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Interfaith Circle

This bi-weekly newsletter is promoted by the Dean of Students Office at VT, in support of the new Interfaith Initiative. Subscribe to receive it by e-mail. Access previous editions. The newsletter will go on a hiatus during the next month, resuming in early Fall.

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Why interfaith?

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

Photo: IFYC

Why Interfaith Work Matters After Graduation

Two IFYC Alum, Kevin Singer and Usra Ghazi, highlight the importance of being a part of the IFYC Alumni Network while discussing the role interfaith work has played in their lives. Watch this interesting short video, part of Interfaith America (IFYC).



[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.

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12 Black faith leaders who shaped America

Carr Harkrader writes on 12 Black faith leaders who have “showcased the illimitable heights America can reach when we demand justice, life and liberty for all”, including A. Philip Randolph, Mary McLeod Bethune, and Bayard Rustin. Published by Religion News Service.



[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.

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A ‘Christian animist’ on God in nature

“All of creation and its many inhabitants are God in a variety of forms and disguises”. Read this short interview with author and theologian Mark I. Wallace, who believes there’s an animistic understanding of the world deep within Christianity. By Josiah Neufeld for Broadview Magazine.



[Read the article](#)

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.

Fall Interfaith Bag Dialogues | For faculty, staff, and community members

Participate in a constructive dialogue about diverse traditions. Join us every other Thursday, 12-1 pm, Sep 10 to Dec 3. Click to sign up and attend the sessions, in which faculty, staff and community are welcome to present activities about their worldviews.



Fall Interfaith Dialogues | For Students

Dialogues with students from diverse traditions will happen over Zoom: every other Wednesday 5:30 to 7 pm, from September 9 to December 2. Click to sign up and attend the sessions, in which students are also invited to facilitate dialogues about their tradition.



Exploring Purpose & Meaning Support Group

Safe space for students to talk about experiences, reflect about worldviews and values, and engage in creative activities around life goals. Via Zoom every other Thursday 3:30-5pm, Sep 3 to Dec 3. Partnership Dean of Students Office and Cook Counseling Center. Click to RSVP.



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