

Spring Interfaith Council Monthly Newsletter

September 2026 ◆

SIC News

- Preparations for our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service are underway. We have chosen a theme: Many Paths - A Common Journey of Gratitude. We will meet on Zoom September 8 at 10:30am. Please join us and be a part of planning this great event! For the Zoom link, [please email us](#).
- Our second annual Day of Peace event will be held September 27th at 4pm at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church. Bring family and friends to pray for peace, listen to contemplative Taize music, and more! Details are on page 3.
- We have another tour scheduled, this time to Gurdwara Sikh National Center! See the details on page 4.

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SIC Chair

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Women's Voices

Women's Voices is an interfaith group of women that meets monthly for discussion based on a book they are reading. The next gathering is on Thursday, September 3 in the Oasis Room at [Northwoods Presbyterian Church](#). They will meet from 12:30 - 2:30pm discussing Part 1, chapters 1-7 of the NEW BOOK, "We the Women: Hidden Heroes who Shaped America" by Norah O'Donnell. If you'd like to know more about this group, please contact [Nancy Agafitei](#).



Community Conversations

The Archdiocese of Galveston Houston invites you to a monthly online community conversation about race, faith, and finding our way forward in love. Each Open Wide Our Hearts meeting includes a presentation on a relevant topic. Small group discussions follow. The next Community Conversation will be September 16 at 10 am with Father Donald Wolf, Postulator on Blessed Stanley Rother's Witness and Solidarity with the Oppressed. [Click here to register](#)

Interfaith Events



IM Houston

Faith in Dialogue: An Interfaith Dialogue Dinner

Join IM Houston for an evening of meaningful conversation, shared experiences, and community connection.

Faith in Dialogue brings together people of diverse faith traditions to build understanding, foster relationships, and explore how we can work together for the common good.

Through three guided movements – **Belief, Story, and Service** – participants will explore beliefs that shape our faiths, share personal experiences, and discuss ways to collaborate on shared social concerns.

Thursday, September 10th, 2026
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
IM Houston's Great Hall
3303 Main Street
Houston, Texas 77002

For tickets or sponsorships, please visit imgh.org/dialogue-series-2026



IM Houston

If you enjoy dialogue meals, here's another opportunity hosted by IM Houston on September 10 at 6pm. Click the link for more details.

[IM Dialogue Dinner](http://imgh.org/dialogue-series-2026)



NATIONAL DAY OF Service
25th Anniversary

HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2026
8:30-11:30 AM
REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY 9:30 AM

Join us to honor our heroes, through reflection, service and unity

Register here:
bit.ly/911DayHouston



AMERICA 250



9/11 Day of Service

It's the 25th anniversary of 9/11 and 250 years of the American Experiment. All ages are invited to attend a remembrance ceremony followed by service in the Houston National Cemetery September 12th. Learn more and volunteer [HERE](http://bit.ly/911DayHouston)



You're Cordially Invited

Faith Leaders Breakfast

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
STARTS @ 8:30AM
RSVP to rwright@namonline.org
281-885-4605

NORTHWEST ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES
Harrell Family Opportunity Center
15702 Bammel Village Drive
Houston, TX 77014
NAMONLINE.ORG



Faith Leaders Breakfast

Northwest Assistance Ministries invites faith leaders in the community to a breakfast to learn more about NAM's life changing work and how your congregation can partner in this work.



Kinsmen Lutheran Church & the Mental Health Matters Initiative Presents:

NAMI Family & Friends Seminar
National Alliance on Mental Illness

About the seminar:
This educational program is for families & friends of those with mental health conditions.

What You'll Learn:

- Understanding Mental Health
- Compassionate Communication
- Coping & Self-Care Tips
- Crisis & Support Resources

Date: Saturday, September 19
Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Location: Kinsmen Lutheran Church
12100 Champion Forest Dr.
Houston, TX 77066



Scan or click QR code to register



Kinsmen Lutheran Church

Kinsmen Lutheran Church and the Mental Health Matters Initiative invites the community to attend a support group presented by National Alliance on Mental Illness Greater Houston. There are in-person and virtual support groups available. Those interested can visit [this site to learn more and register](http://this.site.to.learn.more.and.register).



**SPRING INTERFAITH COUNCIL
INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO**

International Day of Peace Taize & Meditation Prayer Service

**27 SEPTEMBER | 4 PM
HOLY COMFORTER EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2322 SPRING CYPRESS ROAD
SPRING, TX 77388**



**INVEST IN PEACE:
FOR EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERY DAY**

Day of Peace Event

Last year Spring Interfaith Council sponsored a beautiful event in conjunction with the International Day of Peace. There was gorgeous Taize music provided by a flutist, oboist, pianist and choir, along with readings and time to pray and meditate. This year SIC is happy to sponsor again this memorable experience. We are grateful to our hosts at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church and the committee who is putting this event together.

International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Peace is not just a vision; it's a call to action that each of us can answer by promoting understanding, respect, and justice in our daily lives. Join the community in praying for peace, enjoying contemplative music, sacred readings, & meditations which represent the diverse faith traditions of our Spring community. For more information, please email Linda Barry at lgblan281@gmail.com



Interfaith Tour

We have scheduled an interfaith tour of the Gurdwara Sikh National Center on Tuesday, September 22nd at 11:00am. They are located at 7500 North Sam Houston Parkway West, Houston, TX 77064. After a talk, and tour of the facility, we will share light refreshments. You must RSVP by September 18th to Ooma Lakshmanan at ooma.lakshmanan@gmail.com or (713) 703-5658.

Before attending, please read their guidelines for visitors on what to expect: <https://sikhnationalcenter.org/gurudwara-program-protocol/>



Friends Peace Teams

In this 2-hour participatory, online program, experience the history of the colonization of Turtle Island, the land that is now known as the United States, as told through the words of Indigenous and European/American leaders, and Western historians. Engage with this history through experiential exercises and small group discussions. All are invited to consider how you can build relationships with Indigenous peoples based on truth, respect, justice, and our shared humanity. Appropriate for high school students and adults.

Sunday, September 27, 3-5pm

[REGISTER HERE.](#)



Festival of Faiths

The inaugural Festival of Faiths in Houston will be held October 4 from noon-5pm at the Ismaili Center. This free, open to the public event brings together people from across Houston's diverse faith communities to build understanding, forge meaningful connections, and celebrate the values we share. Through inspiring music, captivating dance, visual arts, storytelling, thought-provoking panels, and engaging presentations, the festival creates space for people of different faiths and backgrounds to learn from one another, celebrate our diversity, and strengthen the bonds that connect us as a community. Register [HERE](#)

Resources

Medical Care	Masjid Al Salam Mosque Northwest Assistance Ministries	ahsanhuq@sbcglobal.net 281-583-5600
Rehousing and Rental Assistance	Northwest Assistance Ministries	Online Application namonline.org/basic-needs
Food, Clothing, Showers, etc for Unhoused	Hope Center Houston	821 Peakwood Houston, TX 77090 832-965-5511 M-F 9am-3pm
Transportation, Clothing	Northwest Assistance Ministries	281-885-4555
Food pantry, Counseling, Health Services, After School Clubs, Literacy, Educational Support	Northwest Assistance Ministries Bridging for Tomorrow	281-885-4555 www.bridgingfortomorrow.org ZIP Codes: 77066 & 77086
Employment Counseling & Training	Northwest Assistance Ministries	281-885-4555
Job Training	Deseret Industries	8625 FM 1960 Houston, TX 346-214-7453
Food	Kinsmen Lutheran Church Bridging for Tomorrow Houston Food Bank	1st Saturday 8-11 AM 5359 W Richey Rd Houston, TX 77066
Meals on Wheels	Northwest Assistance Ministries	281-885-4622
Showers every Friday 10-2	Northwest Assistance Ministries	http://www.movingwaters-houston.org/showers
Food Pantry	Abundant Harvest Kitchen	24803 Oakhurst Dr Spring, TX 77386 Text: 781-474-3673 Make appointment Mondays: https://harvestkitchen.org/food-pantry/

Thank you for reading!

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	<u>WEBSITE</u>
