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Below you will find some information on the IFLCs current programs and initiatives. To learn more please visit our website at: www.detroitinterfaithcouncil.com or contact Meredith Skowronski, IFLC Administrator- meredith.skowronski@gmail.com.

Religious Diversity Journeys for 7th Graders

Currently in partnership with Oakland and Wayne County School Superintendents, and expanding further into Oakland and Wayne County schools, this immersive youth-training program in public middle schools exposes seventh grade students to various cultural and religious traditions to promote understanding and teach the conflict resolution skills necessary to engender respect for cultural traditions and help eliminate bullying.

Face to Faith for 8th- 12th Graders

Similar to the Religious Diversity Journeys Program but offered as an afterschool initiative, this program also exposes students to various cultural and religious traditions to promote understanding and teach the conflict resolution skills necessary to engender respect for cultural traditions and help eliminate bullying. Students from any school district, congregation, youth group, confirmation class, etc. are welcome to attend!

Adult Religious Literacy Programs

In order to create communities and institutions where we are understood and are able to accommodate each other's fundamental beliefs, we need to know about each other's beliefs and customs. Towards that end, the IFLC is partnering with local universities, businesses and health care facilities to offer adult religious literacy programs in an effort to build the understanding we need to create a respectful and inclusive community.

Education Committee Lifecycle Events

The IFLC Education Committee is dedicated to improving religious education in our Metro-Detroit community. Through interactive interfaith panels on life-cycle events such as Death and Dying, Marriage and Divorce, Birth and Coming of Age and Health and Healing, these life-cycle events have drawn many community members together in a shared desire in increased religious understanding.

Healthcare Committee

The goal of the IFHC Healthcare Committee will be to link our health systems more closely with our diverse interfaith communities in metro Detroit, with the hopes of increasing cultural competency and partnership opportunities.

Compassion in Action

The IFLC has organized a partnership, known as Compassion in Action, among the faith-related social service agencies in southeast Michigan. Through this partnership, these agencies (including Catholic Charities, Jewish Family Services, Lutheran Social services, St. Vincent de Paul, LDS Family Services and others) meet to compare priorities and plans, identify common interests, collaborate in training and coordination with the State of Michigan, and build community relationships.

Southeast Michigan Flood Recovery Group

The Interfaith Leadership Council is helping to organize the Southeast Michigan Flood Recovery Group, a non-profit corporation created to provide volunteer leadership for the long-term disaster recovery effort resulting from the disastrous Detroit area floods of August 11, 2014. More than 120,000 homes were affected by the flood waters. Despite the emergency assistance of more than \$300 million in assistance from FEMA and other volunteer agencies, thousands of homes are still suffering from the effects of flood and sewage water. Bob Bruttell and Greg Geiger serve on the Board of this volunteer organization, along with representatives from the Michigan Community Service Commission, the Red Cross, and many other local agencies.

IFLC e- Newsletter and Website

We would be happy to include your organizations upcoming interfaith events within the newsletter. If you are interested in promoting your events with us, please email them with as much detail as possible to Beth Robinson at bethrobinson1835@gmail.com. If you do not currently receive our weekly newsletter and would like to be added to our current mailing list, please email Beth at the address above. And don't forget that you can learn more about our programs and current work by visiting our website at www.detroitinterfaithcouncil.org