InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit

FAITHS CONNECTED, COMMUNITIES STRENGTHENED, TOGETHER WE THRIVE

July 2026 Newsletter

FEATURED OPPORTUNITY

🔒 Member Exclusive

Member Priority Registration Ends August 10th

Enjoy an exclusive visit to the newly opened Dr. Sullivan & Mrs. Richie Jean Sherrod Jackson Home at Greenfield Village—plus full admission to the Village.
FREE for IFLC Members (All Membership Levels)
Not yet a member? Sign up here: IFLC Membership

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026
1:00–5:00 PM
Greenfield Village
20900 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn, MI 48124

REGISTER HERE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WHAT'S AHEAD AT IFLC

Bridging the Divide: From Division to Belonging

Why does division come so easily while belonging can feel so hard?

Join IFLC for an interactive workshop exploring the science of othering and belonging. Learn practical skills to bridge divides, strengthen connections, and create more belonging in your everyday life.

📍 **Choose from two locations:**

St. Paul Lutheran Church
21915 Beech St., Dearborn
📅 August 15 | 10:00–11:30 a.m.
→ **Register Now**

Islamic Center of America
19500 Ford Rd., Dearborn
📅 August 22 | 10:00–11:30 a.m.
→ **Register Now**

Ask a Zoroastrian: Discover an Ancient Living Tradition

For the first time since the **"Ask a" series began in 2016**, IFLC invites you to explore Zoroastrianism, one of the world's oldest living faith traditions.

Join us for an evening of conversation and learning as members of the Zoroastrian community answer questions about their history, beliefs, and traditions. Light refreshments served.

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

Interfaith Odyssey: Explore Buddhism

📅 September 23 | 6:00–8:30 p.m.
📍 Midwest Buddhist Meditation Center
29750 Ryan Rd, Warren, MI 48092

Step inside a Buddhist temple and discover a tradition rooted in mindfulness, compassion, and community. Join us for a guided temple visit, shared meal, and conversations with members of the Buddhist community.
→ **Register Now**

STORIES OF COURAGE

From a Dodge Demon to Deep Healing

Courage doesn't always look the way we imagine. Sometimes, courage looks like asking for help, accepting support, and choosing to keep going.

In this deeply personal reflection, Jen shares her journey through mental health challenges, cancer, healing, and the moments of connection that helped shape her path.

Jen James,
IFLC Community Engagement Manager

Through survival, humor, and the power of being truly seen and heard, Jen reminds us that **belonging begins when we listen without judgment and recognize that no one is meant to carry life's hardest moments alone.**

READ JEN'S STORY 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?

July is National Picnic Month!

Sharing food is a tradition found across cultures and faith communities. From Sikh *langar* (a free community meal) to Jewish holiday meals and Muslim iftars during Ramadan, gathering around a table creates opportunities for connection, conversation, and belonging.

This spirit of connection came to life at the Detroit Interfaith Outreach Network's **Urban-Suburban Interfaith Picnic on July 19**, where neighbors from across Metro Detroit gathered to share a meal, build friendships, and celebrate the power of community.
See highlights from the picnic →

📚 Resource Spotlight

Book: *A Place at the Table*
by Saadia Faruqi and Laura Shovan

A story about friendship, culture, and the ways food can help us discover what we have in common.
Learn More →

💭 Reflect

What tradition brings people together in your family or community?

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