## The Children's Agenda's Interfaith Collaborative

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## 2021 Children's Interfaith Weekend: October 15-17

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

The multi-faith TCA Interfaith Collaborative engages with faith communities through prayer, 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, 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.

Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



- 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 <u>Children's Sabbath</u>, which is honored across the country on the third weekend in October. Congregations and organizations throughout Monroe County dedicate time to pray for children and take action on their behalf during worship services or special events that reflect their own faith tradition.

Can my faith community or organization be a part of this? Yes!

- Contact Brigit Hurley at (585) 256-2620 ext. 2602 or <a href="mailto:bhurley@thechildrensagenda.org">bhurley@thechildrensagenda.org</a>
- Sign up to participate: <u>CIW REGISTRATION</u>

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

Catholic Presbyterian
Episcopal Free Methodist
Muslim Quaker/Friends

Jewish Lutheran

Baptist United Church of Christ Buddhist Sufi Order of Rochester

Unitarian Mennonite Church of Jesus Christ Methodist

of Latter-day Saints

Non-denominational, e.g. In Christ New Hope

All are welcome!