

The Greater Pittsburgh Interfaith Coalition

Fostering Neighborhood Harmony

Vision Statement

The Greater Pittsburgh Interfaith Coalition (GPIC) seeks to build bridges of trust, understanding, cooperation and respect, especially at the neighborhood level, in the Greater Pittsburgh region.

Mission Statement

The Greater Pittsburgh Interfaith Coalition will serve as a model of interfaith harmony. The GPIC will convene our region's diverse faith communities on a regular basis to share resources, foster dialogue, and provide education and celebratory venues which will deepen understanding and strengthen community relationships.

Goals

1. Provide informal social occasions where members of different faith communities can strengthen their personal relations with one another.
2. Provide educational opportunities for people to learn more about each other's faith and culture.
3. Organize public interfaith events, collaborating with Pittsburgh's interfaith communities and organizations, that will promote harmony within the wider community.
4. Engage in or sponsor interfaith projects with a local or national focus.
5. Convene regular meetings for clergy of all faiths to meet and discuss how to encourage interfaith dialogue in their communities.

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