



Social change through interfaith understanding and cooperation

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Dear Friend of Interfaith Works,

Two months ago, we were reminded in a powerful way that interfaith understanding truly starts at home.

On September 11th, a day of solemn memories was darkened by threats to burn copies of the *Qur'an*, the Muslim holy book. In response, Interfaith Works organized a local program to affirm that our community is a safe and welcoming place for all faiths. Neighbors and friends – Christians, Jews, Muslims, Unitarians, Buddhists, Quakers, Bahá'is – filled an Olympia sanctuary to overflowing in support of religious freedom and to say “no” to distrust, intolerance and bigotry.

One person who attended later described the spirit expressed that evening:

*We want to live in a world where people of faith (and even of no particular faith) can share the qualities of respect, tolerance, gratitude, and compassion.*

Thanks to the past support of friends like you, Interfaith Works has been able to play a unique role in building bridges of understanding and cooperation among local religious faiths in Thurston County. This has been a core mission since our founding 36 years ago, but one that now takes on new urgency and meaning.

Heading into 2011, we turn to community members like you to help us sustain and develop our work. Please take a moment to read our **Annual Report**, available online at:

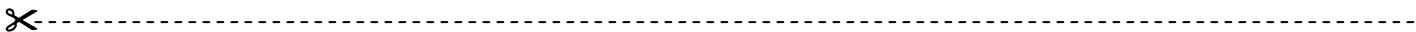
<http://www.interfaith-works.org/PDF/AnnRptFY09-10.pdf>

You will be reminded how our programs and activities engage and serve the community in so many ways throughout the year.

◆ Our **Emergency Overflow Shelter** fills a critical need for homeless women and families with nowhere else to go each winter. From November to March each year, hundreds of volunteers from a dozen or more congregations mobilize to provide this key component of our local social service system.

◆ The **Nancy Hoff Housing Assistance Fund** was created to help people move from homelessness to housing, providing small grants to pay for landlord screening fees, often the last, critical step to renting an apartment. See the note from a grateful recipient in our Annual Report.

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Please include this form and make checks payable to Interfaith Works, PO Box 1221, Olympia WA 98507  
OR

Make your donation using **PayPal** by linking from our website at **www.interfaith-works.org**

Please check all that apply:

( ) I would like to donate an amount of \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$50 or \_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the year / monthly (circle one).

( ) I would like to volunteer. Contact me by phone / email (circle one).

( ) I would like more information about \_\_\_\_\_

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Your gift to Interfaith Works, a 501(c) (3) organization, is deductible as allowed under federal tax law.

◆ **CROP Walk** – the original “walk-a-thon” fundraiser in Thurston County – has raised public awareness and almost \$1.1 million for international and local food and hunger programs since 1980. Congregations and organizations across the community each year recruit hundreds of walkers and sponsors.

◆ Since 2005, Interfaith Works has responded to the tragic aftermath of local homicides with “**Moments of Blessing**,” public ceremonies that reclaim places of violence as places of life and peace, and that bring comfort and healing to the victims’ neighbors, family and friends.

◆ Interfaith Works is proud to coordinate the weekly “**Perspective**” column in cooperation with The Olympian, providing a forum for diverse views on faith and spirituality.

◆ Our **Earth Stewardship Committee** promotes community education and action around environmental issues. In addition to offering monthly programs, plans are being laid for an **Interfaith Earth Day** celebration next spring.

◆ The **Puget Sound Interfaith Youth Camp** aims to reopen in summer 2011. The camp, a partnership between Interfaith Works and Associated Ministries of Pierce County, builds peace through friendships among youth of many faiths. Support from contributors like you will make the camp a reality in the coming year, and allow for scholarships.

**Your support for these and other programs is vital!** Please, make your generous donation by completing and mailing in the form at the bottom of this letter’s first page today!

Or, to donate electronically using the secure PayPal system, go to our website: [www.interfaith-works.org](http://www.interfaith-works.org). There, you can also learn more about our programs and upcoming events.

Interfaith Works is an indispensable asset for the whole community. We appreciate your personal support.

With sincere thanks,



Barnett Kalikow  
Board President



Daniel Kadden  
Executive Director

**P.S. Make a real difference with a 2010 tax-deductible contribution; make your donation before December 31st.**

**P.P.S. Interfaith Works is a truly LOCAL organization serving Thurston County since 1974. Unlike larger regional charities, we rely exclusively on friends and neighbors like YOU to help us carry on our work. Thank you for keeping us in mind.**

