

# Living Interfaith Church

## Monthly Newsletter

**Whether we are consumed by hate  
or consumed by fear,  
in the end we are someone else's dinner.**

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### March Calendar

March 11th — Service: 10:30  
“Avoiding the Hate Pathogen ”

March 25th—Service: 10:30  
“An Early Earth Day ”

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### April Calendar

April 8th — Service: 10:30  
“LGBTQ Brothers and Sisters”

April 13th— Service 6:30 PM  
“Passover Seder/Maundy Thursday”

April 22nd—Service 10:30  
“Celebrating Easter”

### Sermon Podcasts

[LivingInterfaith.Podbean.com](http://LivingInterfaith.Podbean.com)

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### Interfaith Q & A

If you have an Interfaith question of general interest, e-mail us your question at [Livinginterfaith@frontier.com](mailto:Livinginterfaith@frontier.com).

“Good News in Trying Times”

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# SPREAD THE WORD

## Our Interfaith Curriculum Is Now Available!

See page 2 for details

**Useful for any spiritual community that wants to be sure that their children are both aware of our diverse spiritual traditions and can talk about them safely.**

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## **March Services**

**March 11th**, “Avoiding the Hate Pathogen ” ~ Hate and intolerance are contagious, and we seem in the midst of a worldwide pandemic. We will explore how the most loving among us can become infected and suggest a few ways we might recover from this spiritually debilitating outbreak.

**March 25th** “An Early Earth Day” ~ Earth Day is in April, but so is Easter. So Living Interfaith will observe Earth Day a month early and look to what the Earth might ask from us on her day.

# **Living Interfaith At Work in the Community Interfaith Curriculum Part One Available Now**

We are making the curriculum available free of charge from our website to any school, spiritual community or other interested group that is committed to teaching our children not only to respect our diversity but how to be able to talk about it.

It might best be described as a teacher’s handbook. It walks the reader through how to teach our children about both our common humanity and our diverse spiritual paths and traditions. It provides lesson plans and lists the materials a teacher needs to put together meaningful, respectful classes, including important content.

Such a curriculum has *never* been more needed.

Part One is complete and available. It covers grades 1-3. Our beautiful hard copies are available either by hand delivery (if you live nearby) or for the cost of printing and postage (\$13.00) if you would like the curriculum mailed to you. **Electronic copies ARE NOW AVAILABLE for downloading for free from our website!**

Again, THANK YOU to all who contributed to funding Part Two—grades 4-7! We are hoping to have it available in June of 2018. With your help, in a few years after that we will have an entire curriculum to offer: grades 1-12!

## **Burrito Rolls Continue**

**Saturday, March 18th!** Come, help roll burritos for the hungry. The roll will take place at first Baptist Church at 1:30 PM and generally lasts 1 1/2 hours.

Not into rolling, or have something to do on Saturday? The fixings for the burritos will be prepared on Friday January 20th. And help is also needed in distributing the burritos after the roll.

**For further information, or to sign up and get on the e-mail list, please contact our own Rebecca Alder at:**

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## Interfaith Q & A/Musings

### Good News in Trying Times

It's certainly not news that these are difficult times. It can be hard to hear others or even our own thoughts amongst all the shouting. There appears to be a pandemic of spiritually destructive hate and intolerance (which we'll talk about at the service on March 11th).

Many of us are asking does it have to be this way? No. It doesn't. Is there anything we can do? Yes. There is.

I had a positive and spirit-filling example of what we can do this past Sunday, February 26. I had the privilege of organizing and leading a gathering and march in support of our brothers and sisters at Standing Rock. Most of us are very much aware of the issues there. But for a reminder, please a sermon on subject from last December. <http://livinginterfaith.org/?p=849>

The new Trump administration has decided that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would just get in the way. And the peaceful water protectors were ordered out of their camp. Those who didn't go were arrested. So now what? That's the question that has faced those of us who are deeply interested in justice. We are interested in justice for our Sioux brothers and sisters, as we are for our Muslim brothers and sisters, and our Hispanic brothers and sisters. We are interested in justice for our human family.

So where's the good news? The City of Seattle had issued a beautiful proclamation of support for Standing Rock. But I live in Lynnwood, which is north of Seattle. What about smaller cities? What about my city? Why can't we have support for Standing Rock from cities large and small around the country?

So I organized a gathering at a local park and then a march to City Hall, where we would give a letter of support to a Council Member asking the City to enact a proclamation. Indeed, we provided the City of Lynnwood with a draft of such a proclamation (making liberal use of much of Seattle's proclamation).

I wanted us to be timely, which meant that the gathering and march had to put organized in less than two weeks.

In the end, we had 35 marchers, most of whom I had never met before! Word had spread that quickly. And here, for me, was the wonderfully spirit-filling thing. As passionate as we all were and are about Standing Rock, the gathering and march went off peacefully and without incident. There was no hate-speak. Not only this, but when I contacted Lynnwood's police department to let it know what we were planning I received friendly cooperation, not resistance. Yes, our police departments can indeed serve the public and work with, not against, the public.

But it was my fellow marchers that so filled me with joy. They were committed and informed, yet they were positive, not negative. They were filled with intensity, but not fear; passion, but not anger or hatred. We **can** lift our voices without screaming. We **can** strongly disagree with a policy without becoming hateful. This is for me what is so reassuring. It is the good news for trying times. We can resist hate and injustice, and we can do it with love.

## **Your Ongoing Support is Appreciated!**

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## **Support Living Interfaith**

Our church expenses are not huge, but we do have them. We have begun another ambitious year, but thanks to your help we remain in an excellent position to accomplish our goals.

Any and all contributions are welcome and very much appreciated. For those who might want to use a credit card to help support us, by going to our web page [www.livinginterfaith.org](http://www.livinginterfaith.org) and clicking the donate button, a safe contribution may be made through PayPal.

If you prefer not to use the web, checks are also welcome. They should be made out to "Living Interfaith Church" and sent to PO Box 2352, Lynnwood, Washington 98036. And yes, Living Interfaith is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Your donations are tax deductible.

**If you are contributing to the Education Project, please put "Education" in the memo section of your check, or on PayPal.**

As with Part One, any contributions made to the Education Project that aren't needed for Part Two will be used as our floor when we begin to raise funds for Part Three.

# **THANK YOU!!**

