InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit

FAITHS CONNECTED. COMMUNITIES STRENGTHENED. TOGETHER WE THRIVE

September 2026 Newsletter

FEATURED OPPORTUNITY

Next Week! Buddhism Odyssey

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

Family Friendly!

Limited spots available. Sign up now!

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

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

Free and family-friendly!

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

Rites of Passage: Coming of Age Across Religions

FREE EVENT • REGISTRATION REQUIRED

What does it mean to come of age within a religious tradition? Join us for an interfaith panel exploring how **Judaism, Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam** recognize this important transition, and the shared themes of family, community, responsibility, identity, and belonging.

North Congregational Church
36520 W 12 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48331
📅 Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 7:00–8:30 PM
→ **Register Here**

IFLC IN FOCUS

Remembering Imam Abdullah El-Amin

IFLC Community Organizer Steve Spreitzer reflects on the legacy of Imam Abdullah El-Amin, his vision for community, and the many lives he touched across faith traditions.
→ **Read Steve's reflection**

Celebrating Bob Bruttell

IFLC Board Member Bob Bruttell was recently honored at the Islamic Society of North America's National Convention. **Discover Bob's reflections on the power of interfaith understanding, and why understanding is an action.**
→ **Read More Here**

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STORIES OF COURAGE

Choosing Courage in Challenging Times

Walid Harb, MD
IFLC Vice President

In a time when civility, ethics, and moral principles can feel increasingly absent, IFLC Vice President **Dr. Walid Harb** reflects on the courage it takes to stand for what is right. From speaking up against injustice and resisting bullying to responding with patience, seeking truth, helping those in need, and maintaining faith, Dr. Harb reminds us that **courage can take many forms, and often begins with choosing a different path.**
→ **Read Walid'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?

IFLC recently gathered at the Dr. Sullivan and Mrs. Richie Jean Sherrod Jackson Home in Greenfield Village!

Our visit to the Jackson House invited us **inside the home and into the story of the Jackson family**. We heard their stories, glimpsed their lives through this snapshot in time, and reflected on the ways **family, faith, refuge, resilience, and belonging** shaped their experience and those of the civil rights leaders and organizers that were frequent guests.

Take a look at a few moments from our time together!
See Highlights Here →

📚 Resource Spotlight

Book: The House by the Side of the Road: The Selma Civil Rights Movement
by, Richie Jean Sherrod Jackson

This book offers a firsthand look inside the Jackson family home during the 1965 Selma voting rights campaign, sharing the stories, relationships, tensions, and everyday moments behind a pivotal chapter in the Civil Rights Movement. Through Richie Jean Jackson's perspective, readers see how an ordinary family home became a place of **refuge, connection, and quiet courage** for leaders working to change the course of American history.
Learn More →

🤍 Reflect

History is often remembered through famous names and major events, but the Jackson House reminds us that ordinary people and ordinary homes can play an extraordinary role.
-How might the everyday choices you make today become part of someone else's story tomorrow?

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