

## 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 Tremps, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor space)

- Good Neighbor email reminder about this

Additional Spring Programs

- Annual Labyrinth walk program
- Jewish Meditation program