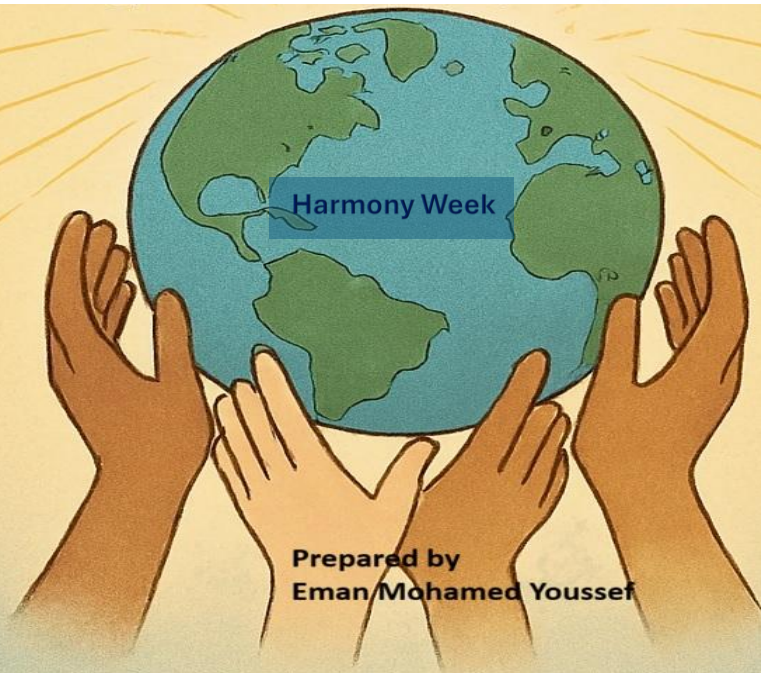


# Love of the Good & Love of Neighbour

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

The Official UN Observance in the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of February



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*Celebrating*  
**World Interfaith Harmony Week**

*When hearts unite in goodness,  
the world blossoms in harmony.”*

## **An Introduction to " Harmony Week Book"**

I think " Harmony" is the best way , makes anybody lives in peace and safety , with himself/ herself , parents , brothers , sisters ,relatives , neighbours and the environment around us.

This harmony" can't be achieved without giving your hand to others ; whatever they are , wherever they live , whatever their religion is , as we live in one planet which provides us with air , water, trees , vegetables and fruits . It demands us o keep it in safe in return to keep its refreshens air and cleanliness water . It demands us not to live alone , but in brotherhood and humanity. As we keep this greet message in our heart and minds. Allah grants all humanity with harmony and mercy to live in peace , tolerance and love.

I wrote this book as an extends of the initiative of His majesty King Abdullah II , King of Jordan. This Initiative includes ; love of the good and love of the neighbour. So , in September, 23<sup>rd</sup>2010, HM King Abdullah II introduced " A World Interfaith Harmony Week" at the Plenary Session of the 65 the UN General Assembly in New York.

This book starts with an introduction on World Interfaith Harmony Week and HM King Abdullah II Speech , about this great initiative. Then , We began to give an idea about " World Interfaith Harmony Week" , after that, we talked about

registration to the site of WIHW, then we talked about ways to participate an event , there is a hint about " Hold your event" , there is also a hint about " highlight your participation in WIHW", then we talked about " Event Reports" , then ,we gave hints about " submitting your event", then we talked about " prizes " , " Judges" , and gave a good picture of Winners of "King Abdullah II of Jordan Prize for WIHW" 2013: 2025. After that , we showed types of letters and video messages and finally , we showed shopping through WIHW official site.

You don't feel embarrassed of how to understand the given information to register on the site or how to create an event , but feel with harmony , it is the same information to give you the light to join the site and create an event easily.

Put on consideration that the site of WIHW is before you in a printed paper to read and give you hints to share your event easily on the site.

I'll display this book on a webinar to discuss , read some parts , showing some WIHW Event Reports and answering any questions. We'll held the webnar within the first week of February , 2026 at 8.00pm , Cairo time.

So , we'll be happy to share the event with your neighbours, relatives, friends locally and globally.



*Love of the Good &  
Love of the Neighbour*



## King Abdullah II Speech



HM King Abdullah has long been known for his peace initiatives. The Amman Message brought together the most authoritative figures of Islam to denounce terrorism, and promote harmony within the world of Islam.

Under his patronage, the Common Word initiative has brought together the highest ranking Christian and Muslim leaders from around the world on the basis of the two greatest commandments of Loving God, and Loving the Neighbor.

On September 23rd 2010, HM King Abdullah II of Jordan introduced a World Interfaith Harmony Week at the Plenary Session of the 65th UN General Assembly in New York. In his speech he said:

"It is [also] essential to resist forces of division that spread misunderstanding and mistrust especially among peoples of different religions. The fact is, humanity everywhere is bound together, not only by mutual interests, but by shared commandments to love God and neighbour; to love the good and neighbour. This week, my delegation, with the support of our friends on every continent, will introduce a draft resolution for an annual World Interfaith Harmony Week. What we are proposing is a special week, during which the world's people, in their own places of worship, could express the teachings of their own faith about tolerance, respect for the other and peace. I hope this resolution will have your support."

## A World Interfaith Harmony Week:

The World Interfaith Harmony Week was first proposed at the UN General Assembly on September 23, 2010 by H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan. Just under a month later, on October 20, 2010, it was unanimously adopted by the UN and henceforth the first week of February will be observed as a World Interfaith Harmony Week.

The World Interfaith Harmony Week is based on the pioneering work of [The Common Word initiative](#). This initiative, which started in 2007, called for Muslim and Christian leaders to engage in a dialogue based on two common fundamental religious Commandments; Love of God, and Love of the Neighbour, without nevertheless compromising any of their own religious tenets. The Two commandments are at the heart of the three Monotheistic religions and therefore provide the most solid theological ground possible.

The World Interfaith Harmony Week extends the Two Commandments by adding ‘Love of the Good, and Love of the Neighbour’. This formula includes all people of goodwill. It includes those of other faiths, and those with no faith.

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. The thousands of events organized by these groups often go unnoticed not only by the general public, but also by other groups themselves. This week will allow for these groups to become aware of each other and strengthen the movement by building ties and avoiding duplicating each others' efforts.

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.

**Part 4**

**\*Registration:**

You can sign up to the site with your email and password .  
You can sign up to the following link to notify with a message about your event:

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com>

**\*Register Your Event**

The only thing you have to do now to qualify for the grand prize is [register your event to our website](#). You will need to sign up to create events. You can then access your events from the [My WIHW](#) menu. You don't need to have all details confirmed before doing so. You can just post the estimated date and timing of your event and log in to edit details as they become available.

## ❖ Ways to participate in an event in the WIHW:

- **Interfaith Digital Story–Wall & Social Media Campaign**

**What:** Invite people from different faiths to share a short video/photo/story about a “moment of kindness” in their tradition. Create a digital “story wall” and promote on social media with a hashtag like #WIHW2026.

- **Inter–Faith “Common Values” Workshop with Youth**

**What:** Bring together young members of different faith communities for a workshop exploring what shared values they hold (service, compassion, justice etc). Then have them co–design a small project (e.g., a joint service activity) to be carried out that week.

- **Interfaith Service Day + Photo–Gallery**

**What:** A morning where faith communities come together for a service activity (e.g., clean–up of a park, planting trees, refurbishing a community–centre). Afterwards display a “before & after” photo gallery or short exhibition (in a local community hall, church/mosque foyer or even online).

- **Interfaith Film Night & Discussion**

**What:** Screen a film (or two short films) that highlight inter–faith themes, then have a discussion panel with representatives of different faiths + audience Q&A. Follow with refreshments.

**Why it’s timely:** Visual storytelling still resonates and the discussions can deep–dive to build understanding. Some past winners of WIHW used film–series.

- **Interfaith Breakfast / Brunch with Open Table**

**What:** Simple, but effective: invite people of various faiths to a breakfast or brunch, seated randomly (so people from different faiths sit together) and include a short sharing session.

- **World Bazaar / Food & Culture Fair with Interfaith Crafts**

What: A mini-fair where each faith community has a stall/booth: could showcase food, craft, music, stories of their faith/tradition. Visitors move around, sample, ask questions, learn. Include a “kids zone” with inter-faith arts & crafts.

- **Inter-Faith Dialogue “Walk & Talk” – Local Heritage Route**

What: Create a short walking route where small interfaith mixed groups walk together, stop at a couple of points (with short reflection prompts) and end with tea/refreshments.

- **Interfaith Arts & Music Night**

What: Invite musicians, poets, artists from different faith backgrounds to perform pieces inspired by their tradition, then open mic for audience reflections. Could include visual art show or interactive art piece (e.g., “What brings us together?” wall).

- **Greening Sacred Spaces / Eco-Interfaith Project**

What: Partner faith communities with one local environment initiative (e.g., planting native trees on the grounds of a local place of worship; composting initiative; recycling drive) – highlight how faith leads to stewardship of planet & people.

- **Interfaith Online Challenge / “7-Day Kindness”**

What: Over the week (1–7 Feb), invite participants to do one simple act each day (across faith communities) for each other – e.g., hand-write a note, invite someone from another tradition for tea, share a meal, plant a flower, help a neighbour. Use a hashtag, post on social media, share reflections. Cap it with a gathering on the final day.



### **\*Hold Your Event**

While you are holding your event, it is important to document. Please feel free to use all media at your disposal. We ask that you include:

- An event report describing the event and its impact
- Media links to reports, videos, pictures, and audio
- Links to event website and social media
- Any other supporting documents (e.g. testimonies)

Feel free to look through [past events](#) to see what was submitted. Everyone who has registered an event can submit their report through the [My WIHW](#) page.

#### **❖ Highlight your participation in World Interfaith Harmony Week through :**

1. Letter of Support
2. WIHW Events
3. The Event Report
4. Video Message

❖ The WIHW concentrates on " **The Event Report**" It should include :

- An event report describing the event and its impact in promoting the message of the WIHW
- Media links to videos, pictures, and audio
- Links to event website
- Any other supporting documents (e.g. testimonies, news reports etc)

the judges take into consideration:

- the excellence of efforts
- collaboration and impact of events
- efforts made despite scantiness of resources
- consistent efforts made over the years
- whether events are consistent with the text of the UN Resolution establishing the Prize
- whether events specifically celebrate the World Interfaith Harmony Week rather than good interfaith work in general.

## • Submitting Your Event Report

All reports can be uploaded through the [My WIHW](#) page, soon after the event submission page opens. Notifications of awards will be made in late March. Time and location of the prize-giving ceremony to be announced (flights and accommodation will be provided).

## ❖ The Judges

- HRH Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad
- HB Patriarch Theophilus III – Patriarch of the Holy City, Palestine and Jordan
- HE Sheikh Dr Ali Gomaa – former Grand Mufti of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- HE Bishop Munib Yunan – Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and President of the World Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches
- Sheikh Usama al-Sayyid Al-Azhari – Professor at Al-Azhar University
- Father Nabil Haddad – Founder and Executive Director of the Jordanian Interfaith Coexistence Research Centre
- Dr Tarek Elgawhary– Director of the Royal Aal Al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought

## ❖ The prizes are:

The Royal Aal Al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought in Jordan established the World Interfaith Harmony Week Prize in 2013 to recognize the three best events organized during the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week (first week of February) which best promote the goals of the World Interfaith Harmony Week. Prizes are awarded to each event that is judged to have been most successful in promoting interfaith harmony and impacting religious understanding. Since 2014, this prize has been known as the H.M. King Abdullah II World Interfaith Harmony Week Prize.

In judging, the judges took into consideration the excellence of efforts, collaboration and impact of events. They looked carefully at efforts made despite scantiness of resources, unfavourable political and social climates, and also took into consideration consistent efforts made over the years. They further took into consideration whether events were consistent with the text of the UN Resolution establishing the Prize. Accordingly, judges did not reward movements towards religious syncretism but rather rewarded events which respected each religion as it is. Finally, in accordance with the terms of the Prize, judges rewarded events specifically celebrating the World Interfaith Harmony Week rather than good interfaith work in general.

## Winners of HM King Abdullah II of Jordan Prize for WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK 2013 - 2025

Now, we'd like to present the winners of HM King Abdullah II of Jordan Prize ,for this great event . This resolution was adopted by the UN on October 20, 2010, and the first week of February, every year, has been declared a UN World Interfaith Harmony Week.

### ❖2013 Winners:

In judging, the judges were mindful particularly of those who had the courage to hold events in areas marked by recent interfaith tension or conflicts. They took into consideration efforts made despite scantiness of resources, but also took into consideration the excellence of efforts. They further took into consideration whether events were consistent with the text of the U.N. Resolution establishing the Prize.

في الحكم، كان الحكام في الوعي بشكل خاص لأولئك الذين امتلكوا الشجاعة لعقد فعاليات في مناطق تميزت بالتوترات أو الصراعات بين الأديان مؤخرًا. أخذوا في الاعتبار الجهود المبذولة رغم ندرة الموارد، كما أخذوا في الاعتبار تميز الجهود. كما أخذوا في الاعتبار ما إذا كانت الأحداث تتوافق مع نص قرار الأمم المتحدة الذي أنشأ الجائزة.



## First Prize



Interfaith Mediation Centre, Kaduna:  
\$25,000 Grand Prize and a gold medal will be awarded to the Interfaith Mediation Centre, Kaduna for their event ‘Imam and Pastor from Vengeance to Forgiveness’ in Nigeria. Pictured are the founders, Imam Muhammad Ashafa and Pastor James Wuye.

## Second Prize



Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy: \$15,000 Prize and a silver medal will be awarded to the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy for their event ‘A Common Word Towards A Common Peace’ in the Philippines. Pictured is the president, Ms Amina Rasul.

## Third Prize



World Interfaith Harmony Week  
Malaysia: \$5,000 prize and a bronze medal will be awarded to the Department of National Unity and Integration for their event ‘World Interfaith Harmony Week Malaysia 2013’ in Malaysia.

The prize-giving ceremony will take place on Thursday 25th April, 2013 at the site of the Baptism of Jesus Christ by the River Jordan in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

## ❖ 2014 Winners

The judges received 63 applications for the prize from the 409 events held in total. They were highly appreciative of all the efforts of all those who held events and applied for the prize. They wish they could reward all who held an event but are consoled by the fact that good deeds are their own reward so that everyone who held an event—whether they applied for the prize or not—is a true winner.



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## First Prize

United Nations Interfaith Harmony Partners – Zamboanga  
– Silsilah Dialogue Movement: \$25,000 Grand Prize and a gold medal will be awarded to the United Nations Interfaith Harmony

partners, Zamboanga for their week-long celebration of the 3rd World Interfaith Harmony Week in Zamboanga City, Philippines. Pictured are volunteers donating blood at the Western Mindanao State University campus.

### Second Prize

Saeed Khan Falahi (alias Mohd. Abdul Saeed Khan), Mohalla Mehmand-Jangla, Centre for Peace & Human Rights, Shahjahanpur, Uttar-Pradesh, India: \$15,000 Prize and a silver medal will be awarded to the Centre for Peace & Human Rights for their event 'An ordinary step for ensuring extraordinary peace' in Uttar-Pradesh, India. Pictured are children who attended the event.

### Third Prize

Gamal Farghaly Sultan Secondary School for Boys, Asyut, Egypt: \$5,000 Prize and a bronze medal will be awarded to the Gamal Farghaly Sultan Secondary School for Boys for their event 'Peace without Prejudice' in Egypt.

Faiths Together Uganda, Uganda: \$5,000 Prize and a bronze medal will be awarded to Faiths Together Uganda for their gathering at the Goma Health Center III in Uganda.

## ❖2015 Winners

The judges received 93 applications for the prize from over 900 events held in total. The judges are highly appreciative of all the efforts of all those who held events and applied for the prize. They wish they could reward all who held an event, but are consoled by the fact that good deeds are their own reward so that everyone who held an event—whether they applied for the prize or not—is a true winner.

### First Prize

*Universal Interfaith Peace Mission (President– Dr Allama G R Chishti)*

of Pakistan for their various events in a range of locations including 1. Islamia University of Bahawalpur 2. Roz TV Pakistan, 3. Jame Masjid New Sohan Islamabad, 4. Divine Light Public School Islamabad. There was excellence in scope and reach.

## Second Prize

Mrs Gisela Jahn and Dr. Beatrix Jakubicka of Germany for their "Friedenskette der Religionen" in Munich connecting 15.000 people in a human chain of light between five houses of worship.

## Third Prize

World Interfaith Harmony Week Toronto Steering Committee of Canada for their eight events during the WIHW including: Launch Event, Interfaith Dialogue Circle, How We Talk To God, Race And Religion, Faith And Social Justice, Christian–Jewish Dialogue, An Evening Of Interfaith Performing Arts, Interfaith Ecology Hike, Efforts To Obtain Government Of Canada Support.



## ❖2016 Winners

The judges received 83 applications for the prize from over 800 events held in total. The judges are highly appreciative of all the efforts of all those who held events and applied for the prize. They wish they could reward all who held an event, but are consoled by the fact that good deeds are their own reward so that everyone who held an event—whether they applied for the prize or not—is a true winner.

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### First Prize

*EUCLID “Common Word” Interfaith Harmony Week Pôle  
Universitaire Euclide (Euclid University)*

The Gambia and international partners

An academic paper, as well as several events looking at interfaith relations in Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Gambia, Trinidad and Tobago, and United States will ensure

that this event has a lasting impact. The events included an interview with a political figure, seminars in a university and places of worship.

[View the report for 'EUCLID “Common Word” Interfaith Harmony Week'](#)

## [Second Prize](#)

*2016 World Interfaith Harmony Week–Philippines*

UniHarmony Partners Manila Philippines

Over 20 activities involving 23 organizations were run over the first week of February involving thousands of people. This was a major event with good coverage and excellent organization.

[View the report for 'UniHarmony Partners Manila Philippines'](#)

## [Third Prize](#)

*Interfaith Harmony Halifax WIHW Report 2016*

Interfaith Harmony Halifax and 12 partners

Canada

An interfaith group that has widened its impact year-on-year. Amongst other things this year saw: Proclamations of World Interfaith Harmony Week from the Province of Nova Scotia and the City of Halifax , and Declarations of Interfaith Peace and Friendship.

[View the report for 'Interfaith Harmony Halifax WIHW Report 2016'](#)

## ❖2017 Winners

The judges received 79 applications for the prize from over 1054 events held in total. The judges are highly appreciative of all the efforts of all those who held events and applied for the prize. They wish they could reward all who held an event, but are consoled by the fact that good deeds are their own reward so that everyone who held an event—whether they applied for the prize or not—is a true winner.

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## First Prize

*UN World Interfaith Harmony Week*

Calgary Interfaith Council

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

The intention of the Calgary Interfaith Council's sponsorship of the UN World Interfaith Harmony week is to join with similar efforts throughout Canada and internationally to promote peaceful coexistence in the face of intolerance, prejudice, and conflict.

[View the report for 'UN World Interfaith Harmony Week' from Calgary Interfaith Council](#)

## Second Prize

*The Fifth Sarajevo UN World Interfaith Harmony Week*

International Forum Bosnia's Centre for Interfaith Dialogue

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Continuing its tradition of holding the Sarajevo UN World Interfaith Harmony Week since its inception in 2013, the organisers and participants decided to prepare a programme

for 2017, again under the patronage of Sarajevo Old Town Municipality and the United Nations Development Programme.

[View the report for 'The Fifth Sarajevo UN World Interfaith Harmony Week' from International Forum Bosnia's Centre for Interfaith Dialogue](#)

### [Third Prize](#)

*PL84U AL-SUFFA*

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London, the United Kingdom

PL84U AI-SUFFA is an East London based non-profit organisation that provides a hot lunch and company to the homeless, elderly and people in need on the first and third Sunday of each month. We welcome those of all faiths and none, and provide a welcoming environment for guests to relax in.

[View the report for 'PL84U AL-SUFFA'](#)



## ❖ 2018 Winners

The judges received 88 applications for the prize from over 1,232 events held in total. The judges are highly appreciative of all the efforts of all those who held events and applied for the prize. They wish they could reward all who held an event, but are consoled by the fact that good deeds are their own reward so that everyone who held an event—whether they applied for the prize or not—is a true winner.

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### First Prize

*Who and Where Are We in a Changing World?*

Interfaith Center of Melbourne

Australia



The faith leaders were invited to bring community members with them to meet their ‘neighbours’ who come from diverse faiths, philosophies and cultures. Seven religious and spiritual leaders were invited to speak to the topic for twenty minutes from their traditions. Each speaker shared their creation stories from sacred texts or their oral tradition in their individual ways, sharing many commonalities and acknowledging the differences with respect. They wove together strands of religious teachings about creation, the meaning of life, and gave practical ways of how we can care for each other and the earth.

## Second Prize

*Indonesia Celebrate World Interfaith Harmony Week:*

*Commitment of Religious Leader on National Unity*

The Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of  
Indonesia for Interfaith and Intercivilizational Dialogue and  
Cooperation

Indonesia

[View the report for 'Indonesia Celebrate World Interfaith  
Harmony Week: Commitment of Religious Leader on National  
Unity' from The Special Envoy of the President of the Republic  
of Indonesia for Interfaith and Intercivilizational Dialogue and  
Cooperation](#)



The Special Envoy of the President of Republic Indonesia for Interfaith and Intercivilizational Dialogue and Cooperation,

Prof Dr Din Syamsuddin, organised The 2018 World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) in Indonesia which consisted of three main events: (a) Deliberation of 450 of interfaith leaders across Indonesia to discuss strategic national issues, and issue a declaration; (b) Gathering at the Presidential Palace to present the declaration to the President of the Republic of Indonesia, and (c) Celebration of the World Interfaith Harmony Week with more than 2,500 participants to share peace, joy and harmony.

[Third Prize](#)

*Friendship, Dialogue, Cooperation: Exploring Crucial Elements of Interfaith Harmony*

Interfaith Glasgow

United Kingdom

[View the report for 'Friendship, Dialogue, Cooperation:  
Exploring Crucial Elements of Interfaith Harmony' from Interfaith  
Glasgow](#)



Interfaith Glasgow is a charity promoting positive engagement between people of different religious traditions and none in Scotland's most religiously diverse city. At a time when forces of prejudice and hate threaten to destabilise relationships between communities both locally and globally, World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) provided a perfect opportunity for us to bring together people of goodwill from different traditions to reflect on what interfaith harmony consists in, why it matters, and how we can most effectively work towards it.

## ❖ 2019 Winners

The judges received 170 applications for the prize from over 1,454 events held in total. The judges are highly appreciative of all the efforts of all those who held events and applied for the prize. They wish they could reward all who held an event, but are consoled by the fact that good deeds are their own reward so that everyone who held an event—whether they applied for the prize or not—is a true winner.

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### First Prize

*Love of Neighbour – our Prayers for our City*

Cape Town Interfaith Initiative & Faith, Hope, Love

Communities

South Africa



[View the report for 'Love of Neighbour – our Prayers for our City' from  
Cape Town Interfaith Initiative & Faith, Hope, Love Communities](#)



This year, for the first time, the two organisations, the Cape Town Interfaith Initiative & Faith, Hope, Love

Communities, took the prayers from the places of worship to the people. We decided that from now on, every year we will identify a troubled location and take our prayers there. The violence in some of our suburbs is so bad that "death by violence" daily figures are considerably higher than those in war zones in other parts of Africa.

The prayers should touch the people and include the people who need their upliftment. Also, we raise the consciousness of neighbourliness, so that people become aware of their responsibility to their neighbour. We become each others' neighbours even when we do not live next door to each other, but rather live in the next suburb.

The traditions represented included Buddhist, Baha'i, Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Hare Krishna, Brahma Kumaris and Unitarian. Everyone had a turn to pray or sing or bring a poem – anything that would contribute to the sense of unity and encouragement that we wanted to generate.

## Second Prize

### *Interreligious Manifesto of The Rights In End of Life Path*

Interreligious Committee of Rome

Italy

[View the report for 'Interreligious Manifesto of The Rights In End of Life Path' from Interreligious Committee of Rome](#)



Leaders from different faiths (Buddhist, Catholic, Islamic, Hindu, Jewish, Orthodox, Christian Reformed) signed a Manifesto to ensure religious and spiritual support to sick people in health structures like hospitals, hospices or at home during the final phase of their life.

The Italian Ministry of Health Giulia Grillo attended the ceremony of signature and underlined that the Manifesto is a very important issue for the Dialogue and the Cooperation between the different religions and faiths. The Italian government will promote this initiative to uphold the dignity of

dying people and the religious and spiritual support at the end of life.

### Third Prize (Joint)

*Public Audience in the Legislative Chamber of the Federal District of Brazil*

**URI Cooperation Circle Brasilia**

**Brazil**

[View the report for 'Public Audience in the Legislative Chamber of the Federal District of Brazil' from URI Cooperation Circle Brasilia](#)



On February 7, the URI Global Council Trustee Salette Aquino joined the table in a Public Audience in the Legislative Chamber of the Federal District of Brazil to celebrate the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week. The activity was co-organized by the URI Cooperation Circle Brasilia, and on the occasion the CC officially delivered a

request to the Human Rights Commission to create the Parliamentary Front of Religious Diversity, a requirement that was accepted.

### Third Prize (Joint)

#### *Campaign for Interfaith Harmony in Sri Lanka*

SUNFO

Sri Lanka

[View the report for 'Campaign for Interfaith Harmony in Sri Lanka' from SUNFO](#)



Dr. Wijetunge led a special initiative of introducing UN WIHW in Sri Lanka

through SUNFO Global Federation and its Sustainable Development Goals Networks of Youth, Children, Women & Citizens. These initiatives involved ministers in charge of Religious Affairs in Sri Lanka, key religious leaders, society leaders, media, students and youth. The activities were organised around: (a) Public Awareness & Mobilizations in Sri Lanka, (b) Inter-religious dialogues in Sri Lanka, (c) Inter-religious Social and community activities in Sri Lanka, (d) Inter-religious Harmony Peace Missions out of Sri Lanka.

This was all endorsed by His Excellency Maithreepala Sirisena President of Sri Lanka, Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe Prime Minister of Sri Lanka and Hon. Karu Jayasuriya Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka.

## ❖ 2020 Winners

The judges received 122 applications for the prize from over 1,543 events held in total. The judges are highly appreciative of all the efforts of all those who held events and applied for the prize. They wish they could reward all who held an event, but are consoled by the fact that good deeds are their own reward so that everyone who held an event—whether they applied for the prize or not—is a true winner.

تلقى الحكام 122 طلباً للجائزة من أكثر من 1,543 فعالية أقيمت إجمالاً. يقدر الحكام جميع الجهود التي بذلها جميع من نظموا الفعاليات وتقدموا للجائزة. يتمنون لو أنهم يستطيعون مكافأة كل من أقام حدثاً، لكنهم يعززون بأن الأعمال الصالحة هي مكافأتهم الخاصة، بحيث يكون كل من أقام حدثاً — سواء تقدم للجائزة أم لا — فائزاً حقيقياً.

## First Prize

*الأردن انموذج الوئام بين اتباع المذاهب والأديان*

Jordan is a model of harmony between followers of doctrines and religions

Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan Ministry of Religious Affairs  
(Jordanian Awqaaf) Amman, Jordan

View the report for 'الأردن انموذج الوئام بين اتباع المذاهب والأديان' from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan Ministry of Religious Affairs (Jordanian Awqaaf)



The Ministry of Religious Affairs (Jordanian Awqaaf) marked the World Interfaith Harmony Week with seminars across the country entitled

“Jordan as a model of harmony between followers of different doctrines and religions”.

The Awqaf Minister Muhammad Al-Khalayleh emphasized Jordan’s adherence to values and principles of harmony. Al-Khalayleh said that the call to harmony is at the core of Islamic law and has been demonstrated throughout Islam’s history.

Other notables included, the Grand Mufti of the Kingdom, Abdul Karim Khasawneh, who spoke of the pride Jordanians, both Muslims and Christians, have of the history of their coexistence. Judge Abdel Hafez Al-Rabta referred to the Covenant of Umar when recalling the Hashemite right and responsibility in guardianship of the Muslim and Christian places of worship in Jerusalem, Al-Quds Al-Sharif. Father Nabil al-Haddad said that in Jordan, people learn about harmony in its mosques, churches, and schools. He pointed out that in Jordan, harmony is not seasonal, not limited to the first week of February, but is a permanent situation 52 weeks in a year.

## Second Prize

*WIHW Service: Love of the Good & Love of the Neighbor*  
Interfaith Community Sanctuary  
Seattle, USA

[View the report for 'WIHW Service: Love of the Good & Love of the Neighbor' from Interfaith Community Sanctuary](#)





## World Interfaith Harmony Worship Service

"Love of the Good & Love of the Neighbor"

Reflections and shared spiritual practices

to seek understanding on the state of our world and our concerns about Refugees, Homelessness, Religious Bias, Suffering, and the Goodness of Life and Love.

Special guest speakers from different faith traditions each sharing insights about crucial topics of our time; homelessness, immigration, refugees, interfaith harmony and interfaith dialogue. This aim was to honor and discuss topics of relevance to our everyday lives and our immediate communities when we engage in Interfaith worship. It is not enough to promote loving harmony on a theoretical level. Anyone can do that. But how many of us engage in the conversation about what we can do right here, right now, in our own neighborhoods, with our own neighbors, to make the world a more congenial and loving place? "Who is our neighbor?" is a timeless and urgent question. "How can we serve our neighbors in need?" This question requires deep soul-searching and the preparation of fertile ground for creative

ideas to spring forth. All this happens best in loving community.

We gathered the wider community together to look with clear vision at these heartbreaking realities that are all our responsibility. Collectively we seek to find the goodness and love in our hearts to move forward toward solutions and new kind caring from a depth as yet untapped.

As a community, we endeavor to live in the openness of heart and compassionate understanding that embraces all life. As a spiritual organization, we are collectively organized to thrive through listening, sharing, and caring for one another. As individuals in awe of the Divine, we support and respect one another's personal spiritual path and spiritual practices.

### Third Prize

*Guided Tour to and acquaintances of central mosques of Ukraine*

Spiritual Council of the Muslims of Ukraine and All-Ukrainian Council of Religious Organisations (VRRO)

Kyiv, Ukraine

[View the report for 'Guided Tour to and acquaintances of central mosques of Ukraine' from Spiritual Council of the Muslims of Ukraine and All-Ukrainian Council of Religious Organisations \(VRRO\)](#)



A guided tour to and acquaintance with the programs and activities of the Central Mosque of the Spiritual Council of the Muslims of Ukraine. The guided tour to the Central Mosque of the Spiritual Center of the Muslims of Ukraine (UMMA) gave an overview of the activities and programs of the Muslims in Ukraine. Mufti Said Ismagilov presented the programmes and activities of its school, talked about educational, social and interfaith programs. Many questions were raised by the participants about different streams of Islam, about beliefs and practices. Observing the communal prayer at the Mosque gave the participants a strong knowledge about peaceful and inclusive Islam.

## ❖2021 Winners

The judges received 133 applications for the prize from over 1,020 events held in total. This is a remarkable effort given the effects of the Covid pandemic on each one of us. The judges are highly appreciative of all the efforts of all those who held events and applied for the prize. They wish they could reward

all who held an event, but are consoled by the fact that good deeds are their own reward so that everyone who held an event—whether they applied for the prize or not—is a true winner.

تلقى الحكام 133 طلباً للجائزة من أكثر من 1,020 فعالية أقيمت في المجموع. هذا جهد رائع بالنظر إلى تأثيرات جائحة كوفيد على كل واحد منا. يقدر الحكام جميع الجهود التي بذلها جميع من نظموا الفعاليات وتقدموا للجائزة. يطمنون لو أنهم يستطيعون مكافأة كل من أقام حدثاً، لكنهم يعززون بأن الأعمال الصالحة هي مكافأتهم الخاصة، بحيث يكون كل من أقام حدثاً — سواء تقدم للجائزة أم لا — فائزاً حقيقياً.

## First Prize

*Launch of World Interfaith Harmony Week*

Wellington Interfaith Council

Wellington, New Zealand

[View the report for 'Launch of World Interfaith Harmony Week' from the Wellington Interfaith Council](#)



During WIHW, New Zealand was in a COVID alert level 1, meaning there was no need to practice social distancing, or wear face masks during this week. The launch was held at the *Wellington*

*Cenotaph*, metres from the nation's Parliament Buildings.

Held on the first day of World Interfaith Harmony Week, Monday 1 February, the launch marked the start of the week in New Zealand's capital city, Wellington. All faiths represented at the events shared a prayer or message based on the theme of WIHW. The Executive Director from the Office of Ethnic Communities (a government agency) was invited to make an address at the event. The unique central location contributed to a range of people able to join the event – corporate people, civil society, public servants, faith groups, students and youth. Free public food distribution was provided for almost 200 people. Educational literature and holy texts of diverse religious faiths were displayed. The event provided an opportunity for people to dialogue and ask questions and be better informed about different faiths and practices.

## Second Prize

### *Religion and Politics Forum discussion on Interfaith Dialogue and Islam*

The Religion and Politics Forum

Tokyo, Japan

[View the report for 'Religion and Politics Forum discussion on Interfaith Dialogue and Islam' from The Religion and Politics Forum](#)



### *The Religion and Politics*

*Forum* commemorated the World

Interfaith Harmony Week on February 4th, 2021, in Tokyo, Japan. The Forum

was hosted by the organizing committee composed of several religious organizations, and participated in by around 40 people from over 10 religious organizations including a Muslim Imam, Christian pastors, a Buddhist priest and many other religious activists. The keynote speech was delivered by Dr. Kazuko Shiojiri, specialist of Islam theology and interfaith dialogue, who is a Professor Emeritus and Former Vice President, University

of Tsukuba, on the theme of “Interfaith Dialogue and Islam.” She pointed out that misunderstanding and prejudice of Islam promoted Islamophobia and emphasized the importance of mutual understanding and dialogue among different religions and cultures for making peace. The forum gave an opportunity for various background participants to develop a deeper friendship and understanding.

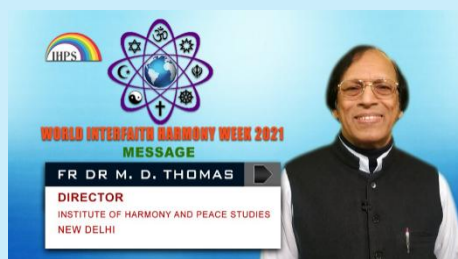
### Third Prize

#### *Celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week 2021*

**Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies**

**New Delhi, India**

[View the report for 'Celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week 2021' from Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies](#)



On behalf of Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies, New Delhi, Fr Dr M. D. Thomas, its Director, envisaged different ways of celebrating the ‘World Interfaith Harmony Week 2021’, in line with the declaration of the United Nations.

These engagements were intended for promoting awareness among the larger public, along with the participants, as regards the need of interfaith harmony and social wellbeing as well as of the core values of all traditions of faith, ideology and culture.

The programmes included video messages (on 4 portals), articles (blog and 3 websites) and lectures on connected themes (4 webinars).

## ❖ 2022 Winners

The judges received 85 submitted reports for the prize from hundreds of events held in total. This is a remarkable effort given the continuing effects of the Covid pandemic worldwide. The judges are highly appreciative of all the efforts of all those who held events and applied for the prize. They wish they could reward all who held an event, but are consoled by the fact that good deeds are their own reward so that everyone who held an event—whether they applied for the prize or not—is a true winner.

تلقى الحكام 85 تقريراً مقدماً للجائزة من مئات الفعاليات التي أقيمت في المجمل . هذا جهد ملحوظ بالنظر إلى الآثار المستمرة لجائحة كوفيد حول العالم . يقدر الحكام جميع الجهود التي بذلها جميع من نظموا الفعاليات وتقدموا للجائزة . يطمنون لو أنهم يستطيعون مكافأة كل من أقام حدثاً، لكنهم يعززون بأن الأعمال الصالحة هي مكافأتهم الخاصة، بحيث يكون كل من أقام حدثاً —سواء تقدم للجائزة أم لا —فائزاً حقيقياً.



## First Prize

### *Interfaith Harmony Week 2022*

Pastor Yohanna Buru

Kaduna, Nigeria

[View Report #2](#), [View Report #3](#), [View Report #15](#), [View Report #16](#)



A team of Nigerian religious leaders and volunteers conducted a series of activities involving thousands promoting peace, tolerance, forgiveness and prayers

throughout the week of harmony. Pastor Yohanna Buru led a team of volunteer Imams and pastors who took the campaign to schools, communities and ghettos, in order to dialogue, interact and inter-face with many students, women, and youth to educate them about the importance of interfaith week and harmony. The campaign would also going a long way to help toward reducing the ethno-religious instability in the northern part of the country.

Social events and sports competitions were arranged to bridge the existing gap between Muslim and Christian communities within the state. Radio, television, newspapers and social media were used to mobilise more Christians–Muslims scholars to use the week by United Nation with the aim of enlightening different faith base organization on the need to sustained peace, love, unity and forgiveness.

### [Second Prize \(Joint\)](#)

#### *Interfaith Harmony Week*

Department of Islamic Studies, Ghazi University

Dera Ghazi Khan, Pakistan

[View Report #9](#), [View Report #10](#), [View Report #11](#), [View Report #12](#), [View Report #13](#)



The Department of Islamic Studies, Ghazi University Dera Ghazi Khan, Punjab, Pakistan celebrated interfaith harmony week from 30-01-2022 to 04-

02-2022. It was the first time in the history of the university as well as the city to celebrate the event with true adherence to letter and spirit. Several events were organised to raise

awareness and understanding, promote friendship and celebrate love of the neighbour. These events included i) a Peace Walk ii) local lunch iii) National Seminar iv) Visit to Sikh temple v) Visit to Church.

All in all, hundreds of students and public from all communities participated in the event. There was also support from dignitaries such as Parliamentarians, Vice Chancellors, Deans, HOD's and Govt officials who graced the events and appreciated the efforts of the department.

### [Second Prize \(Joint\)](#)

#### *Wamala Ward Interfaith Prayers*

Friends of Canon Gideon Foundation (FOCAGIFO); Community Advocates for Health, Security & Development (CA4HSD) and FOCAGIFO Hope Institute for Transformational Leadership & Development (HI-TLD)  
Wamala, Uganda

[View Report #74,](#)



Religious and community leaders from all faiths used the interfaith harmony week to celebrate community pledges to combat social problems affecting the community. Walking through the town, the youth gathered and met each other to raise awareness of the World Interfaith Harmony Week and how the community has so much in common and must work towards the Higher Good. The band joined the march until they reached their venue. Then there were speeches, songs and performances all aimed at strengthening the community to strengthen its ties and live in harmony and prosperity. It was a lively, joyous event which brought the community together. Many of the youth wore their WIHW t-shirts proudly to show how important this message was for them. A pledge was signed by many involved to always uphold the spirit of the event, which was to promote interfaith harmony and prosperity for all the community.

### Second Prize (Joint)

## *Roots of friendship – Mariam meets Maria*

URI Austria

Lienz, Austria

[View Report #80](#)



A group of likeminded people from different religions have been working for peace and friendship in Lienz /

Austria since 1995. For this year's WIHW we decided to make a strong, meaningful connection to 350 refugees living in a refugee camp in Northern Syria. It is our most wanted aim, that people from Lienz have a direct connection to the people in Camp MARIAM. It is not only about money but also about a lot of love.

We provided children in the camp and children in Lienz with art materials and asked them to carry out the same activity. We hung posters about world religions in a house in Lienz and asked the children in the camp to hang up posters of the 99 Names of God. We sent seeds for growing herbs and flowers and pray that our connection allows them to also grow hope. Our children in Austria have a lot of things, and will learn gratitude and resilience by connecting with the little heroes in the camps.

## ❖ 2023 Winners

The judges received 120 submitted reports for the prize from over a thousand events held in total. This is a remarkable effort given the continuing effects of the Covid pandemic worldwide. The judges are highly appreciative of all the efforts of all those who held events and applied for the prize. They wish they could reward all who held an event, but are consoled by the fact that good deeds are their own reward so that everyone who held an event—whether they applied for the prize or not—is a true winner.

تلقى الحكام 120 تقريراً مقدماً للجائزة من أكثر من ألف فعالية أقيمت إجمالاً. هذا جهد ملحوظ بالنظر إلى الآثار المستمرة لجائحة كوفيد حول العالم. يقدر الحكام جميع الجهود التي بذلها جميع من نظموا الفعاليات وتقدموا للجائزة. يطمنون لو أنهم يستطيعون مكافأة كل من أقام حدثاً، لكنهم يعززون بأن الأعمال الصالحة هي مكافأتهم الخاصة، بحيث يكون كل من أقام حدثاً — سواء تقدم للجائزة أم لا — فائزاً حقيقياً.

### First Prize

*Ethiopia Interfaith Forum for Development Dialogue and Action (EIFDDA)*

**ETHIOPIA**

Report 32 – Interfaith Youth Peace

Conference <https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73084>

Report 57 – Interreligious Harmony and Peace Dialogue

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73464>

## **Second Prize**

*Cross-cultural Ministry of Kolding Deanery in cooperation with  
the Office of Migrant Cooperation and Encounter with Other  
Religions of the Haderslev Diocese*

**DENMARK**

*Report 34 – Women Encounter: Women’s Stories*

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73161>

*Report 64 – Musical Brunch Fellowship*

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73507>

*Report 77 – The Official Opening of UN WIFHW within the  
first week of February*

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73663>

*Report 105 – Sprogcafe/ Learning Danish with content related to WIFHW*

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73915>

*Report 109 – Women Encounter Women with Focus on  
Women’s Rights*

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73935>

*Report 113 – Art Exhibition at Kolding Main Library*

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73972>

*Report 118 – Faith Meets Faith (Tro møder tro)*

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=74016>

*Report 119 – Sprogcafe or Learning Danish Language with lesson content related to WIFWH*

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=74037>

### **Joint Third Prize**

[Afrogiveness Movement & Positive Youth Africa](#)

**CAMEROON**

*Report 70 The Fraternity Walk –*

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73570>

### **Joint Third Prize**

[Oxford Interfaith Forum](#)

**UK**

*Peace and Religious Literacy –*

<https://www.oxfordinterfaithforum.org/wihw/wihw/>

**Report 25 – No Peace Among Nations and Religions without Interreligious Learning and Peace Education!**



<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=72958>

Report 37 – Interfaith Music as Harmonious Sound: PSALMS  
in Interfaith Contexts

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73198>

Report 38 – The Art of Sacred Sound in the Muslim Context:  
Psalms and Islam

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73204>

Report 39 – An Orthodox Dialogue with Islam: Ecumenical  
Patriarch Athenagoras

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73208>

Report 40 – Serendipitous Manuscripts: Karma Pakshi's  
Memoirs, Past Lives, and Poetry

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73210>

Report 42 – Where does One Encounter the Divine? Dialogue  
Between the Sexes in the Talmud

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73214>

Report 84 – Interfaith Conversation with Science: Can Nature  
be ‘Red in tooth and Claw’ in the Thought of Augustine?

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73710>

Report 85 – Interfaith Conversation: Can Aristotle’s Ideas on  
Akrasia Shed Light on the Account of Original Sin

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=73713>

## HM King Abdullah II of Jordan Prize for World Interfaith Harmony Week 2024

Over 1180 events were held in honour of the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week 2024 and from these 59 reports were submitted for the prizes.. The judges are highly appreciative of all the efforts of all those who held events and applied for the prize. They wish they could reward all who held an event, but are consoled by the fact that good deeds are their own reward so that everyone who held an event—whether they applied for the prize or not—is a true winner.

أقيمت أكثر من 1180 فعالية تكريماً لأسبوع الأمم المتحدة العالمي للوئام بين الأديان 2024، ومن بين هذه التقارير تم تقديم 59 تقريراً للجوائز.. يقدر الحكام جميع الجهود التي بذلها جميع من نظموا الفعاليات وتقدموا للجائزة. يطمنون لو أنهم يستطيعون مكافأة كل من أقام حدثاً، لكنهم يعززون بأن الأعمال الصالحة هي مكافأتهم الخاصة، بحيث يكون كل من أقام حدثاً — سواء تقدم للجائزة أم لا — فائزاً حقيقياً.

## ❖ First Prize

Bridges – Eastern European Forum for Dialogue  
BULGARIA

Report 24 – *Gift of Love: An Interfaith Art Performance*  
*Promoting Harmony and Tolerance*

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=78297>

In commemoration of the United Nations' World



Interfaith Harmony Week “Bridges – Eastern European Forum for Dialogue” Association orchestrated a captivating interfaith art performance titled “Gift of LOVE.”

This distinguished event unfolded on February 9th within the hallowed halls of Plovdiv’s Bishop’s Cathedral, a site steeped in historical and spiritual significance since Roman antiquity.

Under the esteemed patronage of Her Excellency Ambassador Andrea Ikić-Böhm and the Embassy of the Republic of Austria, this performance served as a conduit for fostering connections among youth from diverse backgrounds.



The event brought together 56 youth participants representing various religious and spiritual expressions, including Armenian, Muslim, Christian Orthodox,

Catholic, Buddhist, and pagan traditions, all united under the banner of the “Bridges children” community.

Through a diverse array of artistic mediums—paintings, dances, musical performances, and poetry—participants conveyed messages of love to God, love to “the other”, compassion for fellow beings, and solidarity with individuals across the globe.

### ❖ Second Prize

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity  
USA

Report 55 – *“Who Is Your Neighbor?”*

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=79079>



For the third year, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity celebrated the United Nations World Interfaith Harmony. Starting Feb. 1, this weeklong campaign provided opportunities for interfaith engagement, dialogue, and volunteerism. A seven-day Interfaith challenge on our website encouraged participants to learn about the UN initiative, explore how the concept of neighborliness translates across faith traditions, and discover how diverse faith groups can put faith into action by advocating to support affordable housing/homeownership in our local community.

Our celebration of WIHW culminated in “Who Is Your



Neighbor? An interfaith dialogue focused on neighborliness and partnering with civic officials to address affordable

homeownership” on Sunday, Feb. 4, hosted

by Pikes Peak Habitat in collaboration with the Pikes Peak Inter Faith Coalition. The event took place at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, and approximately 92 people from diverse faith traditions participated.

We hope that the tenets set forth by WIHW of mutual understanding, respect, and love for God and the good of our neighbors continue to unite our diverse faith groups around the need for affordable homeownership, not in spite of our differences, but because of them.

## Third Prize

Journalists and Writers Foundation

USA

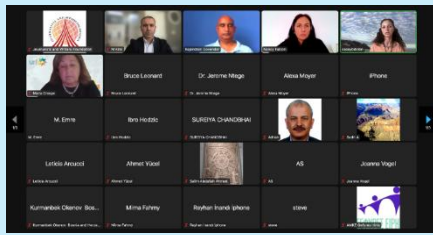
Report 13 – *Creating a Safe Space for Interfaith Dialogue: Skills and Reflections*

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=78095>

Report 14 – *Youth Interfaith Digital Storytelling Campaign*

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=78103>

The event focused on the importance of interfaith



experiences, knowledge, and skills for fostering interfaith and intercultural dialogue, mutual

understanding, appreciating similarities, and respecting differences. Speakers discussed key skills necessary for effective interfaith dialogue and offered advice on how individuals can enhance these skills. Additionally, they recommended essential competencies for young people to engage in interfaith dialogue and understanding through interfaith education, to enhance overall dialogue literacy.

The webinar featured experts who explored essential skills, tools, and knowledge needed for meaningful interfaith dialogue. The event was moderated by Nancy Falcon, an Interfaith Dialogue Expert from Argentina/Italy and Dr. Rajendran Govender, a Social Cohesion Advocate from South Africa. Mr. Kilic introduced the moderators who are members of the JWF's Interfaith Committee and Advisory Board and are close collaborators and friends. The webinar featured two distinguished experts in interreligious and interfaith dialogue: Casey B. Dolan, Africa Coordinator at ISHA Foundation, and Maria Eugenia Crespo, Director of Member Support at United Religion Initiative (URI) in Argentina.

By providing a platform for voices from diverse



backgrounds to be heard and shared, the webinar underscored the transformative potential of interfaith dialogue in promoting

peace and fostering a deeper sense of interconnectedness among all members of the global community. In essence, it served as a testament to the power of dialogue, empathy, and collective action in building bridges of understanding and cooperation across cultural, religious, and geographical divides.

[Click here to watch the](#)

[webinar : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmk2-jHyLzM&t=191s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmk2-jHyLzM&t=191s)



# The 2025 HM King Abdullah II

## World Interfaith Harmony Week Prize

Over 1300 events were held in honour of the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week 2025 and from these 79 reports were submitted for the prizes. The judges are highly appreciative of all the efforts of all those who held events and applied for the prize. They wish they could reward all who held an event, but are consoled by the fact that good deeds are their own reward so that everyone who held an event—whether they applied for the prize or not—is a true winner.

تم تنظيم أكثر من 1300 فعالية تكريماً لأسبوع الوئام العالمي بين الأديان التابع للأمم المتحدة 2025، ومن بين هذه التقارير تم تقديم 79 تقريراً للجوائز. يقدر الحكام جميع الجهود التي بذلها جميع من نظموا الفعاليات وتقدموا للجائزة. يتمنون لو أنهم يستطيعون مكافأة كل من أقام حدثاً، لكنهم يعززون بأن الأعمال الصالحة هي مكافأتهم الخاصة، بحيث يكون كل من أقام حدثاً — سواء تقدم للجائزة أم لا — فائزاً حقيقياً.

## First Prize

### *Human Fraternity and Interfaith Dialogue – A Factor of International Solidarity*

International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan (IIAU) – UNESCO  
Chair in Comparative Study of World Religions  
Uzbekistan

Report 56 – Final Report on The Week of Scientific, Cultural, Educational, and Sports Events in Celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week 2025

(Also see Reports 42,45, 46, 50–53)

#### The UNESCO Chair in Comparative Study of World



Religions at the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan (IIAU) organized and executed a series of interdisciplinary events in observance

of World Interfaith Harmony Week under the thematic framework “Human Fraternity and Interfaith Dialogue – A Factor of International Solidarity”. The initiative integrated scientific discourse, cultural exhibitions, educational engagements, competitive activities, and experiential learning to promote interfaith understanding and social cohesion.

## Second Prize

### *Walking, Talking and Working Together*

The Houston Chapter of the American Leadership Forum (ALF)  
USA

#### Report 78– WALKING, TALKING AND WORKING TOGETHER

A week-long series of events supported by 25 community partners. This initiative included events that were open to the public and aimed to foster dialogue, collaboration, and understanding among Houston's diverse cultural and faith communities.



## Joint Third Prize

### *Interfaith Harmony Week. Film Series.*

University of Jaén

SPAIN

#### Report 6 – Interfaith Harmony Week. Film Series.

Three films ‘Especiales’ (2019), ‘Inch’Allah’ (2012) and ‘Timbuktu’ (2014) were screened in the Auditorium of the Old Teachers’ College. They were shown on 3 separate evenings and then followed up with discussion panel.



## Joint Third Prize

*The Sustainable Development Action of World Religions*

World Hung Mun Organization (WHMO)

CHINA

Report 13 – The ‘Sustainable Development Action of World Religions’.

Report 29 – Summary of World Interfaith Harmony Week China Activities



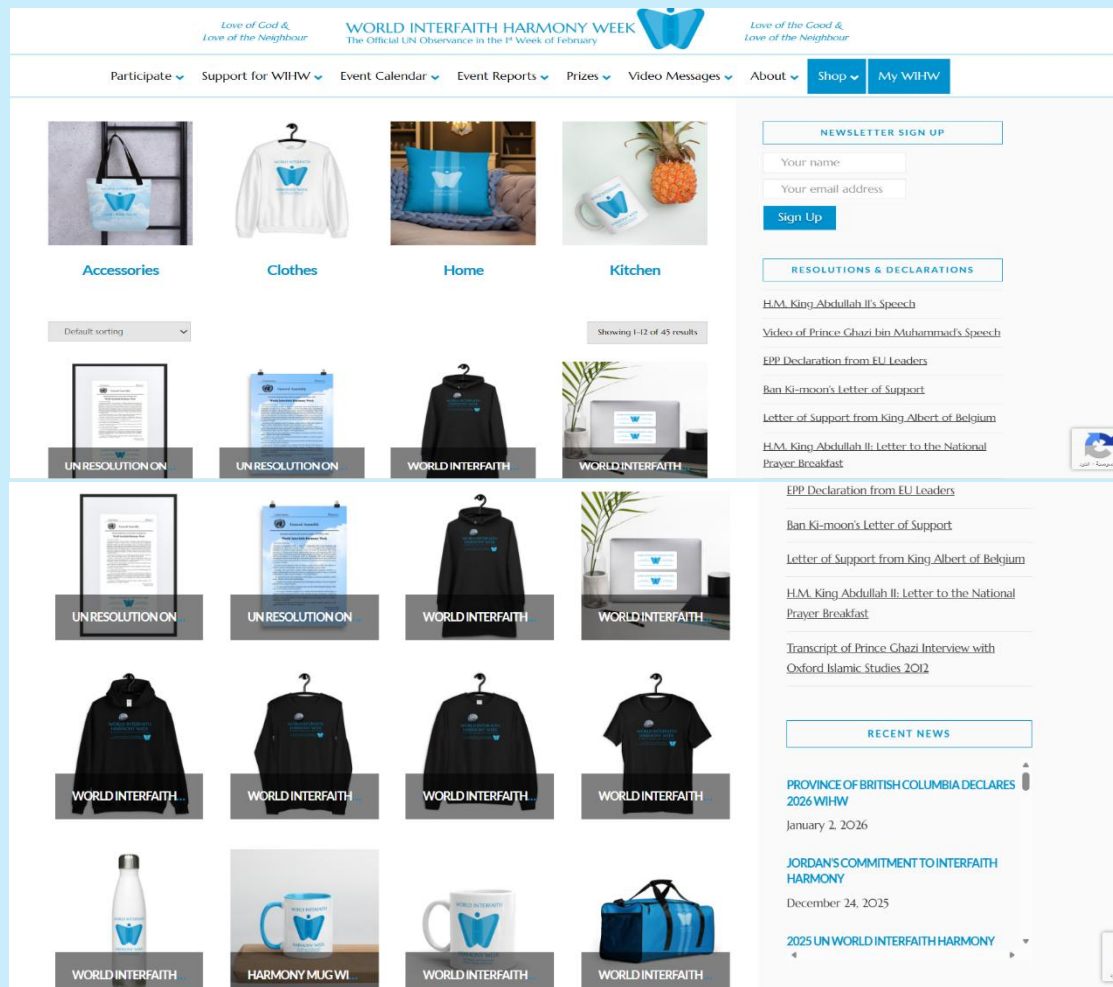
This series of events centred around the theme of “Faith and Sustainable Development,” connected different regions and cultures, showcasing the proactive role of diverse faiths and young people in addressing ecological and social challenges.

Many, many congratulations to the winners and to all those who took part in World Interfaith Harmony Week 2025.

We wait for the winners who will take part in World Interfaith Harmony Week 2026 to congratulate them too.

## ❖ Shopping

The last thing is to buy something valuable , holding an image of WIHW logo as shown below:



## Types of Letters of Support :

Think a Little!

It's a little moments That we live in the world . Why don't capture a moment to do something that makes you a unique stare among human being and win the best gift from Allah. Do you think a little how to be a winner ? Sure ! You are my sister and my brother in humanity either neighbor of my house ,street , work or a further of me. Really! It's a way to achieve happiness wherever you are , whenever you are ? How do you feel when you save a family from horror? Have you saved a shelter to feel safety ? How do you feel when you save a Youth from suicide or self –murder ? Sure! You feel happiness .Also , how do you feel when you help a poor child to grow up and learn ? Sure! Ways of safety and happiness always open . So , today came together to save the world even with smile and pray for all to open good doors and for a bright future.

## Another letter :

As Founding Coordinator for Gita4Life Campaign, #gita4life, I would like to appreciate and support the initiative for global peace made by World Interfaith Harmony Week. The mission

of Gita4Life Campaign align with the mission of WIHW as both are concerned with interreligious and intercultural understanding for global peace, cooperation and wellbeing.

As a scholar I have been working on the teachings of the Gita from interspatial perspective, and I have found that the teachings of the Gita can be comprehensive guidelines for promotion of tolerance and harmony among people with different faiths. Realizing, its global significance, the campaign has been working in collaboration with various national and international organizations committed to personal, societal and global wellbeing.

### **Types of Videos Message as below :**

H.R.H. Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad

<https://youtu.be/4gYZr2m1wgs>

World Interfaith Harmony Week 2020 – A Song for WIHW

[https://youtu.be/a5ashqqcG\\_0](https://youtu.be/a5ashqqcG_0)

<https://soundcloud.com/user-227996917/peace-tone-1>

<https://twtgroupp.wordpress.com/2026/01/19/an-electronic-book-about-harmony-week/>

Event Video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=31poZ6ZJ49E>

Source :

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/>

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but all the world around us seeks for happiness inside harmony. It is a great initiative since HM King Abdullah II introduced it or “ World Interfaith

Harmony Week” in September , 2010 to call all people in different religion to participate and connected to plant trees , clean their neighbourhood , invite neighbours and friends in different religion to recognize through a party of dinner, lunch or breakfast or to walk through long streets in fresh air , discussing better solutions to global warming , as an example or inviting them to practice some sports , as running or playing football or some exercises to strengthen our bodies.

Moreover , try to spread “ A common word” of peace , tolerance and love to enter happiness and joy on the poor and deprived people of learning ,through teaching them and through giving a hand of changing the state of people and the globe to better state, and goodness will shine in return from Allah, the Most Merciful .

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This Book is a Gift to

Our sons, daughters, parents, relatives, neighbours  
, and those who deprived of tolerance, peace and  
Love , and seeks for better life to live safely in harmony world,  
contains of clean environments, fresh air and clean water.  
Moreover, warm, sacrifice, safety and patience in your heart  
and mind , as you give a hand to the poor and helpless people;  
whatever they are and wherever they are around the globe.

You as one of humanity, you should collaborate, think  
creatively to solve problems locally and globally, to achieve  
welfare and bright future for all humanity.

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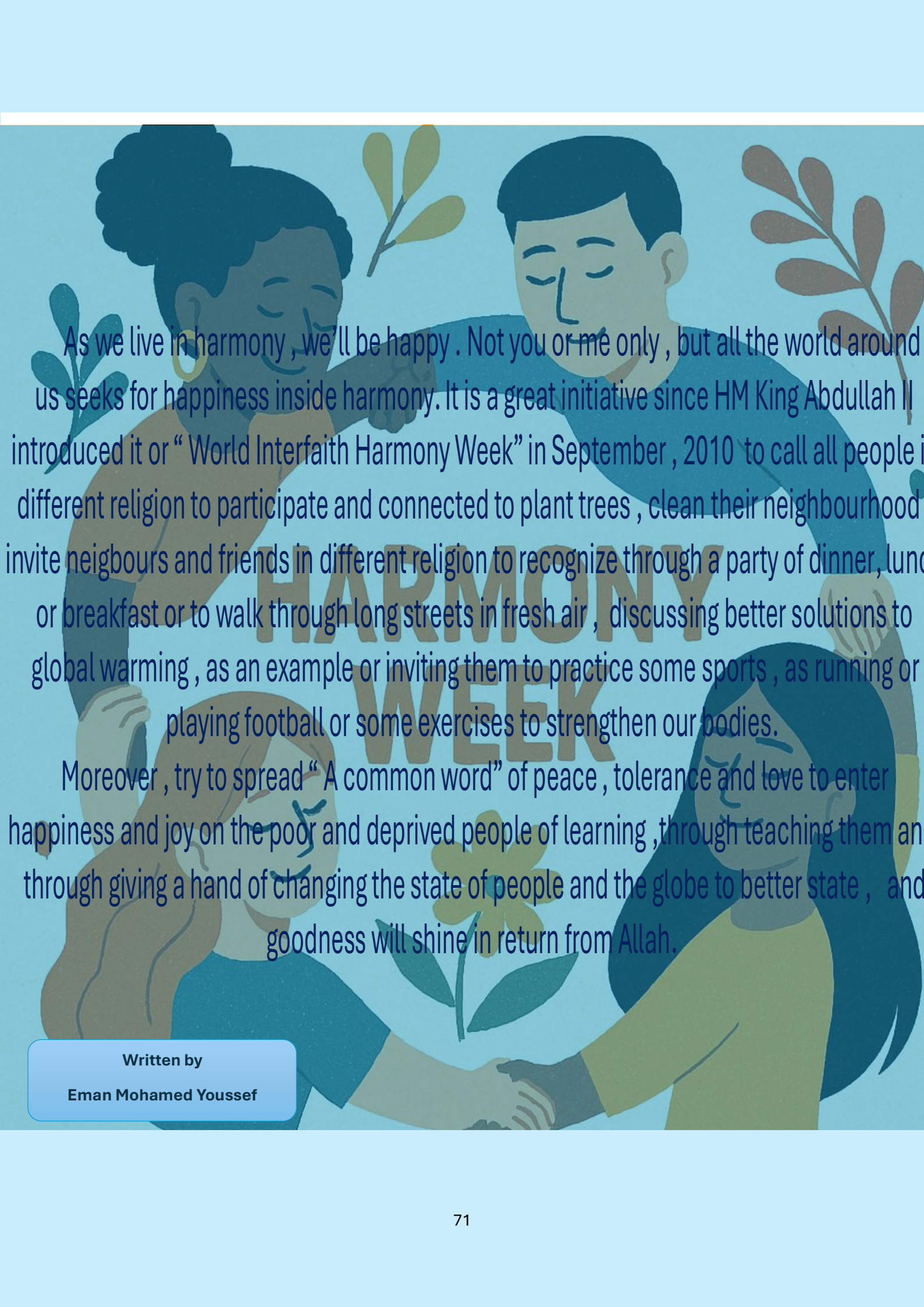
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**The event.** We are delighted this year to start new inspiration to celebrate " World Interfaith Harmony Week" , through writing an electronic book which is called " Harmony Week" , to help people in different places or religion and whatever they are to read the book offline and sharing it with people locally and globally online ,inviting them to create an event to the " WIHW Site . It is an extension to the site ,as it is before you. This make the Registration and creating an event easily to everybody read the book and join the site.

We began with an introduction and Presented the speech of HM King Abdullah II of Jordan . We discussed also how o create an event and how to upload an event reports . Also , we presented some winners of HM king Abdullah II prize and we ended the book with a summary about the goal of the book.

Moreover, we set a live webinar ,where we invited lots of people in different religions to display and discuss any part of the book . Also , to answer any question about creating an event to participate during the celebration of WIHW. The Webinar or an online meeting will start at 1st February ,2026 PM ,Egypt time zone , and we'll continue along of the first week to receive and respond any question about WIHW event or " Harmony Week" book.



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The Official UN Observance in the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of February



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*Celebrating*  
**World Interfaith Harmony Week**

*When hearts unite in goodness,  
the world blossoms in harmony."*