

Report Summary

- It is estimated that 45+ people attended (including 2-6 pop-in visitors).
 8 faith traditions were presenting:
 - Christian,
 - Roman Catholic,
 - Islám,
 - Jewish,
 - Unitarian Universalist Fellowship,
 - Buddhist,
 - Bahá'í,
 - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- Scheduled Islám presenters were unable to attend; an alternate presenter from the audience, Bahá'í Abir Majid presented basic teachings and history.
- Attendee Matthew Fomby came forward to assist with technical issues.
- A banner and two posters were placed in the room; A large event poster was placed in the lobby to draw in library patrons; Another large event poster was placed in the room door; 3 table stands were prepared to encourage attendees to provide contact information.
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship paid for 7 days of announcements on MPR.
- The Diocese of St Cloud provided cookies; Bahá'ís provided bottled water.
- The event represented a very successful collaboration between numerous faith communities.
- Attendee feedback was VERY positive.
- Spirit in the room was enthusiastic, warm, and joyful.

Budget

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| 1. | StC Unitarian Universalist Fellowship | \$ 250 | |
| 2. | Bahá'ís of St Cloud: | \$ 200 | TOTAL: \$ 450 |

Expenses

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| 1. | Facility: | \$ 0 | |
| 2. | Hospitality: | | |
| | a. Cookies & napkins: | \$ 16 | |
| | b. Bottled Water q=40: | \$ 5 | |
| 3. | Publicity: | | |
| | a. MPR ads x 7 days: | \$ 200 | |
| | b. Banner, scrim 2x6 ft: | \$ 66 | |
| | c. Poster Q2, 2x3 ft: | \$ 50 | |
| | d. Thank you, cards & postage, x14: | \$ 23 | |
| | e. Email notices, Q183 | \$ 0 | TOTAL: \$ 339 |

WORLD RELIGION DAY

SATURDAY
JANUARY 21
@ 2-4PM

GREAT RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY
1300 W. St. Germain St. St. Cloud, MN



Various faith traditions will share their talents and teachings to bring joy, understanding, and fellowship to the celebration.

Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Baha'is of Central Minnesota, Diocese of Saint Cloud, Saint Cloud Jewish Community, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jubilee Worship Center, Greater Saint Cloud Faith Leaders

DM graphic for text & email publicity: 900px x 900px.png

World Religion Day CELEBRATION 2023

Event stage banner, Q1: 24" x 72", scrim

Judaism	That which is hateful to you do not do to another; that is the entire Torah, and the rest is its interpretation. Go study. - Talmud, Shabbat 31a	Buddhism	Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful -Udanavarga 5:18
Christianity	In everything, do to others as you would have them do unto you; for this is the law and the Prophets. - New Testament, Matthew 7:12	Jainism	In happiness and suffering, in joy and grief, we should regard all creatures as we regard our own self, and should therefore refrain from inflicting upon others such injury as would appear undesirable to us if inflicted upon ourselves. -Yogasastra
Islam	None of you truly believes until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself. - 40 Hadith 13	Confucianism	Zigong asked, "It there a single saying that one may put into practice all one's life?" The Master said, "That would be 'reciprocity': That which you do not desire, do not do to others." - The Analects of Confucius 15.24
Baha'i Faith	Lay not on any soul a load which ye would not wish to be laid upon you, and desire not for any one the things ye would not desire for yourselves. -Gleanings From the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, page 128	Taoism	Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain, and your neighbor's loss as your own loss. - Lao Tse's Treatise on the Response of the Tao
Hinduism	One should never do that to another which one regards as injurious to one's own self. This, in brief, is the rule of dharma. - Brihaspati, Mahabharata 13.113.8 (Critical edition)	Wicca	Ever mind the Rule of Three Three times your acts return to thee This lesson well, thou must learn Thou only gets what thee dost earn - The Rule of Three

Golden Rule poster: Letter size

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World Religion Day
CELEBRATION

**Stay
Informed &
Engaged**

We are so glad you're here!
Help build a vibrant community.

Sign up!

World Religion Day CELEBRATION

First Name <input type="text"/>	Last Name <input type="text"/>	Email <input type="text"/>	Mobile Phone <input type="text"/>
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We are so glad you're here! Thanks for caring about our community.

Sign-up sheet at entry table, Q9: letter size

World Religion Day Program Details

Saturday, January 21, 2023; 2-4PM; Great River Regional Library (St Cloud Library);
Mississippi Room

Celebration Theme

- *Share the Joy!*

Presenter Guidelines

- Each presentation 4-5 minutes maximum
- Children, youth, teenagers preferred, but anyone can present.
- Use of languages other than English encouraged.
- Any format: Chanting / Reciting (Scripture / prayers), music, dance, drumming, performance, etc.
- Audience engagement encouraged.
- Educational aspect is OK too – we all need to learn more.
- It's your time; use it as you see fit.
- Arrive early to get set up and work out any technical issues.

Program Outline (90 minutes)

1. Call to order by Master of Ceremonies = Ron
2. Opening Prayer = Loren
3. Brief introduction of World Religion Day = Ron
4. Faith presentations —45 minutes max. (order TBD) Each to provide their own equipment resources.
 - a. Christian – Al Smith (vocalist)
 - b. Catholic – Kateri Mancini & Laurie Robles
 - c. Islám – Abir Majid (Hudda Ibrahim and Abdi Mahad)
 - d. Jewish – Loren Weinberg
 - e. Unitarian Universalist – Pam Peterson
 - f. Buddhist – Rev. Genjo Conway
 - g. Bahá'í – Lea & Vern Iverson (with vocals)
 - h. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – Elders Mic Jensen & Jerome Napoleon; Sisters Caliyn Wright & Madelyn Walker
5. Introduce and thank committee members and sponsors = Ron
6. Closing prayer = Pam
7. Social

Facility Considerations

- Event 2 – 4PM; (Room reservations noon to 5PM)
- Anticipated attendance: 50-60
- Signage = Ron
- Reception & Greeting = Committee members
- Name Tags & markers = Ron then Pam
- Covid masks = Pam
- Public address / sound system (2 mics; Eric Blotkamp 320-650-2538)
- Room setup / take down volunteers = early attendees
- Hospitality (keep simple and manageable)
 - ½ bottles water = Ron
 - Cookies & napkins = Mayuli

Publicity & Promotion

- Each faith community to promote to their membership and encourage attendance.
- Email & text graphics / flyer = Ron
- MPR ads for 7 days prior = Pam

Budget & Finance

- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship: \$250
- Bahá'ís: \$200
- Diocese of StC: Cookies & napkins for 50+

Committee Members

- Ron Marotte (Bahá'í; 320-291-1197; ron@marottedesign.com)
- Kateri Mancini (Catholic; 320-229-6020; kateri.mancini@ccstcloud.org)
- Loren Weinberg (Jewish; 320-267-3477; ljw1720@charter.net)
- Pam Peterson (Unitarian Universalist Fellowship; 320-224-4448)
- Buddy King (Christian; 320-217-1052; buddy.king@hwcmn.org)
- Mayuli Bales (Catholic; 763-639-4368; mbales@gw.stcdio.org)
- Becky Martinez & Tori Baker (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; 320-202-8553; bam0612@juno.com)

Committee email group (copy & paste):

[Faith Leaders](#); [Ron Marotte](#); [Pam Peterson](#); [Kateri Mancini](#); [Loren Weinberg](#); [Buddy King](#); [Mayuli Bales](#); [Becky Martinez](#);

World Religion Day Pre-Planning

Program Objectives:

- Diverse and inclusive (age, race, faiths)
- Reverential and Joyous
- Educational & Informative
- Engaging
- A live in-person event
- Youth children
- Racial diversity
- Religious diversity
- Hispanic involvement (St Joseph Waite Park)
- Black churches (African / cultural; drumming; interactive component)
- Native Americans, 1st Nation Peoples (drumming, dancing)

Faiths Represented

- Christian
- Islám
- Jewish
- Bahá'í
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Unitarian
- Hindu
- Native American - 1st Nation Peoples Spirituality
- Non-Religionist
- Buddhist

Content Ideas for Program

- Opening prayer
- Brief Introduction on WRD
- Chanting / Reciting (Scripture / prayers)
- Music from faith traditions (children & youth preferred)
- Multi language
- Attendee engagement / participation / movement
- Dancing
- Drumming
- Closing prayer
- Hudda
- Higher ground chorus

- Pastor Al is a vocalist
- Kathy Norwood praise dance w/ youth
- Mayan dancers
- Sam Conway, Buddhist priest
- Song: God is one, Man is one . . .
- Kwanza dance group

Hospitality and Facility

- January 21st and Time (at St Cloud Library, Mississippi Room, noon-5:00)
 - MLK Family Celebration - Saturday, January 14th:
Join in family-oriented festivities to discover our rich civil rights history as a community and a nation. Activities include invited speakers and conversation, music, games for youth on financial literacy, family crafts, gifts from community sponsors, food, and various door prizes.
- Masking strongly encouraged for immune compromised safety; make masks available at door
- Refreshment; cultural, walkabout, simple, individually packaged, coffee/tea/water; fruit = invite communities to contribute food, refreshments, etc which will increase engagement / ownership; McDonalds as coffee source?
- Attendance forecast? 35 - 75
- Budget TBD
- Labor / Volunteers: SCSU international club for setup and volunteers, youth groups, organizations, etc
- Equipment (audio, visual, staging, podium, signage)
- Publicity and Promotion: Publicity MPR ads, membership contact lists, etc
 - Flyer
 - Tables for participants, general information stuff
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Pam Peterson (StC Unitarian Universalist Fellowship)

(221224)

Just think ads should start soon. (MPR maybe before or after show that used to be called On Being.)

Our Board has approved an expenditure of up to \$250. Pam.

(230101)

I sent an email to Gary Osberg at MPR to get info about ad info - Cost & #words & what spots we could get So we will need wording soon.

I also contacted a possible representative for Buddhism. He is a Buddhist priest who grew up in the St. Cloud area. He wants to know more details. I.e., what he is expected to do... Myself, or someone from UU Fellowship can speak about UU. I will update you with any other details I have by Thursday. Pam

(230103)

If there is a meeting next week, I would appreciate it if it could be on Tues. Jan. 10 anytime. 9,11,12 5 pm or later 13 after 11am Would be great

if we could talk on the phone the evening of Jan 5 to update me after the meeting...

Gary Osberg from MPR called me this morning. We need an account to put on ads and the UU's have one. The cost is \$22 a spot for a 15 second message. This would be during the news from 6 am to 8 pm On 88.9. ("Support comes from...." Then list who we are and event details) Gary suggests running it during the week preceding the event. 7 ads would run \$154 11 ads would run \$242 Since we have an account, we could pay this bill. (We would spend up to \$250 for the event) Pam

Charlotte <charlow@cloudnet.com> 2/10/23

Hi Ron and Pam –

This is an update about the MPR ads. Yesterday at the monthly meeting of the Faith Leaders group I picked up a Report Summary from the Jan. 21 World Religion Day event. (I don't know how it got into my bag but I found it this morning.) Yesterday I also picked up the UUF mail at the post office and it contained the bill from MPR.

We were billed for 10 ads for a total of \$200 as follows:

- 4 times on Jan 20 on the news station @ \$22 each
- 1 time on Jan 21 a.m. on the news station @ \$22.
- 5 times on Jan 20 on the music station @ \$18 each.

I thought you might like to have this info.