

Seeds for this Emerging World



The John Oliver Memorial Lecture - WIHW 2021

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Father John Oliver was one of the guiding lights behind Cape Town's 1999 hosting of World Interfaith Harmony Week, and one of the inspired leaders who founded Cape Town Interfaith Initiative early the following year.

The John Oliver Memorial Lecture pays homage to this beloved elder and visionary, whose presence is still so warmly felt despite his passing in 2013.

John Oliver's widow, Emma, and daughter, Sarah, still play an integral role in the life of Cape Town Interfaith Initiative.

This year, in the context of the Covid19 pandemic, they explored the idea of something new being birthed. Gathering together a powerful panel of diverse women of faith, the ultimate impression of the contemplative nature of the conversation is that of a passing on of knowledge and wisdom in a context of interfaith engagement.

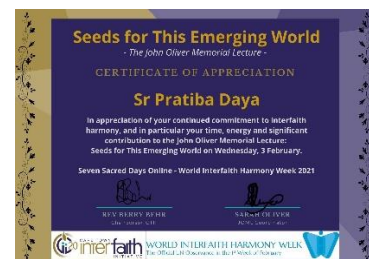
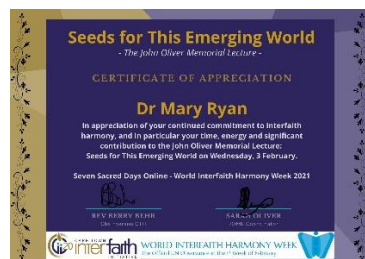
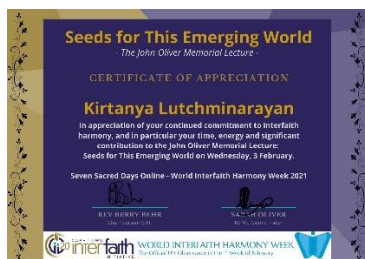
The topic of "Seeds for this Emerging World" is an invitation to reflect on 'the great pause' of this current moment and the world we want to create and live into. What role can the interfaith movement play? And how do we continue to move towards each other, despite our different perspectives and experiences?

Listen to this inspiring panel of pioneering and thoughtful women, including:

- René August (Moderator) - Anglican
- Mary Ryan - Catholic
- Philippa Namutebi Kabali-Kagwa – African story-teller
- Kirtanya Lutchminarayan - Hindu
- Sr Pratiba Daya – Brahma Kumaris

Hosted by the new generation represented by Sarah, and grounded in the eldership of Emma, this contribution to World Interfaith Harmony Week 2021 feels like a distinctive African moment, a women's indaba, gathering in a circle and downloading wisdom and in doing so, planting the seeds of a co-created future.

Each contributor received a personal certificate like this



God bless us all, every one.

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