

Interfaith Council Meeting

Date: January 29, 2026

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: The Good Neighbor Center

Facilitator: Dr. Jeffrey Lidke

Note Taker: Izzac Rumble

Attendees

Dr. Lidke, Dr. Conn, Dr. Huggins, Dr. Heidelberger, Dr. Hershey, Dr. Parker,
Miranda Knight, Dr. Vespa, Dr. Shin, Devon Smyth, Milo Antunes, Daphne
Trempe, Ahmon Harris, Quanah Martin, Izzac Rumble

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from November 2025 have been approved

Reports

Discussion of Programming

Be LOVE Week

- Interfaith Civil Discourse Berry Circles program on Faith, Sex, and Gender
- Great success with 150 students that attended
- For future events:
 - o Focus on educating about other cultural expression on sex and gender

- Have more diverse discussion groups, possibly numbered cards to pass out as they arrive to ensure difference in opinion in the groups
- Small groups allowing for each student to have enough time to discuss the topic, more specific questions to practice healthy conflict in conversation
- Having a discussion moderator at each table, IFC members to make sure the discussion is meaningful

Intrafaith Program on Sex and Gender in Christianity with Pieter Valk and Sally Gary (2/17, MAC Auditorium, 6:00 pm)

- Particular concern within Christianity about differing views regarding sex and gender
- Important to have LGBTQ individuals having this conversation, allows us to understand how they interpret scripture differently, focused discussion on scripture and ethics but also real experiences
- Has Gods revelation remained the same throughout time, but the interpretation has changed based on our evolving society? What does love, care, and healing look like?
- Q&A at the end:
 - Setting standards for engagement so no one is harmed, want to create a respectful environment
 - Possibly scanning a QR code and texting your questions since it's a heavy topic
 - Providing a contact information slide at the end

IFC Statement on Violence

- Possible approach: providing a list of resources from each religious tradition and what they have to say regarding peace and violence
- Posting the Buddhist Monks Walk for Peace on the IFC Instagram
- Expressing moral concerns/moral injury rather than politics

Ramadan (Commences February 17, B&CE offering 3rd floor space)

- Good Neighbor email reminder about this

Additional Spring Programs

- Annual Labyrinth walk program
- Jewish Meditation program