InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit

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2025 July Newsletter

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Leadership Lens

InterFaith Leadership Council Board of Directors, Detroit Medical Center Director of Community Relations

Congratulations to Dion Williams 2025 Man of Excellence Honoree

We're proud to congratulate InterFaith Leadership Council Board Member Dion Williams on being named a 2025 Michigan Chronicle Man of Excellence! His leadership, both at Detroit Medical Center and within our interfaith community, helps to build connection, compassion and equity within our Metro Detroit communities. Read more about this well-deserved honor below.

Read More Here

Interfaith Odysseys: Family Journeys

DISCOVER HINDUISM!

Bring Your Family, Bring a Friend!

Interfaith Odysseys warmly invites you to explore the sacred traditions of Hinduism through an evening at the beautiful **Sri Sharadamba Temple**. This is a unique opportunity to step inside a sacred space and experience the deep beauty of one of the world's oldest spiritual paths.

Here's What to Expect:

- A warm welcome as an honored guest

- A delicious culturally connected meal shared wi community
- A guided tour of the temple's worship space and sacred art
- A family-friendly space where your questions are encouraged

Event Details:

- Tuesday, September 16 | 6:00–8:30 PM
- Sri Sharadamba Temple, 26325 Halsted Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48331
- Ages 10 and up
- $35 per individual | $50 per family of 2 or more

Everyone belongs on this journey!

RSVP today and invite someone to journey with you!

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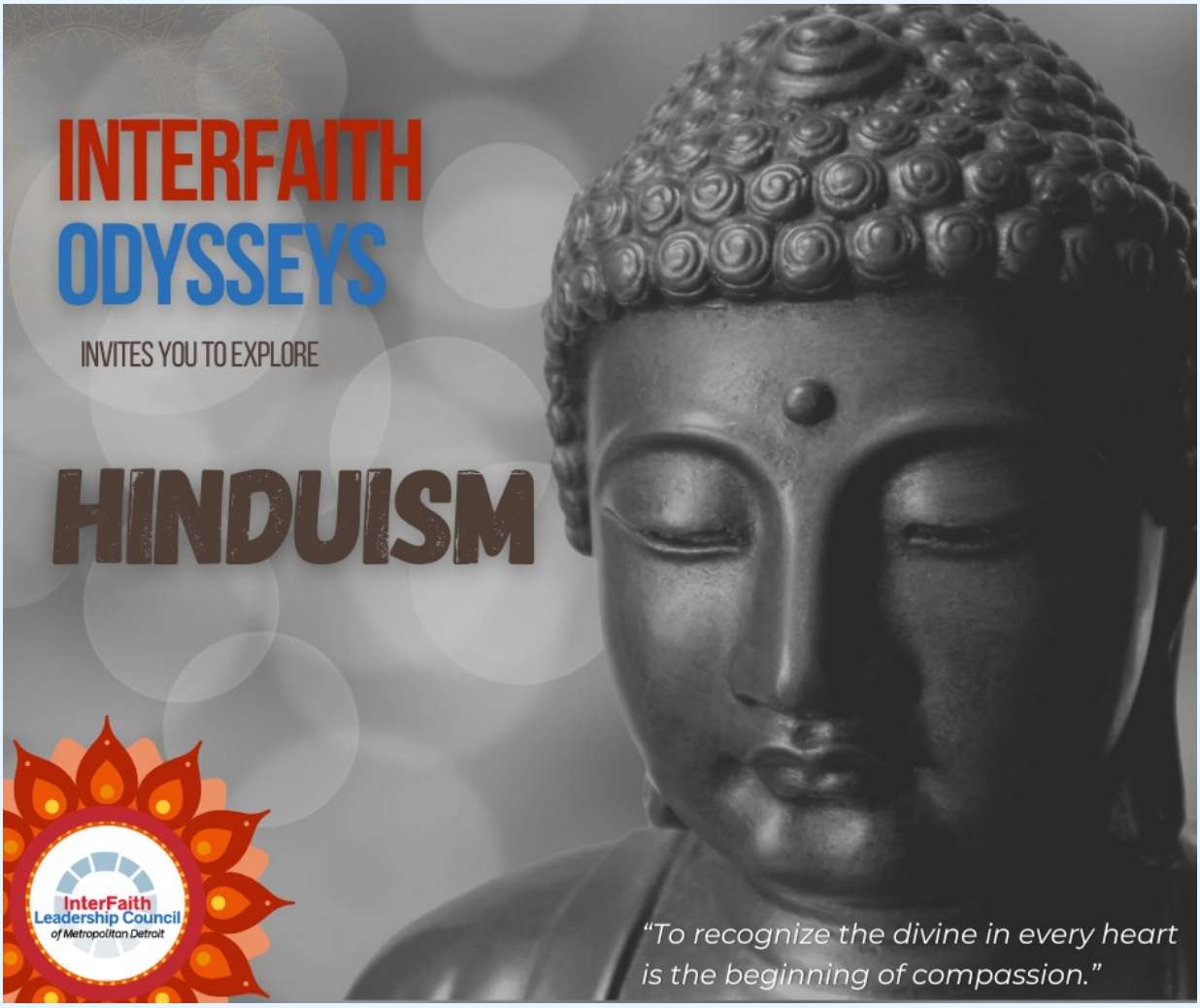

Bridging to Belonging

You're Invited: A Case for Love Film Screening

 August 21, 2025 | 6:30–8:30 PM
 Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 W. Seven Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152
 Tickets just $5 – *Reserve your spot now!*

Love has the power to heal. Are you ready to be part of the movement?

Join us for an unforgettable screening of A Case for Love, a powerful documentary featuring voices like Pete Buttigieg, Al Roker, Becca Stevens, and Bishop Michael Curry. This film goes beyond politics and headlines to explore what unselfish love looks like in a deeply divided world.

Bring a friend. Bring your questions. Bring your heart. Let's talk about how love can transform our lives and our communities.

- **View Trailer**

Spots are limited! Don't wait!

REGISTER HERE

Education Events

Ask-A Series

Native American Event

Mark your calendar for this unique opportunity to **Ask A Native American** about **End-of-Life Traditions**. More details and event registration coming very soon!

Explore. Listen. Learn. All are welcome!

Interfaith Connections

THIS SUNDAY!

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship at Palmer Park in Detroit! From 1–5 PM, people of all backgrounds will come together under one big tent to celebrate unity across race, religion, and community. Enjoy food, kids' games, live music, dancing, interfaith prayers for peace, and more. All for free!

Bring a lawn chair, a nut-free dish to share (in a disposable pan), and your open heart.

Celebrate Diversity. Build Community. Share a Meal.
Let's bridge the distance, one picnic at a time!

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Interfaith Health Equity Partnership

Bridging to Belonging

Farmington Bridging to Belonging Group Nominated for Showcase Award

The Farmington Area Bridging to Belonging Group has been nominated for national recognition at the Listen First Project's Bridging Movement Summit this

September in Washington, D.C.! Join us in celebrating their inspiring work building connection, trust, and unity in our community.

Read More Here

Community Through Conversation

Let's Heal, Discover, and Connect

Join us for a series of guided conversations that invite healing, curiosity, and discovery. Through the power of story and collective reflection, find meaning in our differences and strength in our shared humanity.

Everyone has something to offer. Everyone has something to learn. Come take your seat at the table.

September 13-November 8 | Fridays, 10:00–12:00 PM (bi-weekly)
Enjoy *five* two-hour sessions

- Location: Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N Sheldon Rd, Canton, MI 48187
- Cost: $150

Includes all sessions, access to online materials, and a take-home Participant Guide to support your learning and reflection.
While this reflects our standard rate, this is a mission-driven initiative, and we are committed to ensuring accessibility. If cost presents a barrier, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are happy to discuss flexible arrangements.

Questions or need more information: Email bethf@detroitinterfaithcouncil.com

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Journeys: World Religions in Metropolitan Detroit

Why Journeys Matter: An Educator's Perspective

Rania Hammoud, K–12 Curriculum Coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, shares why the Religious Diversity Journeys program is a game-changer for empathy, cultural understanding, and personal growth.

Real connections. Lasting impressions.
Education that matters.

Read More Here

Faith and Works Podcast

Revisit the Roots or Begin Your Journey Today

Faith & Works Podcast: Connecting Our Common Values
Episode 3: The Impact of the Black Churches on American Music Pt. 1

Whether you've been following along or you're just discovering it, now's the perfect time to dive into the Faith & Works Podcast: Connecting Our Common Values.

Start (or restart) with Episode 3: The Impact of the Black Churches on American Music – Part 1

Join the conversation with panelists:

- Bob Bruttell – Board of Directors, InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit; Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies and History at University of Detroit Mercy
- Robert Jones – Pastor, Sweet Kingdom Missionary Baptist Church; Musician; and Radio DJ, WDET's "Blues from the Lowlands"

Explore how Black churches have shaped the soundscape of American music and culture in profound and lasting ways.

PRESS PLAY TODAY!

Interfaith Health Equity Partnership

Don't miss our FREE Maternal & Infant Health Advancement Resource Library

Your one-stop guide for prenatal and postnatal care! Empower your journey with trusted tools, expert tips, and practical guidance every step of the way!

Our Maternal Infant Health Advancement initiative, "Bridging the Gaps Where We Belong," is supported by grant funding from the Southeast Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Coalition, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and United Way for Southeastern Michigan. We aim to empower Detroit and surrounding communities with the knowledge and tools for better health and well-being.

Access to reliable health information remains a challenge, especially in maternal health and chronic conditions like hypertension, which impact BIPOC and underserved communities.

The Prenatal and Postnatal Care Resource Library is now live, providing expectant mothers and health advocates with essential information for healthier pregnancy outcomes, empowering individuals through their journey to parenthood.

Interfaith Community

INTERFAITH PEACE BREAKFAST

SAINT JOHN'S RESORT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

The Pulte Family Charitable Foundation invites you to a morning of dialogue and connection with faith leaders, civic officials, and community changemakers gathered to explore how shared values and mutual understanding can foster lasting peace.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM:

08:00 AM	Doors Open
08:30 AM	Opening Remarks & Prayer
08:45 AM	Breakfast & Fellowship
09:00 AM	**Panel 1: Hope and Healing in a Divided World**
10:30 AM	**Panel 2: Interfaith Cooperation & Revitalizing Detroit**
11:30 AM	Closing Reflection & Prayer

PANELS

HOPE AND HEALING IN A DIVIDED WORLD

How diverse faith traditions can work together for unity and healing in our communities

INTERFAITH COOPERATION & REVITALIZING DETROIT

How collaboration among faith & community leaders can foster opportunity and address systemic injustice in Detroit's most underserved communities

Featured Panelist

FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Nationally recognized speaker known for his work in fostering faith, dialogue, and understanding. Through his podcast and video work, he has reached millions across traditions.

**Additional panelists, currently being finalized, will include faith and civic leaders across Detroit and the broader Nation.*

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