InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit

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2025 May Newsletter

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Interfaith Odysseys: Family Journeys

Get Ready for an Unforgettable Fall!

This fall, join us for **Interfaith Odysseys: Family Journeys**, an exciting new program designed to immerse you in the diverse religious and cultural heritage of metro Detroit.

Everyone is welcome, from young to old, including families. We would love to welcome you and share this experience together! Whether you're looking to deepen your understanding, ask big questions, or simply experience something new, this program is for you.

Starting in **mid-September** with a visit to a Hindu temple, each Journey will feature guided tours of sacred spaces, interactive experiences with cultural or spiritual traditions, and shared meals that nourish both body and spirit.

Take a Journey with us! Make room on your calendar now. Details coming soon!

INTERFAITH ODYSSEYS

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Step into a world of faith, culture, and connection— *Bring your family!*

Introducing the new Interfaith Odyssey Tours—designed for adults and families to explore diverse faith traditions and strengthen community connections. Visit different houses of worship, hear firsthand stories about faith, and be warmly welcomed into sacred spaces. It's a unique opportunity to get to know your neighbors and celebrate the richness of our shared humanity.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- CULTURALLY CONNECTED MEALS
- TOURS OF SACRED SPACES
- INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES

UPCOMING TOURS

HINDU TEMPLE
EXPLORE HINDU RITUALS, CHANTS, AND THE RICH CULTURAL TRADITIONS OF HINDUISM.
DATE: SEPTEMBER 2025

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH
EXPLORE: ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN SACRED TRADITIONS AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICES OF THE FAITH
DATE: DECEMBER 2025

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Bridging to Belonging

Join us this fall for an uplifting journey!

The Bridging to Belonging Small Group Discussion Experience begins September 13th—Register today!

Are you ready to connect more deeply, with yourself, with others, and with your community? In a warm, welcoming space, you'll engage in guided conversation to explore themes of

storytelling, values recognition, and community co-creation. Whether you're new to this work or looking to go deeper, this series offers a space to listen, learn, and grow together.

Starts September 13 | Fridays, 10:00–12:00 PM (bi-weekly)

 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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Juneteenth in Farmington: Where Freedom Meets Belonging

This June, Farmington's 7th Annual Juneteenth Commemoration invites you to celebrate not only freedom and resilience, but the power of connection. With the theme "Forward Ever, Backward Never," this community-led event honors African American history and heritage while creating space for all voices to be heard.

More than a celebration, Juneteenth in Farmington reflects the impact of ongoing relationship-building through the InterFaith Leadership Council's Bridging to Belonging program. Rooted in trust, conversation, and shared humanity, the program has brought together faith and community leaders across differences, laying the foundation for events like Juneteenth to flourish.

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Interested in learning more about the Bridging to Belonging program, sponsored by the InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit, and how you can get involved?

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Journeys: World Religions in Metropolitan Detroit

Watch Now and Be Inspired!

Students from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools made history on April 30th as the first school to visit The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation through the Journeys: World Religions in Metropolitan Detroit program. This experience brought their interfaith learning to life as they explored the powerful stories of changemakers throughout history.

Share the video, celebrate their journey, and help amplify the impact of interfaith education!

Celebrating Culture, Community, and Learning at Grissom Middle School's Culture Night

Grissom Middle School's Culture Night on May 15th was an incredible celebration of diversity, discovery, and student creativity! From colorful cultural dress and delicious foods to impressive displays on world religions and countries, the evening highlighted the hard work and dedication of the students. Part of the larger crowd, our Journeys: World Religions in Metropolitan Detroit students shined brightly, proudly sharing what they've learned throughout the year as a part of our program. It was an unforgettable night of belonging and community!

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Interfaith Health Equity Partnership

Interfaith Leadership at the Heart of Maternal and Infant Health Advocacy

Wonderful things can happen when faith, healthcare, and community come together for moms. On May 6th, the InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit (IFLC) joined forces with Zaman Hope for Humanity to host a Maternal Infant Health Advancement Mother's Day Event celebrating motherhood while advancing health equity. From mobile clinics and multilingual support to a Faith Leaders Luncheon featuring Michigan's Chief Medical Executive, this event highlighted the positive impact of community and faith leaders coming together in building healthier futures for mothers and babies across Southeast Michigan.

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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.

Education Programs

Faith, Learning, and Community: IFLC Co-Sponsors Interfaith Conversation at SOAR LLI

On May 9, SOAR Lifelong Learning Institute hosted Faith Impacts Life: An Interfaith Conversation, a powerful afternoon of dialogue and connection, co-sponsored by the InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit, its Education Committee, and WISDOM. Featuring voices from five major faith traditions, the event fostered understanding through personal storytelling and honest conversation, highlighting how empathy, humility, and lifelong learning can create a stronger community.

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Faith and Works Podcast

Press Play Today!

Episode 20, Part 3: What Has Been Lost by Male-Dominated Ministry is here!

Dive into what the Church, and the world, has missed by sidelining women's voices. From the rigidity that might have been softened to the hope sparked by Feminist, Womanist, and Liberation theologies, this episode is a powerful call to reimagine leadership and reclaim sacred

space.

Don’t Miss This Powerful Installment!

Throwback to Episode 1: Where Faith and Community Conversations Began

Though this is an older episode, it’s the perfect place to start—or restart—your journey with us! Explore the evolving path of religion and community, discover what religion is becoming in today’s world, and learn what this transition means for society.

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Interfaith Connections

The Wesley Bell Ringers Tour Stop

Don’t miss the Wesley Bell Ringers in concert on Friday, June 13th at 7:30 PM at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Bloomfield Hills Stake Center! As part of their 59th annual summer tour, this talented group of 19 teens will amaze you with the sound of over 150 handbells and chimes. It’s their sixth stop on the tour, and a performance you won’t want to miss!

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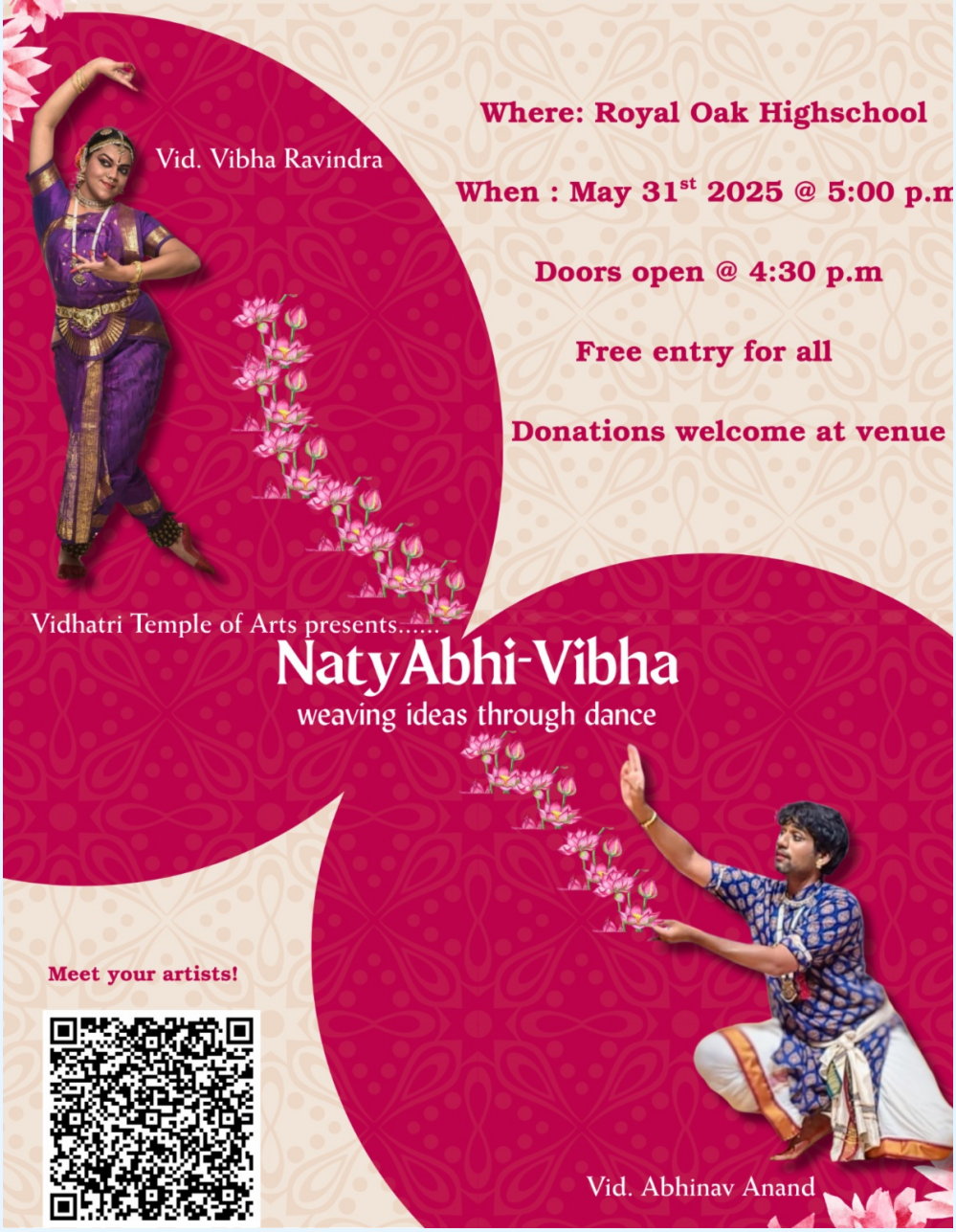
Experience an unforgettable evening of Indian classical dance and artistic expression!

Vidhatri Temple of Arts presents Naty Abhi-Vibha: Weaving Ideas Through Dance on Saturday, May 31st at 5:00 PM at Royal Oak High School. This beautiful program is the culmination of months of dedication and creativity, celebrating Indian American artists and their vibrant cultural contributions. Admission is free! Come support, celebrate, and be inspired!



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