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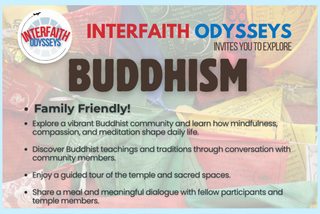
August 2026 Newsletter

FEATURED OPPORTUNITY



Wednesday, September 23 | 6:00–8:30 PM
Midwest Buddhist Meditation Center | 29750 Ryan Rd., Warren, MI 48092

Family Friendly!

Join us for an evening of **mindfulness, conversation, and community** as you experience Buddhism with the welcoming community at the Midwest Buddhist Meditation Center. Explore the temple, learn about Buddhist traditions, share a delicious meal.

$35 individual | $50 family (2+ related individuals)

Event proceeds support the InterFaith Leadership Council and help cover the administrative and material costs that make programs like this possible. We are deeply grateful to the Midwest Buddhist Meditation Center for welcoming us and generously sharing their time, space, and hospitality.

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REGISTER HERE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WHAT'S AHEAD AT IFLC

TOMORROW! Ask-A Zoroastrian

For the first time in the "Ask a" series, **Ask a Zoroastrian** offers a chance to learn directly from members of this historic and living tradition originating in Iran. Bring your questions and hear from two Zoroastrian community members, including Oakland County pediatrician Dr. Ardeshir Irani, as they share their experiences and insights.

Light refreshments will be served. Free-will offerings appreciated.

North Congregational Church
36520 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills
Plymouth-Bradford Room
📅 August 27 | 7:00–8:30 p.m.
→ **Register Now**

Community Health Fair and Baby Celebration

Join us for a FREE day of health, celebration, and community! Bring the family and connect with local resources supporting healthy beginnings and thriving families—from maternal and infant wellness to child safety, health screenings, and family support.

Enjoy **kids' activities, raffles and giveaways, Forgotten Harvest, a Mobile Health Unit, and a Mobile Mammogram Unit!**

Free and family-friendly!
Come celebrate community and discover resources for your family.

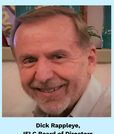
Cass Community Social Services
11745 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206
📅 September 18 | 1:00–5:00 p.m.
→ **NO Registration Required!**

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

IFLC Welcomes New Leadership

The InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit is pleased to welcome **Dick Rappleye** to our Board of Directors!

READ HIS FULL BIO Here



Dick Rappleye, IFLC Board of Directors

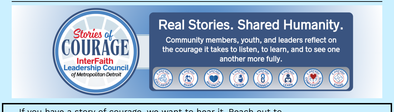
STORIES OF COURAGE

My Personal Reflections on Courage,
by Padmaja Rao

Courage is more than a single act of bravery, it is a value we nurture and practice over time. In this reflection, **IFLC Board Member Padmaja Rao explores what courage looks like in everyday life:** speaking up against stereotypes, crossing cultural and religious divides, having difficult conversations, standing up for others, and continuing forward when life feels heavy.

Padmaja Rao, IFLC Board of Directors

READ Padmaja's REFLECTIONS HERE



If you have a story of courage, we want to hear it. Reach out to **bethf@detroitinterfaithcouncil.com** and be part of what we're building together.

Because courage is contagious. And it starts with us.

EXPLORE AND CONNECT

💡 Did You Know?
Great things happen when community partners believe in the power of learning!

We are excited to share that the **Nissan Foundation has awarded a grant to support IFLC's Journeys: World Religions of Metropolitan Detroit program!** This investment will help us continue bringing students into diverse faith communities across Metro Detroit, where they can learn directly from their neighbors and experience the richness of our region's religious diversity.

Thank you, Nissan Foundation, for investing in the next generation!
Read More →

📚 Resource Spotlight
Book: The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew-- Three Women Search for Understanding
by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver & Priscilla Warner

A powerful and hopeful story of **three women, Muslim, Jewish, and Christian, who come together to explore one another's faiths**, confront assumptions and prejudice, and discover that curiosity, conversation, and friendship can build important and meaningful connections across religious differences.
Learn More →

🗨️ Reflect
Reaching across differences can feel uncomfortable, even a little scary. We may worry about saying the wrong thing, asking the wrong question, or not knowing where to begin. **But curiosity, humility, and respect can open the door to real connection.**
-What would help you feel brave enough to begin a conversation across difference?

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