

Newsletter | Week 11

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Interfaith Circle

This weekly newsletter is promoted by the Dean of Students Office at VT, in support of the [new Interfaith Initiative](#).

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Why interfaith?

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

Interfaith Leadership & Cooperation in HigherEd

In the last few years, many colleges and universities have seen their campuses and nearby communities become increasingly divided over issues of globalization, diversity, and religious identity. To help institutions bring faculty, students, and staff together across these differences, AAC&U and IFYC have partnered.

[Read the article](#)



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.

Facts on African Religions

African traditional religion refers to the indigenous or autochthonous religions of the African people. It deals with their cosmology, ritual practices, symbols, arts, society, and so on. Because religion is a way of life, it relates to culture and society as they affect the worldview of the African people. Article by Jacob K. Olupona (Interfaith Observer).

[Read the article](#)



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.

The Case for Atheist Chaplains | The Interfaith Observer

Because 'chaplaincy' has religious connotations, some atheists and non-believers prefer not to use the term. Nonetheless, a need for atheist chaplains exists, and a growing number of people are stepping into the role. Atheists have needs like anyone else, seek out mentors and counselors who can advise and care for them. [Read the article](#)



Interfaith Resources

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

Soundscapes of Religion | Hinduism: OM

This podcast is part of the Interfaith Voices' award-winning celebration of sacred sound, based on the idea that every faith tradition has its own sonic signature. This week we will learn about AUM, the sound that Hindus and Buddhists call 'the first breath of creation.' When said in unison with a group, it reverberates through the room, hinting at the reality that encompasses the entire universe.

[Listen to the podcast](#)



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 Evening Dialogues | For Students

Students who asked for interfaith dialogue sessions in the evenings and closer to academic buildings, we hear you! Come participate in dialogues with people from diverse identities. Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm – Dec 11 – Location: 3310 Torgersen Hall.

INTERFAITH DIALOGUES
Evening Sessions for Students

Wednesday Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 11
5:30 to 7:00 pm - Torgersen 3310

Participate in a dialogue with people from diverse religious, spiritual, and secular worldviews. Discussions about world issues through an interfaith lens. All are welcome.

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Interfaith Dialogues – Brown bag lunch – New Location

Participate in a dialogue with people from diverse worldviews.

Discussions about world issues through an interfaith lens. Next date: December 12. Time: 12 to 1 pm.
Location: Student Services Building – Room 230.



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