interfaith work in Cumbria for many years. To mark his 60 years in the Priesthood an article “Breaking Open the Word”, was published in the interfaith journal *Faith Initiative: Embracing Diversity*, Issue 31 (2014) 22.

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