

# World Interfaith Harmony Week

## A UN-Recognized Global Movement for Goodwill



An annual observance held during the first week of February, proposed by H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan and unanimously adopted by the UN General Assembly on October 20, 2010.

# The Guiding Principle: A Unifying Call to Action

Rooted in Shared Commandment

## Love of God and Love of the Neighbour

Based on the theological common ground between Islam, Christianity, and Judaism, as articulated in the *A Common Word* initiative.



Expanded for Universal Inclusion

## Love of the Good and Love of the Neighbour

An inclusive extension that welcomes people of all faiths, beliefs, and those with no religious affiliation to join in a shared ethical movement.



WIHW invites everyone, excludes no one, and is purely voluntary.

# A Deliberate Journey from Dialogue to Global Observance



2005

## The Amman Message

Drafted to clarify the true nature of Islam for a global audience and build consensus among Muslims. Quoted insight: *"Without such clarification, combating terrorism would be significantly more difficult."* - George Yeo, then Foreign Minister of Singapore.



2007

## A Common Word Initiative

A landmark document authored by Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad highlighting the shared dual commandments—Love of God and Love of the Neighbour—as the foundation for Muslim-Christian dialogue.



2010

## UN Resolution A/65/PV.34

H.M. King Abdullah II proposed the Week at the UNGA, expanding the scope to include all people. Prince Ghazi presented the proposal, which was adopted unanimously, proclaiming the first week of February as World Interfaith Harmony Week.

# The Strategic Objectives: Turning Goodwill into Collective Momentum

*In the words of the resolution's author, Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad, the objectives are:*



## Unite & Coordinate

To bring together the efforts of all interfaith groups under one focused theme annually, increasing their collective impact and eliminating redundancy.



## Harness Infrastructure

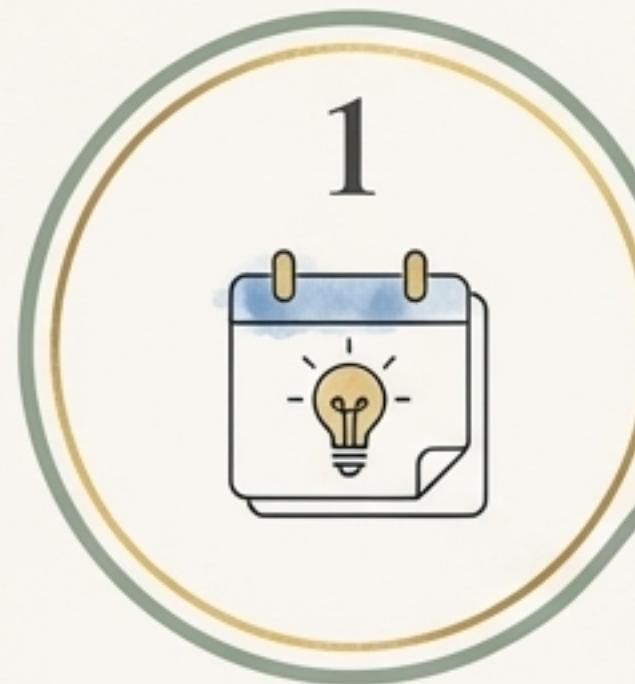
To utilize the collective might of the world's places of worship—the second-largest global infrastructure—"inserting the right "software" into the world's religious "hardware" for peace."



## Empower the Silent Majority

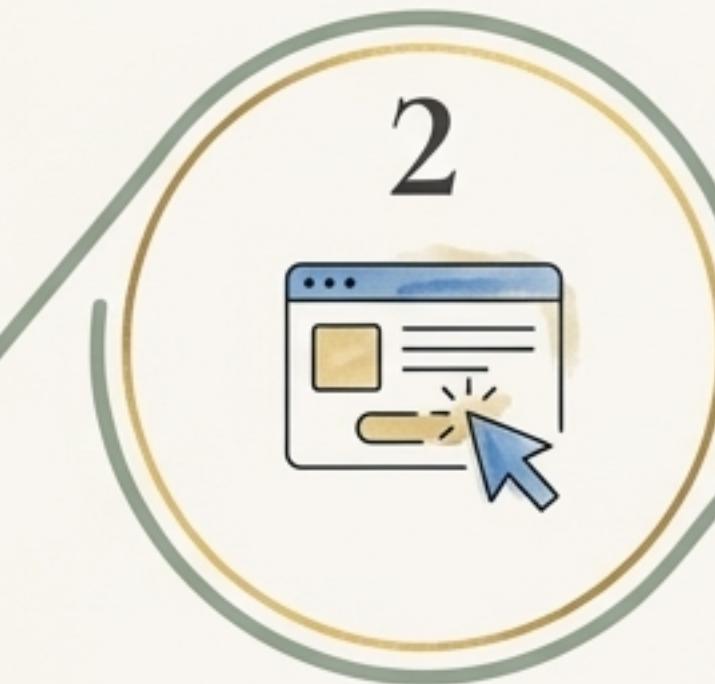
To permanently and regularly encourage preachers and teachers to declare themselves for peace and harmony, providing a ready-made vehicle for them to commit on the record annually.

# Your Path to Participation: A Four-Step Guide



## Plan Your Event

Held within the official event window.



## Register Online

A required step for prize eligibility and public visibility.



## Hold & Document

Host your event and gather reports, media, and testimonials.



## Submit Your Report

Share your impact and compete for the annual prize.

WIHW is a decentralized, grassroots initiative. Success depends on you. First-time organizers are encouraged to start simple—a breakfast, a bazaar—and build from there.

# Ten Ideas to Inspire Your Interfaith Event



Interfaith Digital Story Wall / Social Campaign



Youth 'Common Values' Workshop



Interfaith Service Day + Photo Gallery



Film Night & Discussion Panel



Breakfast / Brunch with 'Open Table' Seating



Transition to Spiritual Cutting



World Bazaar / Food & Culture Fair



Interfaith "Walk & Talk" Heritage Route



Interfaith Arts & Music Night



Greening Sacred Spaces / Eco-Interfaith Project



7-Day Online Kindness Challenge (Feb 1-7)

## A Recommended Priority

Organizers are explicitly encouraged to set aside at least one day for community charity and service work.

# The 2026 Participation & Prize Timeline

## Key Dates

- **Event Window:** Events must be held between **January 30 – March 1, 2026**.
- **Report Submission Deadline:** All event reports must be submitted by **March 8, 2026**.

## The Registration & Reporting Process

**Register First:** You must register your event on the WIHW website to qualify for prizes. You can edit details later.

**Document Thoroughly:** Your Event Report is the main document judges review. Include a written description, media links (photos, video), website/social website/social media links, and supporting documents (testimonials, news articles).

## The H.M. King Abdullah II Prize

**Recognition:** The prize recognizes the three best events promoting harmony and understanding.



1st Prize: \$5,000 + Gold Medal



2nd Prize: \$3,000 + Silver Medal



3rd Prize: \$1,000 + Bronze Medal

**Notification:** Winners are notified in late March 2026. Flights and accommodation are provided for the prize-giving ceremony.

# Fifteen Years of Growing Global Engagement



**1303+**

Events in 2025

**552**

Official Letters of Support

**15**

Historic Weeks of Observance

# Backed by National Laws and Heads of Government

## Formalized in National Law



## Republic Act No. 10525 (2015)

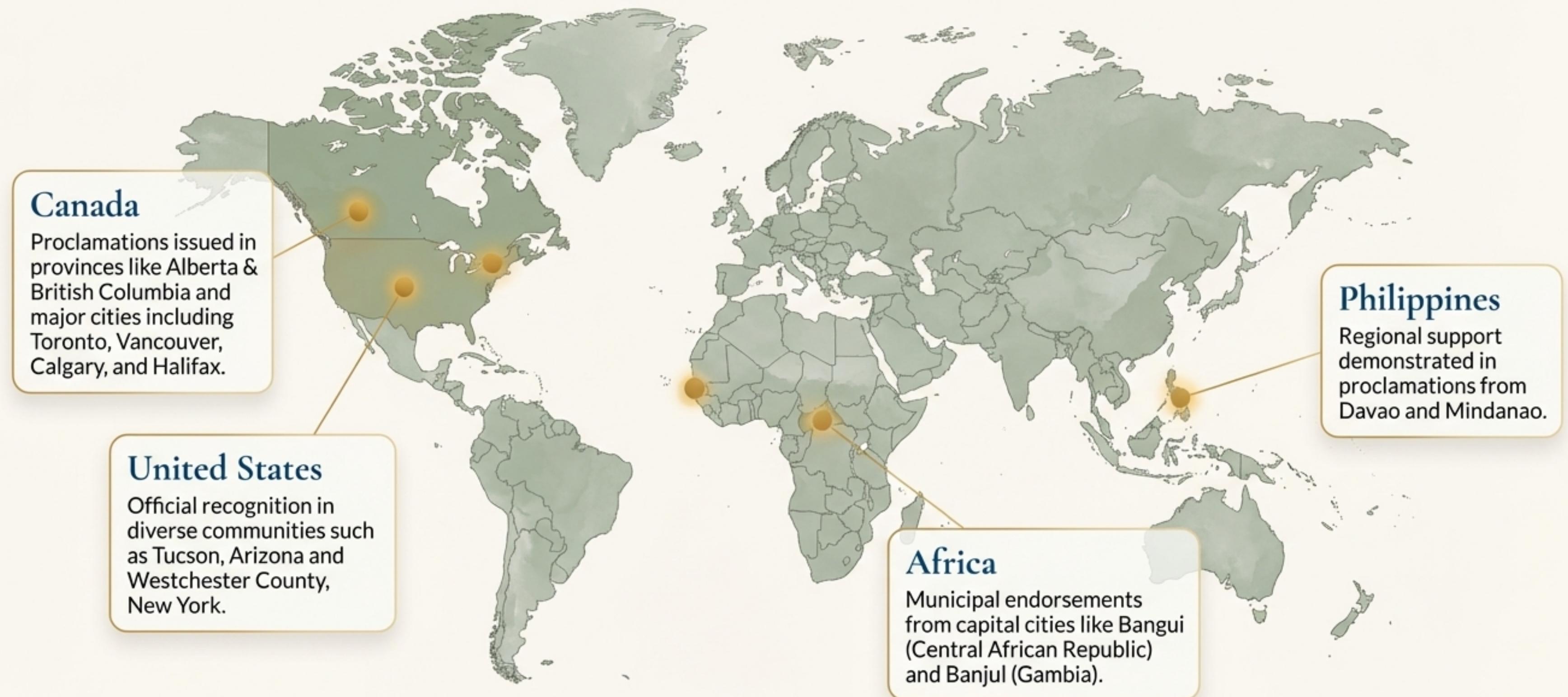
A formal legal act signed by President Benigno S. Aquino III officially declaring World Interfaith Harmony Week in the Philippines.

## Supported by Global Leaders

Examples of Prime Ministers and Presidents who have publicly supported or opened WIHW events:

- Australia (PM Tony Abbott)
- Ethiopia (President Dr. Mulatu Teshome)
- Guyana (President David Granger)
- Indonesia (President Joko Widodo)
- Jordan (PM Hani Mulki)
- Malaysia (PM Najib Tun Razak)
- Sri Lanka (PM Ranil Wickremasinghe)

# Harmony is Proclaimed from Cities to Provinces Worldwide



Official proclamations increase public awareness, encourage local participation, and provide legitimacy to grassroots events.

# A Library of Resources to Empower Your Initiative



## Official Branding

Downloadable Logos (banner, square) and a comprehensive Style Guide (PDF) to ensure visual consistency.



## Guides & Toolkits

Practical guides on starting service projects (WorldFaith.org), tool cards in English & Spanish (URI.org), and a collection of 200 quotes on interfaith dialogue (Scarboro Missions).



## Proclamation Support

A “Power of Proclamations” video featuring the Mayor of Toronto explains the process and importance of securing official civic recognition.



## Publications & Articles

Access historical summaries (WIHW 2011, 2012), key speeches (“A Common Word in Deed”), and articles addressing challenges like Islamophobia.

The resource library is a living collection. Participants are invited to contribute their own materials via the “Submit Your Resource” feature.

# Why Your Support Matters: Moving from Tolerance to Harmony

## Tolerance



Passive: "I won't interfere with you."

## Harmony



Active: "I will actively work with you."

### Harmony Needs Public Witness

When people of goodwill speak publicly, they remind communities that respect and compassion are the foundation of stable societies.

### Your Voice Encourages Others

A public letter or event can inspire someone who hesitates to take action, showing them they are not alone.

### Support Must Be Visible

WIHW unifies scattered efforts, demonstrating the scale, diversity, and credibility of the global movement for goodwill.

# History Is Being Written. Your Voice Belongs Here.

The Letters of Support and Event Report archives become a historical record of who stood for harmony when it mattered. Years from now, this record will show which individuals, communities, and institutions spoke up for unity.

“ *A Letter of Support is a declaration that we are moving beyond surface-level coexistence, and toward real human solidarity.* ”

You do not need perfect wording. You only need sincerity. Submit a Letter of Support or register an event to add your voice to the growing international community working toward a world of harmony and goodwill.

# Official Links & Resolution Details

## Learn More & Participate

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com>

- How to Participate
- Register Your Event
- Resources Library
- Official Facebook Page

## The UN Resolution

Document Reference: UNGA A/65/PV.34

*“Reaffirming that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace.”*

The full resolution is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.