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## Interfaith Circle

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## Latest news

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In this section, you will find the latest news about the Interfaith Initiative at Virginia Tech.

Photo: IFYC

Virginia Tech Interfaith Program receives a new Campus Innovation Grant Award from IFYC



We are happy to be part of the selective group of 2020-21 Interfaith Youth Core campus innovation grantees. The grant will support a semester-long Interfaith Professional Development Series for Faculty and Staff members. Stay tuned! The trainings will happen in the Spring and registration will open soon.

## **Why interfaith?**

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

Photo courtesy Farah Siddiqui to RNS

### Building Interfaith Community at Work

Interfaith skill sets and competences are increasingly important as we navigate professional settings. Read about effective ways to engage religious diversity in the workplace in this great article by Farah Siddique, published by Interfaith America and reproduced by Religion News Service.



[Read the article](#)

## **Learning about diverse traditions**

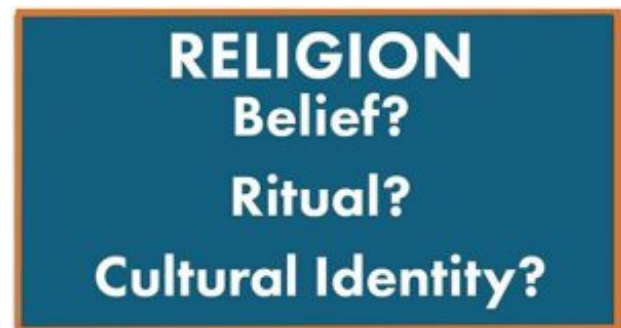
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Appreciative knowledge is an important part in the interfaith triangle. In this section, we share information to expand our religious, spiritual, and secular literacy, featuring different traditions/worldviews every week.

Photo: Religion for Breakfast

### What Does it Mean to Be Religious?

“Religion encompasses a lot more than ‘belief’ and ‘doctrine.’ In fact, many religions don’t emphasize personal faith much at all. For many people, their religious identity is derived through rituals and cultural identity.” Watch this interesting video from Religion for Breakfast.



[Watch the video](#)

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

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

Photo: Greater Good Magazine

[How Purpose Changes Across Your Lifetime](#)

“Purpose is not a destination, but a journey and a practice.” Read this article published by the Greater Good Science Center (UC Berkeley), which studies psychology, sociology, and neuroscience of well-being, and fosters a thriving, resilient, and compassionate society.



[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.

[NEXT WEEK: Fall Interfaith Bag Dialogues for faculty, staff, and community](#)

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.



[NEXT WEEK: 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.



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