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## **Interfaith Amigos to Visit Olympia**

**A UNIQUE BLEND OF SPIRITUAL WISDOM & HUMOR**

### **Interfaith Amigos**

Friday, August 5 at 7:30pm  
Presentation preceded by Shabbat  
Service at 6:00pm — all are welcome

Temple Beth Hatfiloh  
201 - 8th Ave. SE in  
Downtown Olympia



Imam Jamal Rahman, Rabbi Ted Falcon and Pastor Dave Brown openly address the usual taboos of interfaith dialogue — the “awkward” parts of each tradition — in order to create a more authentic conversation.

In their presentations, the **Interfaith Amigos** share why interfaith dialogue is so critically important in our world, and how each of their Abrahamic traditions both support as well as inhibit that deeper dialogue.

The **Interfaith Amigos** present a crucial message in their unique humorous style, helping participants appreciate the promise and the problems of the interfaith experience.



*Social justice and peace  
through interfaith understanding  
and cooperation*

*Learn more about how you can support the vision for a new Community Care Center that Interfaith Works, Providence St. Peter Hospital and other partners are bringing to provide services in downtown Olympia.*

**First Friday** Sponsored by Unity of Olympia  
in cooperation with Temple Beth Hatfiloh  
and Rabbi Seth Goldstein. Info: 360-943-5757





# Earth Stewards News

The Nisqually Tribe will host **Paddle to Nisqually 2016** from July 30 to August 6. Up to 130 tribal canoe families are expected to land and be ceremonially welcomed at the Port of Olympia's NorthPoint area on Saturday July 30. The week-long post-landing protocols and potlatch will be at the Nisqually Reservation.

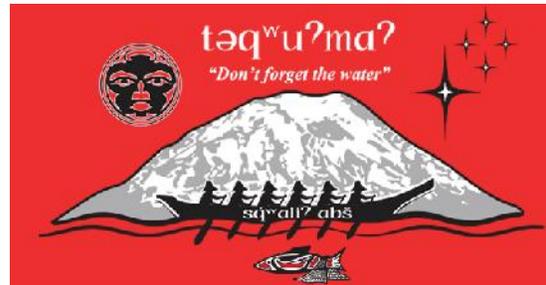
Events include:

**July 30th - Landing at the Port of Olympia**

**July 31st - Medicine Creek Treaty Ceremony**

**August 1st thru 6th - Protocol**

More details at [www.paddletonisqually.com](http://www.paddletonisqually.com)



## Volunteer opportunities that may interest people of faith:

- ◆ To volunteer for the week's festivities July 31 – August 6, check [www.paddletonisqually.com](http://www.paddletonisqually.com). You can also contact the Paddle Volunteer Coordinator, Anita Paz at 360-456-5221 x 1149 or [Paz.anita@nisqually.nsn.gov](mailto:Paz.anita@nisqually.nsn.gov).
- ◆ To specifically volunteer on the "Green Team" to help with recycling and other earth-care needs, call Bridget Ray at the Tribe 360-456-5221
- ◆ To help out on the day of the landing, volunteer at [www.portofolympia.com/341/2016-Paddle-to-Nisqually-Canoe-Journey](http://www.portofolympia.com/341/2016-Paddle-to-Nisqually-Canoe-Journey)
- ◆ To purchase special blankets to give to the Tribe for potlatch gifts, see box below.



Detail of Paddle to Nisqually 2016 blanket designed by artist Jody Bergsma.

## The Nisqually River and Ti'swaq Blanket Project

Right Relations Olympia, non-tribal people working in solidarity with the Nisqually Canoe Family, is helping with preparations for the event potlatch giveaways, including arranging for the production of specially-designed blankets. These 60" x 80" fleece blankets cost \$8.50 each. Interfaith friends can support the Nisqually community by donating \$85, \$170, \$255 (and so on, in multiples of \$85). Donors can receive a blanket of their own for each ten they underwrite.

Interfaith Works, as a not-for-profit organization, has stepped forward to process blanket donations to support Paddle to Nisqually 2016.

Make checks payable to Interfaith Works, with "Nisqually Blanket Giveaway" on the memo line. Send to: Interfaith Works, PO Box 1221, Olympia, 98507.

# 2016 Annual Meeting

Interfaith Works held its 42nd Annual Meeting on June 7, at Temple Beth Hatfiloh in downtown Olympia. The membership elected two new Board members, **Emily Gray** as Board Secretary, and **Marco Rosaire Rossi** as a Director. **Mary Wharton** was chosen as Board President, and Directors **Selena Kilmoyer**, **Buffie Finkel**, **Rev. Kedda Keough** and **Mindy Chambers** were re-elected. The previous Board President, **Kathy Gilliam**, remains on the Board as a Director.



IW Board members Selena Kilmoyer and Mindy Chambers present award certificates to Pastor Amy LaCroix of First Christian Church, and Barnett Kalikow representing Temple Beth Hatfiloh.

The Board saluted outgoing Board members Julia Moore and Secretary Rachel Hollister for their meaningful contributions during a time of rapid growth for the organization. IW also recognized as “Hidden Gems” the three faith congregations — First Christian Church, Temple Beth Hatfiloh, and The United Churches — who selflessly stepped up during this past winter to host on a rotating basis the Warming Center. Each day, an average of almost 140 persons living on the streets found sanctuary and community within the walls of these loving congregations.

Following the Annual Meeting, IW hosted a Garden Gala fundraiser featuring the Mud Bay Blues Band and memorable decorations by Kathy Gilliam.

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## Clergy Passages

- ◇ Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation welcomes its new minister, Rev. Thomas Perchlik, in August. Rev Emily Melcher has served for two years as OUUC’s Interim Minister, and we wish her well in her next pursuits.
- ◇ Community for Interfaith Celebration (CIC) has a new spiritual leader, Corey Passons. Leeann Tourtillott has served faithfully as interim lay leader.
- ◇ St John’s Episcopal Church has announced the Rev. RC Laird as its new Rector (Senior Pastor), after serving on an interim basis. We also wish all the best to Associate Pastor Rev. June Johnson, who recently retired from the ministry.
- ◇ St Benedict Episcopal Church is currently searching for a new vicar. It’s interim priest is Fr. Ed Lovelady.
- ◇ St Andrew’s United Methodist Church has recently welcomed its new pastor, Rev. Dan Breznau. He succeeds Rev. Melissa Ramming who has departed after many years at the Lacey church.
- ◇ The Center for Spiritual Living (CSL) has a new spiritual leader, Rev. Michael Auch.
- ◇ Rev. Howard Ullery has retired after many years serving Lacey Community Church. We look forward to continuing to work with him on interfaith pursuits.
- ◇ Rev. Tammy Stampfli has been called as sitting pastor at The United Churches after serving in a transitional capacity.

# IW Board Endorses I-873

The Board of Directors of Interfaith Works has formally endorsed Initiative 873, concerning police deadly force.

Last February, the Board endorsed House Bill 2907 to amend the state statute on police use of deadly force in recognition that current law makes it virtually impossible to charge a law enforcement officer with a crime when he or she uses deadly force against a citizen.



Members and allies of Black Alliance of Thurston County celebrate as Gov. Jay Inslee signs ESHB 2908, to create a representative task force to study and make recommendations for improving Washington's law on police use of deadly force.

## Proposed Initiative 873

### Ballot Title

Initiative Measure No. 873 concerns use of deadly force by public officers or peace officers.

This measure would amend the law to eliminate consideration of whether an officer acted "without malice and with a good faith belief" when determining whether the officer committed justifiable use of deadly force.

### Ballot Measure Summary

This measure would amend the law that exempts public officers and peace officers from criminal liability for using deadly force under specific circumstances. It would eliminate consideration of whether the officer acted "without malice and a good faith belief." Instead, under this measure, a public officer or peace officer could not be held criminally liable for using deadly force if the act was justifiable under the specific circumstances set forth under the statute.

That bill failed to pass, but a study bill, HB 2908, on this issue was adopted creating a broad-based task force of law enforcement professionals, human rights groups, and citizens to study the current law and report back to the Governor and legislature by December 2016 on any recommended changes to the law.

Pursuant to ESHB 2908, the Task Force on Police Use of Deadly Force had its first meeting June 28 (view the meeting at <http://leg.wa.gov/JointCommittees/DFTF/Pages/Members.aspx>), with discussion that was civil and wide-ranging. There will be three more meetings, July 26, September 13, and in November.

Meanwhile, an initiative to the legislature (I-873) was filed on May 20, to amend the state statute on police use of deadly force. By December 31, 2016, 250,000 valid signatures must be collected in order for the legislature to consider it. (See sidebar for the Ballot Title and Ballot Measure Summary that appear on the petition.)

Such a change would remove from state law what experts and activists alike have identified as a central impediment to being able to charge a police officer with a crime. Police would arguably be more careful, possibly preventing police use of deadly force in certain instances because officers would be aware of increased accountability for their actions.

The endorsement of I-873 by the Board builds on IW's interest and involvement in the issue of gun violence, police reform, community peacemaking, its February endorsement of HB 2907, and the timeliness of the issue both locally and nationally. The Board encourages IW members to consider helping with signature gathering and for support in the 2017 legislature.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A listing of some of the activities and events of Interfaith Works members, and of general interest. IW does not necessarily endorse these events. More details and events at [www.interfaith-works.org](http://www.interfaith-works.org). Submit your event at [www.interfaith-works.org/submit-an-event](http://www.interfaith-works.org/submit-an-event)

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| July 17, 24, & 31<br>Sundays<br>7:00-9:00pm | "Building Anti-Racism Skills." Conversations on race with Evergreen State College faculty Tom Womeldorff and Carolyn Prouty. July 17: Racism in Our Bodies—Lessons and Tools from Public Health. July 24: Moving Beyond Individual Racism, Measuring Systemic Racism. July 31: Moving Beyond Silence. Cost: free. The United Churches, 110-10th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501. Info: <a href="http://www.theunitedchurches.org">www.theunitedchurches.org</a> 360-943-1210   |
| July 20<br>Wednesday<br>6:30-8:00pm         | "Confronting the Climate Crisis," a "vigorous" group of Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation meets the third Wednesday of every month, and is dedicated to building a movement of ordinary people committed to preserving our planet's livable climate. Cost: free. Olympia Center; 222 Columbia St NW, Olympia, WA 98501. Info: <a href="http://www.olyccc.org">www.olyccc.org</a> 360-352-6327   |
| July 30-<br>Aug 6<br>Varying<br>schedules   | "Paddle to Nisqually 2016," continues an inter-tribal celebration and annual gathering of Northwest indigenous nations. Up to 130 tribal canoe families are expected to land and be ceremonially welcomed at the Port of Olympia's NorthPoint area on Saturday July 30. The week-long post-landing protocols and potlatch will be at the Nisqually Reservation. Cost: free. Locations vary. Info: <a href="http://www.paddletonisqually.com">http://www.paddletonisqually.com</a> with updates via Facebook  |
| August 5<br>Friday<br>7:30-9:00pm           | "Interfaith Amigos." Offering a unique blend of spiritual wisdom and humor, the Interfaith Amigos present a crucial message, helping participants appreciate the promise and the problems of the interfaith experience. Sponsored by Unity of Olympia as part of its First Friday program. Preceded by Jewish Shabbat Service at 6pm—open to all. Cost: free (donations to Interfaith Works homeless programs encouraged). Temple Beth Hatfiloh; 201-8th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501. Info: <a href="http://interfaithamigos.com/Home.html">http://interfaithamigos.com/Home.html</a> 360-943-5757 |
| Sept. 21<br>Tuesday<br>7-9pm                | Interfaith Works Program Council. All faith communities and individuals supporting the programs of Interfaith Works are welcome. Cost: free. Temple Beth Hatfiloh, 201 8th Ave SE, Olympia, 98501. More information: <a href="http://www.interfaith-works.org">www.interfaith-works.org</a> or call IW at 357-7224   |
| Sept 24<br>Friday<br>7-8:30pm               | "Give Me Shelter — A Festival of Choirs." A multi-faith celebration of music to benefit the new Community Care Center, performed by choirs from local faith communities. Sponsored by Interfaith Works. Cost: \$15 suggested donation at door. First United Methodist Church; 1224 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501. Info: <a href="http://www.interfaith-works.org">www.interfaith-works.org</a> or call IW at 357-7224   |

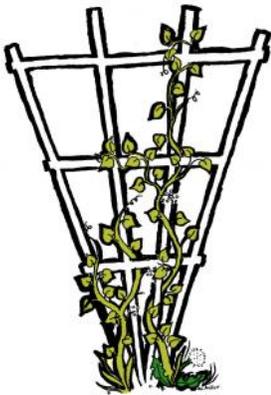


### Remembering Orlando

June 14, 2016, Sylvester Park



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### The Trellis Fund

is a 2016-17 funding campaign for Interfaith Works aiming to increase our capacity for engagement and impact in our community.

The Trellis Fund will help us sustain our programs, support new initiatives (like the anticipated Community Care

Center in downtown Olympia, in which Interfaith Works is a committed partner) and nurture our staff with a sturdy, well-anchored framework — symbolized by the trellis structure.

To our faith community partners and the many individuals who have so generously and faithfully supported us over the years, and to new supporters, local businesses and philanthropic donors, we appreciate your investing generously in our work.

Together, we can open a new chapter as an organization and build a strong, sustainable future.



**Emergency Overnight Shelter**  
 Sheltering for the Health & Safety of All

**VISIT THE VOLUNTEER PAGE OF  
 OUR SHELTER WEBSITE:**

<http://www.iwshelter.org/volunteer.html>

# SAVE THE DATE!



A multi-faith celebration of music to benefit the new Community Care Center\*

Performed by choirs from local faith communities

**Saturday, September 24**  
 1-4 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church**  
 1224 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501



\$15.00 suggested donation at the door

\*opening Fall 2016

[www.interfaith-works.org](http://www.interfaith-works.org)

Interfaith Works volunteers are organizing a concert to benefit the upcoming Community Care Center. The Center is sponsored through a partnership of Providence Hospital, Interfaith Works and several other organizations to provide a single place downtown where people can go to get warm, do laundry, take a shower, and find out about services like housing, medical needs and crisis intervention

Give Me Shelter will feature several faith community choirs, as well as a newly created Interfaith Choir, that will perform a wide range of musical offerings. There will also be a silent auction and delicious homemade refreshments. Donations at the door are gratefully accepted with a minimum of \$15.00 per person requested. It is sure to be a fun and uplifting afternoon of music and interfaith fellowship – join us and help the Care Center thrive!