

The Children's Agenda's Interfaith Collaborative

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How do The Children's Agenda (TCA) and diverse faith communities join together to make real change for children?

The multi-faith TCA Interfaith Collaborative engages with faith communities through prayer and intention, education programs, and opportunities to take action on urgent problems facing our community's children. Inspired by sacred texts and teachings that call all of us to love and protect children, we respond with advocacy for sustained, systemic change.

The Interfaith Collaborative's advocacy has been instrumental in changing public policy and funding, resulting in more child care assistance for low income working families, passage of paid family leave in New York, reform of Child Protective Services, child abuse and neglect prevention programs, and an increase in funding for services for young children with special needs.

We gather on a regular schedule to plan year-round activities such as:

- The Children's Interfaith Weekend in October.
- Meetings with state and local elected officials.
- Advocacy efforts to promote programs and policies that help create a brighter future for vulnerable children.
- Educational opportunities to learn more about local and statewide children's issues.

What is the Children's Interfaith Weekend?

The Children's Interfaith Weekend (CIW) is modeled on the Children's Sabbath, which is honored across the country on the third weekend in October. Congregations throughout Monroe County dedicate time to hold children in prayer or intention and take action on their behalf during worship services or special events that reflect their own faith tradition.

Can my faith community be a part of this?

Yes!

- Contact Brigit Hurley at (585) 256-2620 ext. 2602 or bhurley@thechildrensagenda.org
- Sign up to participate on The Children's Agenda's website (www.thechildrensagenda.org) under partnerships – Interfaith.

Who participates in the Children's Interfaith Weekend? Congregations from the following traditions:

Jewish	Presbyterian
Episcopal	Free Methodist
Muslim	Quaker/Friends
Catholic	Lutheran
Baptist	United Church of Christ
Buddhist	Sufi Order of Rochester
Unitarian	Nondenominational
Methodist	Mennonite
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	

All are welcome!

Advocate for change and justice.

The change children need won't come until [elected officials] hear a broad, relentless demand from their constituents. Children's needs are easy to ignore because they don't vote or make campaign contributions. We don't have a moment or a child to waste.

- Marian Wright Edelman