

# Newsletter | Week 17

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## Interfaith Circle

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## Why interfaith?

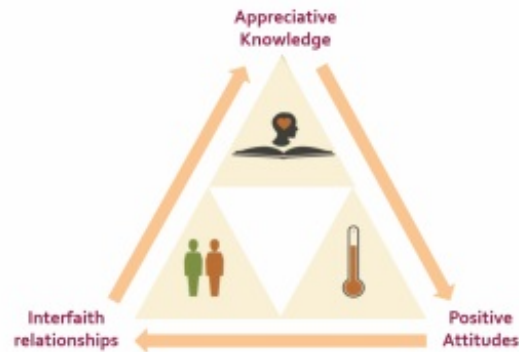
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Here we share articles about the importance of investing in interfaith dialogue and cooperation in contemporary society.

## The Interfaith Triangle | IFYC

In this short video created by the Interfaith Youth Core in partnership with the Dominican University, learn about the Interfaith Triangle. Appreciative knowledge, positive attitudes, and interfaith relationships are 3 key aspects that mutually reinforce one another to create interfaith dialogue and cooperation.

[Watch the video](#)



## **Learning about diverse traditions**

Appreciative knowledge is an important part in the interfaith triangle. In this section, we share information to expand our religious, spiritual, and secular literacy, featuring different traditions/worldviews every week.

### What is Vaisakhi & What Does it Mean to Sikhs?

In April, Sikh people around the world will celebrate an important holiday called Vaisakhi. A group of Sikh kids to find out more about the holiday and about their faith. Watch this interesting short video created by Behind the News.

[Watch the video](#)



## **Diverse ways to live and to find meaning in life**

Here, we share stories about how people find different ways to find meaning and purpose in their lives.

### What Is Meditation? – Krishnamurti

In this video created by [theimmeasurable.org](http://theimmeasurable.org), hear an excerpt of a talk given by Krishnamurti, an Indian philosopher, writer, and speaker. "Meditation is one of the greatest arts of life – perhaps the greatest art. Because in the understanding of meditation there is love, and love is not the product of systems, of habits, of following a method. Love cannot be cultivated by thought. Love can perhaps come into being when there is complete silence."



[Watch the video](#)

## Interfaith Resources

Here, we share resources and content in support of interfaith activities and observances.

[Respectful Communication | Tanenbaum.org](#)

Use Tanenbaum's Tips for Respectful Communication to prevent misunderstandings when talking to coworkers and employees about religion.

[Access the resource](#)



## Engage with the Interfaith Initiative at VT

Participate in interfaith dialogue and cooperation at Virginia Tech. All are welcome, as the interfaith circle includes all religious, non-religious, spiritual, and secular identities.

[Interfaith Together Dinner: You are invited!](#)

Join us for an event to engage with and celebrate diverse religious, spiritual, and secular worldviews at Virginia Tech. Food from diverse traditions + dialogues + collective art. Thursday, February 20, 5:30 – 7:00 pm. RSVP

at [www.dos.vt.edu/interfaithdinner](http://www.dos.vt.edu/interfaithdinner).

[Click to RSVP](#)

[Interfaith Brown Bag Lunches – Spring 2020](#)

Participate in a dialogue with people from diverse worldviews. Discussions about world issues through an interfaith lens. Dates: February 6, February 27, March 26, April 23. Time: 12 to 1 pm. Location: Smith Career Center – Meeting Room B. Open the flyer to see the topics for conversation!

[Open the flyer](#)

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Owens Ballroom  
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**INTERFAITH DIALOGUES**  
Brown Bag Lunch Discussions  
Thursdays, always from 12 to 1 pm  
Smith Career Center - Meeting Room B

February 6 - Spiritual development in college  
February 27 - Understanding religious diversity in the U.S.  
March 26 - Being a positive presence for students exploring questions of faith and purpose  
April 23 - Educators' awareness of worldview differences

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## Interfaith Evening Dialogues for Students – Spring 2020

Undergraduate and graduate students: come participate in dialogues with people from diverse identities! Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm – February 5, March 4, April 1, April 29. Open the flyer to see the topics and the location for each dialogue.

[Open the flyer](#)



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