

Spring 2011



Calendar of Events

**Office for
Ecumenical and
Interfaith
Relations**

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Welcome to our local church ecumenical and interfaith calendar for the Spring of 2011, updated in an ongoing fashion.

Our administrative assistant is Pat Kleiner, also the administrative assistant for the Pastoral Services director, Hispanic Ministries and for African-American Ministries.

The Archdiocese now has an automated voicemail system. In order to reach our offices it helps to know the following extensions:

Louise Vera ext. 2611 Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday (or Thursday) lvera@catholiccincinnati.org .

Pat Kleiner ext. 2652 Tuesday-Thursday-Friday pkleiner@catholiccincinnati.org

Pastoral Services Receptionist, Annie Boyle ext. 2601 pastoralservices@catholiccincinnati.org

Annie is currently in charge of updating the calendar on the Bridgecraft site.

Please share your ecumenical, ecumenical social justice and interfaith news/upcoming events via pkleiner@catholiccincinnati.org. Put “ecumenical” in the subject line

The Archdiocese has recently completed a website makeover and we are contributing to the renovated site, but our calendar and links will still be accessible at www.bridgecraft.org and can continue to be accessed on mobile phones (smart phones, click ‘html version’).

Bear with us as we make the transition to the newly formatted Archdiocesan site. We post items to the Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations section almost daily, but sometimes they disappear or turn up as a post for another office! The long term advantage is that each office (someday soon) will be able to update their section of the website without technical assistance. It’s a good thing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Louise Barnes Vera

Director

Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

Archdiocese of Cincinnati

P.S. See below (last page) for an explanation of the updated Archdiocesan logo. Just so happens that our consultant, Fr. Dohrman Byers, is a member of the American Heraldry Society.

Save the Date - NWCU in Pittsburgh - May 9-12, 2011

National Workshop on Christian Unity

[Download Printable 2011 Registration Brochure](#)

**[Register Online Now](#)
for 2011 NWCU**

MARCH and APRIL

<p>March 3rd Khurshid Ahmad (Muslim Tradition) Foster Hall</p> <p>March 17th Judy Heller (Jewish Tradition) Rejoice Hall</p> <p>March 31st Rev. Ken Clark (Christian Tradition) Foster Hall</p>	<p>Spring Scripture Series:</p> <p>Social Justice in the Three Abrahamic Traditions</p> <p>All programs 7-9pm <i>Small group discussions featured after presentations</i></p> <p>Location: Christ United Methodist Church 3440 Shroyer Rd. Kettering, OH</p>
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<p>Sunday March 27 1 PM 2nd Floor library of Catholic Center (old Grade School) at St. Monica-St. George church University Heights, 328 W. McMillan Avenue.</p>	<p>Franciscan Network in Cooperation with the Local Muslim Community Presents:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Sharing Our Journey”</p> <p>Cindy and Dan Lewis will share about their recent trip to India, where they enjoyed the hospitality of a Muslim family whose son they had hosted when he was here in Cincinnati for a year of high school.</p> <p>We will also have an open discussion about Muslim-Christian relations and events in India and Pakistan, led by local Muslims who are from those countries.</p>
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<p>Seventh Annual Lecture on World Religions and Interreligious Dialogue</p> <p>Wednesday March 30, 2011 7. p.m</p> <p>Alford Centrum, Methodist Theological School, Delaware, Ohio. (Hwy 23, just north of 270 loop near Columbus)</p> <p>Free and open to the public.</p> <p>For directions to the Methodist Theological School or more information, call the school at 740-363-1146, visit www.mtso.edu, or email Dr. Paul Numrich at pnumrich@mtso.edu.</p> <p>For numerous other interreligious events in the Columbus area, see: www.iaco.org</p>	<p>Contemplative Living in the Buddhist and Catholic Traditions: Two Nuns Share Their Experiences and Insights</p> <p>The speakers will discuss the similarities and differences in contemplative living in their respective traditions, the challenges and rewards of living contemplatively in the 21st century, and key lessons for both monastic and lay life.</p> <p>Venerable Yifa is a nun of the Fo Guang Shan Monastery in Taiwan and has served in various capacities at the University of the West (formerly Hsi Lai University) near Los Angeles, including chair of the Department of Religious Studies.</p> <p>Sister Judith Sutera, OSB, is a member of Mount Saint Scholastica, a Benedictine monastery in Atchison, Kansas, and teaches at Saint Paul School of Theology, a United Methodist seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.</p> <p>Sponsor: Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus</p>
<p>Sunday April 3, 2011 3:00-5:00p.m.</p> <p>Muslim Community Center 3662 Patterson Road Dayton, OH 45430 Contact us: (937)429-9477 or (937)227-3223</p>	<p>Season for Non-Violence Celebration 2011</p> <p>Closing Celebration Key Note Speaker: Ms. Ymani Simmons, Nashville, NC</p> <p>Refreshments served after closing remarks</p>

**Sunday, April 3, 2011
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Mayerson JCC
8485 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, OH
45236
Brunch served

[RSVP to this FREE event](#)

or contact **Elizabeth Shepherd**

eshepherd@jfedcin.org

(513)985-1511

to RSVP or if you have questions.

B'nai B'rith, in conjunction with the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati and the Jewish Discovery Center, presents:



[read bio](#)

Gil Hoffman

Chief Political Correspondent and
Analyst

The Jerusalem Post

"The most optimistic man in Israel."

April 5 at HUC-JIR/Cincinnati

*Many have bracketed the over-the-top bawdy humor and noticed that the script writer for *Life of Brian* portrays the historical/political situation at time of Jesus in a remarkably accurate fashion. Rated R.—ed.*

Screening and Discussion of
“Monty Python’s Life of Brian”:

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion/Cincinnati presents the next film in the Academy of Adult Interfaith Studies film class, "Monty Python's Life of Brian," on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 5:00 pm. A discussion with Anne will follow. Free and open to the public.

Please RSVP to outreach@hucinci.org

<p>Led by Rabbi Gary P. Zola Thursday April 14 2011 Mayerson Jewish Community Center 8485 Ridge Road Amberley (Just South of Reagan Highway)</p> <p>Lunches \$12 each (student lunches \$6 each)</p> <p>Questions? cincinnati@ajc.org Call AJC (513)621-4020 Seating is limited to the first 250 people to reply</p>	<p>AJC Cincinnati cordially invites you and your friends to experience the Agless Ritual of Passover at Our 17th Annual Community Intergroup Seder:</p> <p>Celebrating Freedom for All People</p> <p>After the Seder you are cordially invited to join an optional tour of the sanctuary of Rockdale Temple</p> <p>Tickets will be held at the door</p>
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<p>(Tuesday)</p> <p>April 26, 2011</p> <p>7:30 PM</p> <p>Aronoff Center for the Arts, Jarson Kaplan Theater 650 Walnut St. Cincinnati, OH 45202</p> <p>Tickets are only \$7 (\$4 students)</p> <p>Ticket Office: Phone: (513) 621- 2787 Note: To purchase student tickets call (513) 621-2787</p>	<p><i>"From Auschwitz to Cincinnati: The Surviving Tunes"</i></p> <p>The Cincinnati Playwrights Initiative (CPI New Voices) is presenting a new play by Kalman Kivkovich and directed by Ed Cohen on the life of Henry Meyer, the late Holocaust survivor, phenomenal violinist and founding member of the world renowned LaSalle Quartet that for decades had found its home at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM).</p> <p>Witness a success story of one very lucky man. "I am a winner," he often said, "with me, all their effort failed."</p> <p>http://www.holocaustandhumanity.org/meyerplay. pdf</p> <p>http://cincinnati.com/blogs/arts/2011/01/27/violini st-henry-meyer-remembered-in-play/</p> <p>http://www.artsjournal.com/slippeddisc/2011/01/a</p>
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	<p>uschwitz-violinist in new sta.html</p> <p>Henry's testimony can be viewed in the Holocaust Humanity & Education Center's permanent educational exhibit, Mapping Our Tears. For more go to: http://holocaustandhumanity.org/visit_mot.php</p>
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Upcoming Meetings of Interest

Town Hall Meeting, April **Global Water Crisis**, Duff Banquet Center, Cintas at Xavier University, 7-9 p.m.
<http://www.xavier.edu/dialogue/calendar/2516>

June 27-July 2 **League of United Latin American Citizens**
Cincinnati, Duke Convention Center
Bridging the Gap: Expanding the Latino Agenda Into New Frontiers

RESOURCES

ECUMENICAL RESOURCES UPDATED 3/18/201

Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. is the most inclusive ecumenical org in the U.S. It includes five faith families: Evangelical and Pentecostals, Orthodox, Roman Catholic historic Protestant and Racial and Ethnic churches. Check out www.christianchurchestogether.org for video, photo montage an incredibly diverse assemblage in January 2011, in Birmingham, Alabama. CCT church leaders composed an answer to Dr. Martin Luther King's 1963 'Letter from Birmingham Jail.' See tour of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, site of terrorist bombing in 1963, and the remarkable stained glass window sent from the people of Wales to that church.

Koinonia, a quarterly newsletter of the Paulist Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Office, seeks to provide ongoing information, education, and practical resources. It is distributed electronically to members of the Paulist community, Diocesan Ecumenical Officers in the U.S. and Canada, ecumenical and interfaith colleagues in other churches and religions, and anyone interested in the ongoing work for Christian unity and interreligious understanding. http://www.paulist.org/namerica/ecumenism_newsletter.htm

Elca.org This site from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America concentrates on interreligious relationships between Lutheran Christians, Jews, Muslims and others. It also provides access to various kinds of Lutheran ecumenical dialogues and agreements: Full Communion, Conciliar Ecumenism and Ecumenical Dialogues. Under Resources people can subscribe to their excellent Ecumenical Life Newsletter. <http://www.elca.org/ecumenical/interreligious/index.html>

The **Focolare** movement has a history of promoting Christian Unity and interreligious dialogue. Check out their website at www.livingcitymagazine.com. You can subscribe to their magazine online at www.newcitypress.com or subscribe to the glossy, color magazine (11 issues, one year) by sending \$30.00 to livingCity, P.O. Box 837, Bronx, NY 10465-0837.

INTERRELIGIOUS RESOURCES

The **Interfaith Association of Central Ohio Interfaith Association of Central Ohio** (IACO) represents people of different faiths promoting religious understanding, tolerance and freedom. Visit IACO online and view their interfaith calendar at http://www.iaco.org/IACO_Home.htm

ECUMENICAL MARRIAGE

Together is an excellent ecumenical newsletter published online by Barb and Michael Slater. Consider a subscription to keep this valuable resource available to ecumenical Christians, especially Catholic-Protestant couples. www.NAIIF-Online.org www.Facebook/NAIIF

The Family Life office recommends this excellent resource for engaged couples of different cultural or faith backgrounds. It also includes a normative work on marriage preparation. <http://www.sandiego.edu/interchurch/>

CHRISTIAN – JEWISH RESOURCES

Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations A new journal on biblical interpretation and Christian-Jewish relations. Boston College, Theology Department: Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations. The journal is available at this link: http://www.bc.edu/research/cjl/meta-elements/sites/partners/ccjr/individual_memberships.pdf

Dialogika is a comprehensive site regarding contemporary Catholic-Jewish relations, staffed by Dr. Phil Cunningham at St. Joseph University in Philadelphia. You can access Dialogika on the Centers for Christian-Jewish Relations website. <http://www.ccjr.us/>

Dayton Christian Jewish Dialogue website The Dayton-Christian Jewish dialogue is currently on hiatus. Their website contains records of the many fascinating dialogues they've conducted, including controversies they've mediated. Interested in Christian-Jewish dialogue in the Dayton area? Let us know, ecumenical@catholiccincinnati.org
<http://academic.udayton.edu/kenrosenzweig/dcjd/>

COEXISTENCE AND PEACEBUILDING

VOICES FOR PEACE

U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops and Catholic Relief Services partnered to produce this 64-page resource for pilgrims and peacemakers. <http://uspartners.crs.org/downloads/holy-land-resource-guide.pdf>

INTERRELIGIOUS COORDINATING COUNCIL IN ISRAEL

The mission of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel (ICCI) is to harness the teachings and values of the three Abrahamic faiths and transform religion's role from a force of division and extremism into a source of reconciliation, coexistence, and understanding. To accomplish this, ICCI works with youth, women, and religious leaders to promote Jewish-Arab coexistence and peace-building projects.

http://english.icci.org.il/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=141

RABBIS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The rabbinic voice of conscience in Israel, giving voice to the Jewish tradition of human rights.

www.rhr.israel.net

GIVAT HAVIVA

The Jewish-Arab Center for Peace. An education, research and documentation center, founded in 1949.

www.dialogate.org.ill/peace/default.asp

THE INTERFAITH ENCOUNTER ASSOCIATION

www.interfaith-encounter.org

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH MIDDLE EAST

(EcoPEace) Joint Palestinian-Israeli-Jordanian Environmental Forum

www.foeme.org

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS (ICCJ) Pioneering European-based Jewish-Christian organization which met in Seelisburg, 1947 to produce an agenda for change in the relationship with the help of Jules Isaac. ICCJ has some Muslim members, has done extensive Abrahamic dialogue. Their resource site in six languages:

www.jcrelations.net

ICAHD

Israeli Committee Against Home Demolitions

www.icahd.org

THE ULSTER PROJECT

The Ulster Project is dedicated to promoting a peaceful parity of esteem between Roman Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland by building tolerance, trust, and ongoing positive relationships among potential leaders from these Christian traditions.

<http://www.ulsterproject.org/>

CINCINNATI ULSTER PROJECT

<http://www.ulsterprojectcincinnati.org/>

CHURCHES FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE a high profile group of leading mainline Protestant leaders and Roman Catholic religious orders, which has become very active in promoting the peace process.

www.cmep.org Ohio Representative: Rev. Skip Cornett (ELCA) wcornett@insight.rr.com

Save the Date, Dayton! Church Women United

PROGRAMS 2011

(Friday) May 7, 2011 6:00PM

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

Mt. Enon Missionary Baptist church

1501 West Dr. Martin Luther King Way

Program will be followed by light refreshments

Hostess: Delores Thurman..... 276-3956

(Monday) June 7, 2011 1:00 PM

ANNUAL MEETING & HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION

Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church

960 West Dorothy Lane, Kettering

Theme: Presentation of CWU Human Rights Awards to local person or organization giving outstanding service to the cause of human rights

Hostess: Jerri Wood..... 293-7225

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, DAYTON, BOARD MEETINGS

FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

AUG., SEPT., OCT., NOV.,

FEB., APRIL, MAY

MEETING AT 1:00 PM

at Memorial Presbyterian Church



Coat of Arms, ca 1921: The plow represents the Roman hero Cincinnatus, who, when called by the Senate to assume the dictatorship in defense of the Republic, responded at once, leaving his plow behind in the field. When the Senate offered Cincinnatus the dictatorship for life, however, he declined and returned to finish plowing his field. Cincinnatus was taken as a model by the officers who served with Washington in the War of Independence. After the war, they created the Society of the Cincinnati. In 1790, Gen. Arthur St. Clair, governor of the Northwest Territory, changed the name of the settlement on the Ohio opposite the Licking River from Losantiville to Cincinnati in honor of this society.



The three crosses in the arms evoke the Holy Trinity. They also associate the plow with the Church's missionary labors. The crosses are pointed at the foot for planting in the earth and budded at their tips, burgeoning with new life. They recall the planting of the Catholic faith in the territory northwest of the Ohio, where Cincinnati was the first diocese established (1821).

The colors of the arms, red and gold, are traditionally associated with St. Peter, the patron of the cathedral of the archdiocese, St. Peter in Chains. The bishop's miter placed above the shield indicates that these are the arms of a diocese.

--Rev. Dohrman Byers