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World Council of Churches: Statement on Israel and Palestine

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We lament every one of the precious lives already lost, Palestinians and Israelis, in Gaza, in Ashkelon, near Lod, and elsewhere. We share in the grief of the families and communities whose dear ones have been ripped away. Among those with whom we commiserate, we lift up before God one of the employees of our partner organization DanChurchAid and Norwegian Church Aid in Gaza, who lost five young members of her family – a son, a daughter, a grandson and two nephews, with three other sons seriously injured and in critical condition.

Dear God, move the hearts of all those with the means of such violence in their hands, to think of the many others who will die, be maimed, or suffer terrible bereavement like our colleague in Gaza if this cycle of violence continues and escalates. Putting down their arms, may they work to address the injustices and mutual antagonisms that sustain the recurrent cycles of violence from which the people of the region have suffered so grievously for so long.

We abhor the violence affecting places of worship, the incursions into the al-Aqsa mosque, and the attacks against synagogues in Lod. We pray that the holy places of Jerusalem and the region will not be further desecrated by violence and violations, but instead become centres of inspiration for peace.

God of life, inspire all the people of the Holy Land to pursue the peace and justice that is your will, that they may live together not in enmity but as reconciled sisters and brothers.

Geneva, 12 May 2021
Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca
Acting General Secretary
World Council of Churches



Church of the Ascension on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, February 2020. Photo: Albin Hillert/WCC

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attacks against synagogues in Lod, incursions into the al-Aqsa mosque, Palestinians and Israelis in Gaza, World Council of Churches: Statement on Israel and Palestine

< Zealot: A Book about Cults

> Violence against civilians in Gaza and in Jerusalem



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2021 Interfaith Calendar



[Calendar of Cultural and Religious Dates](#) lists events for different cultural groups and faiths in Australia, 2021.

Faithsafe



faithSAFE is an online resource designed to assist faith communities in taking

a primary prevention approach to the issue of family violence and violence against women.

Multifaith Chaplaincy



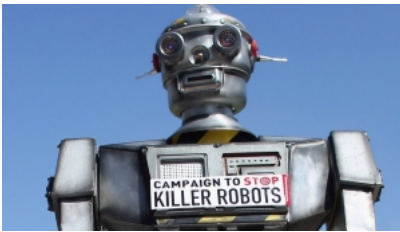
Multifaith Chaplaincy is a research and development project by Religions for Peace Australia to develop culturally diverse chaplains in the religions that provide services to multifaith Australia. You can read more about [Multifaith Chaplaincy](#)

The Sydney Statement



The Sydney Statement is an interfaith charter for building bridges between believers from different religions. The Sydney Statement is the work of Parliament of World Religions Youth in Sydney over several years and was launched online recently. [Read more here](#)

Interfaith Statement on Drones and Killer Robots



In conjunction with the [International Day of Human Fraternity 2021](#), the World Council of Churches (and other international organisations) express concern over the development of weapons systems that lack meaningful human control. (Killer Robots) Read more [here](#).

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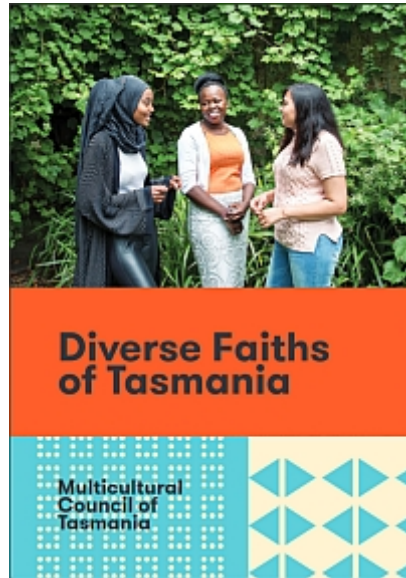
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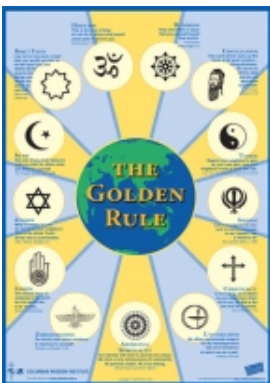
Visit the website of the [Australian Religious Response to Climate Change](#)

Diverse Faiths of Tasmania



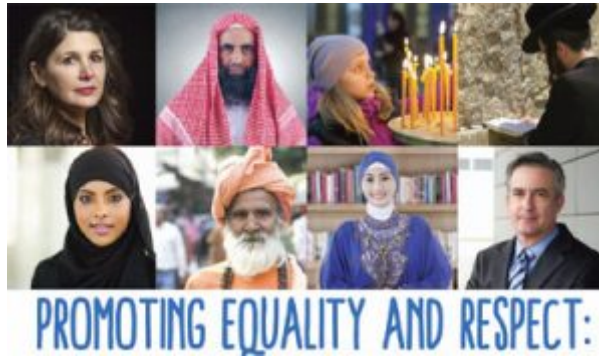
[Read about the Religious groups in Tasmania.](#)

The Golden Rule



An Australian Version of the [Golden Rule Poster](#) - with Australian Aboriginal ethic - is available.

Interfaith Resources for Domestic Violence



Booklet produced by City of Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network



Promoting Equal and Respectful Relationships in Faith Communities: a Manual and Tool Kit

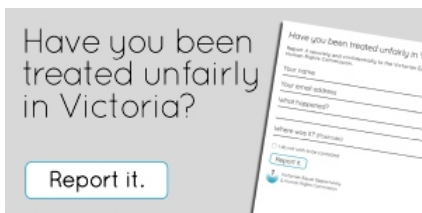
Importance of Interfaith Dialogue



**CANBERRA INTERFAITH
FORUM Inc.**

Canberra Interfaith Forum conducted a forum with multiple faiths addressing the **Importance of Interfaith Dialogue.**

Racism – Community Reporting Tool (Victoria)



Regardless of where you're from, what you look like, what you believe or what language you speak, no one should have to endure racism in the place they call home. You can report racism you have experienced in Victoria, [here](#).

Virtual Parliament of the World's Religions



The next Parliament of the World's Religions will be a virtual parliament, held online during October 2021. [Read more here](#)



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