

Spring Interfaith Council Monthly Newsletter

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May 2026



Sponsored Events

New Look, Same SIC
We hope this newsletter will be easier to review each month. Enjoy!

Diane Hunt
SIC Chair

Last Chance to Register for the Spring Interfaith Dialogue Meals 2026

Talking face-to-face with your neighbors of different faiths over a shared meal is a fun and pleasurable way to increase understanding among people. Five families belonging to the Spring Interfaith Council have offered to provide a simple meal in their homes on different days and times during Dialogue Week, May 13-20. Each home will welcome 8 to 14 guests of a diverse range of faith traditions. A moderator will be present at each home to guide discussion on religious topics in a safe and respectful manner. Space is limited, so register NOW to assure that you get a day and time convenient to you.

Registration deadline May 7.
Host 1 - May 13, 12pm
Host 2 - May 20, 6:30pm
Host 3 - May 14, 11:30am
Host 4 - May 14, 6pm
Host 5 - May 16, 10:30am

Send an email to nancy.agafitei@gmail.com to reserve your spot now. Indicate all of the dates on which you could participate. For each participant who will attend the meal, please include their name and e-mail address, plus indicate their faith tradition (or "no faith tradition") so that we can provide a diverse mix of participants for each conversation. When the groups have been set up, you will receive an email providing you with the name and address of your host.

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Women's Voices

Women's Voices is an interfaith group of women that meets once a month for discussion based on a book they are reading. The next gathering is on Thursday, May 7 in the Oasis Room at the Northwoods Presbyterian Church (3320 Cypress Creek Pkwy, Houston, TX 77068). They will meet from 12:30 - 2:30pm discussing Part Four of the book "Deep Conviction: True Stories of Ordinary Americans Fighting for the Freedom to Live Their Beliefs" by Steven T. Collis. If you'd like to know more, please contact Nancy Agafitei. Her email address is: nancy.agafitei@gmail.com



Community Conversations

The Archdiocese of Galveston Houston invites you to a monthly online community conversation about race, faith, and finding our way forward in love. Each Open Wide Our Hearts meeting includes a presentation on a relevant topic. After the presentation, a small group discussion will follow. This month's presentation will be held on Wednesday, May 20 when we will discuss the topic "God in All Things - Ignatian Discernment for Difficult Times."

[Click here to register](#)

BLOOD DRIVE

Spring Interfaith Council
Friday, May 7 - 11
Call to Prayer & Action for all Mothers.

SUPPORTING NEW MOTHERS #100,000+ MOTHERS Need Transfusions after Delivery (U.S.)	CARE FOR NEWBORNS 1 in 83 NEWBORNS Require Transfusions at Birth	BREAST CANCER TREATMENT APPROX. 30% OF WOMEN Need Red Blood Cell Transfusions
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Pray: For mothers and their children in medical battles, and
Give: Donate blood to aid in their healing.

Three Locations - Scan to Sign Up!

CHAMPIONS CONROE WOODLANDS

Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome. *Walker, blood recipient*

Gulf Coast Blood
EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.

Save lives on the go with **CFI EXPRESS PASS**

Complete your Health History Interview before you come in for your donation.
Go to www.giveblood.org/donate/cfi-express-pass/ and complete the same day as your appointment.

Volunteer

In lieu of our Day of Prayer Walk, we are encouraging the community to pray for mothers and children and/or donate blood in their honor. During the week of May 7-11, visit any of the local blood centers to join the community in donating.

YOU CAN SAVE LIVES!

HOPE CENTER HOUSTON'S
10th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON & FUNDRAISER FOR OUR FUTURE

Friday, May 15 11am - 2pm
St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, Christ Center

Speakers:
Joel North, CEO HCA Northwest Healthcare
2026 HOPE CENTER HOUSTON VISIONARY OF THE YEAR

Kelly Young, CEO Coalition for the Homeless/Houston/Harris County

Madison Yezak, Actress, Model, Author, Social Media Influencer
MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Debbie Johnson, Founder and Heart of Hope Center Houston

MUSIC by Gene Keen

TICKETS
\$100/person \$800/table of 8
Last day to purchase tickets, Friday, May 1

Help the Unhoused

Hope Center Houston's 10th Anniversary Luncheon and Fundraiser tickets can be purchased here: **TICKETS**

A milestone *in the making*

Celebrating

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the **250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence**. There are many ways to participate. Visit this website to learn of ways to serve, celebrate, and learn. <https://america250.org/>

Giving

Help make 2026 a **record setting year** of volunteer service. Join people and organizations across the country in giving back — from service projects to donations — to honor America's 250th. <https://america250.org/american-gives/>

Learning

There is so much we can learn from the lessons of our past. **In Pursuit** is a new initiative to review our first 250 years and distill its most timeless lessons to inspire and inform our future. View video lessons, listen to podcasts, and more: <https://www.inpursuit.org>



Bells Ringing From Sea to Shining Sea

The National Bell Festival will lead bell ringing tributes during the official July 4th celebration. This will include a moment of nationwide ringing, where bells from coast to coast will ring out in freedom and togetherness. Cathedrals and churches, community organizations and historical structures, national parks and memorials, and people from all states and territories are encouraged to gather and contribute to the sound at 1pm central time. **For more information, click here:**

<https://www.bells.org/us-semiquincentennial-bell>

Resources

Medical Care	Masjid Al Salam Mosque Northwest Assistance Ministries	ahsanhuq@sbcglobal.net 281-583-5600
Rehousing and Rental Assistance	Northwest Assistance Ministries	Online Application namonline.org/basic-needs
Food, Clothing, Showers, etc for Unhoused	Hope Center Houston	821 Peakwood Houston, TX 77090 832-965-5511 M-F 9am-3pm
Transportation, Clothing	Northwest Assistance Ministries	281-583-5600
Food pantry, Counseling, Health Services, After School Clubs, Literacy, Educational Support	Northwest Assistance Ministries Bridging for Tomorrow	281-583-5600 www.bridgingfortomorrow.org ZIP Codes: 77066 & 77086
Employment Counseling & Training	Northwest Assistance Ministries	281-583-5600
Job Training	Deseret Industries	8625 FM 1960 Houston, TX 346-214-7453
Food	Kinsmen Lutheran Church Bridging for Tomorrow Houston Food Bank	1st Saturday 8-11 AM 5359 W Richey Rd Houston, TX 77066
Meals on Wheels	Northwest Assistance Ministries	281-885-4622
Showers every Friday 10-2	Northwest Assistance Ministries	http://www.movingwaters-houston.org/showers
Food Pantry	Abundant Harvest Kitchen	24803 Oakhurst Dr Spring, TX 77386 Text: 781-474-3673 Make appointment Mondays: https://harvestkitchen.org/food-pantry/

Thank you for reading!

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