



Spring Interfaith Council
United for Understanding

Newsletter - Volume 76 April, 2024

Important News From Spring Interfaith Council!! We're official!

We are happy to announce that after our organizational meeting on March 14, 2024, **we are now officially an unincorporated, nonprofit association named Spring Interfaith Council.** We adopted a set of bylaws (attached for you at the end of this newsletter), and elected officers:

Nancy Agafitei, Chair (2 yr. term) [Hosanna Lutheran]

Linda Barry, Vice Chair for Internal Communications (1 yr. term) [Holy Comforter Episcopal]

Ooma Lakshmanan, Vice Chair for External Communications (2 yr. term) [Hindu Community]

Julie Mahler, Secretary (1-yr. term) [Congregation Jewish Community North]

Paulette Moore-Hall, Treasurer (2-yr. term) [John Wesley Methodist]

The rest of the meeting was spent updating progress on all the exciting activities planned for the near future: Healing the Wounds Intercultural Interfaith Gathering (Apr 19-21); Prayer Walk (May 2); Dialogue Week Meals (May 12-18) and Praying for Peace (June 23).

Look elsewhere in this newsletter for more details on each of these and how you can be involved. Mark your calendar for the next planning meeting scheduled for **Thursday, August 8**, at 10:00am. Anais Watsky has again graciously offered to host this at her home, 17814 Running Brook Lane, Spring TX 77379.



First Annual Red Nations Rising - Healing the Wounds: An Intercultural Interfaith Gathering

Date: Friday-Sunday, April 19-21, 2024

Location: Agape Church for the Soul, Mind and Body 12244 Serenity Rose Dr, Conroe, TX 77304

This exciting three-day educational and healing weekend is produced by **RED NATIONS RISING** (rednationsrising.org) in collaboration with the Spring Interfaith Council. It is intended for prayer, healing, deep listening, learning and reconciliation between Native Americans and Non-Native Americans.

- FREE OF CHARGE to ALL participants
 - Light Breakfast & Lunch provided Friday, Saturday and Sunday
 - Workshops, Talking Circles & Film Screenings with Discussion
- Topics include: Historical Trauma, Addictions, Multigenerational Grief & Grieving, Native American Boarding Schools, Towards Right Relationship with Native Peoples

A separate newsletter on this event was sent to you on March 26. Please look for it to see more details. Please see the [EVENT REGISTRATION PAGE](#) for more details & a schedule of events, & [REGISTER](#) to participate.

The event is being planned and produced entirely with volunteer labor & time. We also warmly invite others who wish to serve to VOLUNTEER before, during or after the event. You may indicate in your registration in which capacity you would be willing to serve as a volunteer.

DONATIONS and love offerings of any amount towards the expenses of this and future events are encouraged and graciously accepted, so that we may continue to provide them AT NO COST to participants, tribal elders, indigenous healers & cultural educators. Please click to [DONATE TO SUPPORT THIS AND FUTURE EVENTS](#), or visit rednationsrising.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click DONATE.

Contact Alicia Richard, Red Nations Rising Assistant Coordinator at 206-503-9852 or alicia@rednationsrising.org for more information and with any questions about volunteering, registration, donations or providing food or firewood for the event.



Paula Palmer

Spring Interfaith Council Prayer Walk

Join us on May 2nd for

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

*Join the walk at any time
starting at 5:00 pm &
ending at 6:30 pm*



PRAYER WALK

*Meet at the fountain in front of The Centrum at
Cypress Creek Christian Church
(6823 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77379)
to walk a simple route and pray for our community.
All ages & faith traditions welcome.*

For more information email: springinterfaithcouncil@gmail.com.

-Hosted by Spring Interfaith Council-

The Spring Interfaith Council is hosting a **Prayer Walk**. This Prayer Walk will be an easy, gentle walk using the sidewalks around Cypress Creek Christian Church, 6823 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77379. The walk starts at 5:00 PM and ends at 6:30 PM.

When you arrive, please check-in at the table located at the start of the walk. If you are unable to arrive by 5:00 PM, you are invited come at any time before 6:30 PM and join the Prayer Walk that is in progress. This walk is open to people of all ages.

The walk participants will be divided into groups. Each group of walkers will have no more than 10 participants. Along the walk route there will be “prayer stations”. Various community organizations or faith communities will host these “prayer stations”. As the walkers arrive at a station, the walkers will stop and the “prayer leader” at the Prayer Station will lead the walkers in prayers for a specific need or concern of our community. The walkers will continue to pray for that concern as they walk to the next station. As a walker you may be part of a group or if you prefer you may walk the route independently. Note: This is an easy, prayerful walk. Its focus is on prayer not exercise.

You are invited to join the Spring Interfaith Council’s Prayer Walk and to pray for the needs of our community. You do not have to register in advance to participate. And in case of rain the program will move to the Centrum which is located inside Cypress Creek Christian Church. So, please plan to be a part of the **Prayer Walk** on **Thursday, May 2nd**.



Spring Interfaith Council Prayer Walk
May 2, 2024
5:00 PM
Cypress Creek Christian Church
6823 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77379

A Week of Dialogue Meals (May 12 through May 18)



Talking face-to-face with our neighbors of different faiths over a shared meal is one of the best ways to increase understanding among people. During the week of May 12 through May 18 the Spring Interfaith Council is excited to invite you to join your neighbors in conversation over a shared meal.

Several families have offered to provide a simple meal in their homes on different days and times during Dialogue Week. Each home will welcome 8 to 12 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.

Here are the dates available as of April 1:

- Host 1 Mon., 5/13, 6:30pm
- Host 2 Tues., 5/14, 6:30pm
- Host 3 Wed., 5/15, 6:30pm
- Host 4 Thurs., 5/16, 6:30pm
- Host 5 Fri., 5/17, 11:30am
- Host 6 Fri., 5/17, 6:00pm
- Host 7 Sat., 5/18, 2:00pm

You can reserve your spot now by sending an e-mail to nancy.agafitei@gmail.com. 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.

If we receive a large number of requests to attend, we may need additional hosts. If you are willing to host a group of neighbors in your home, let us know ASAP.

We hope you will make plans to participate in the dialogue. Feel free to invite others to join in the conversation. Nancy Agafitei is coordinating the planning. Contact Nancy (nancy.agafitei@gmail.com) if you have questions or want more information.

Clergy and Faith Community Representatives Brunch

The Spring Interfaith Council thanks the thirty-two representatives from thirteen faith communities who attended to the "Clergy and Faith Community Brunch" on March 5th. This gathering was hosted by Plymouth United Church.

This gathering was a big step toward strengthening the connections between our faith communities. We hope that the leaders of each of our faith traditions will continue building on the dynamic conversation we had on "Seeking Understanding."

Spring Interfaith Council plans to hold a similar gathering in the Fall of 2024. The Masjid Ibrahim community will host this Fall gathering and Isa Winter is planning the event. We hope that representatives from each faith community will join us in the Fall so we can continue to get to know each other and build bridges between our faith communities.

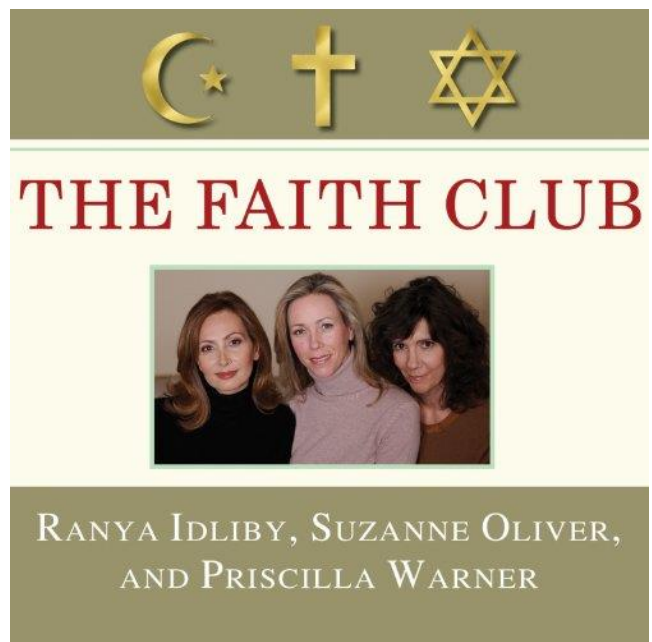
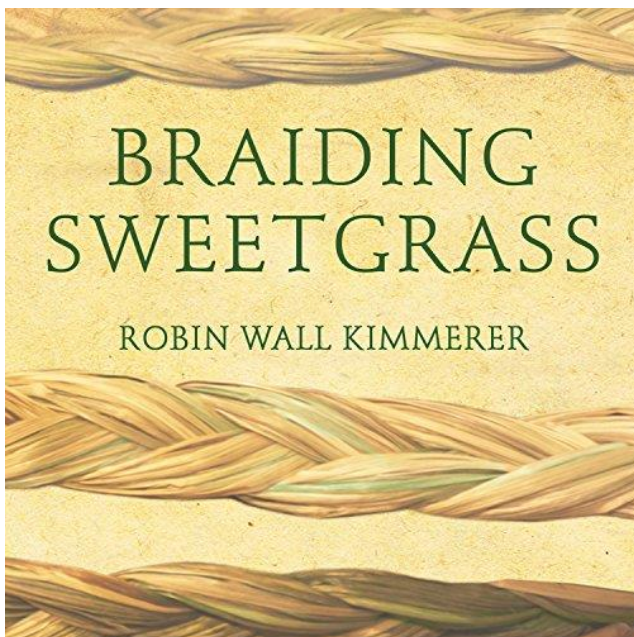




Women's Voices

Women's Voices is an interfaith discussion group that meets once a month for discussion based on a book they are reading. Women's Voices will hold its regular monthly gathering on **Thursday, April 4th** at **12:30 PM** in the Oasis Room at **Northwoods Presbyterian Church**, 3320 Cypress Creek Pkwy (FM 1960), at the intersection with T.C. Jester, Houston TX 77068.

At the April meeting, the group will finish their discussion of "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. In May the group will begin discussing the book "The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding" by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. If you'd like to know more about this group, please contact Nancy Agafitei. Her email address is: nancy.agafitei@gmail.com





The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Houston requests the honor of your presence at the annual

RAMADAN INTERFAITH IFTAR DINNER

Thursday April 4th, 2024

Bait Us Samee Mosque

6:00 PM - Arrival, Meet & Greet

6:30 PM - Welcome & Guests Remarks

7:00 PM - Interfaith Panel Discussion

7:30 PM - Iftar & Dinner

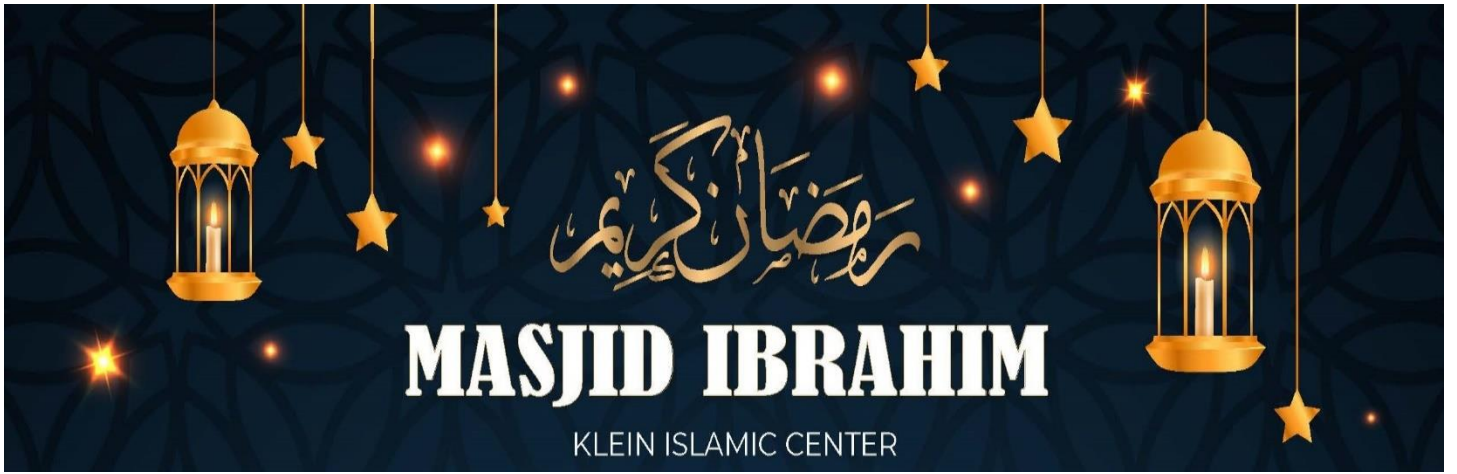


AHMADIYYA
MUSLIM COMMUNITY
United States of America

RSVP here: nasir@nasirmalik.com

Contact: phone: 713.459.0125
email: PA.hun@ahmadiyya.us

You are invited to attend an Iftar Dinner with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community at the Baitus Samee Mosque
1333 Spears Road
Houston, Texas 77068
RSVP: nasir@nasirmalik.com



Iftar

The Klein Islamic Center (Masjid Ibrahim) invites our neighbors to join us on Friday, April 5th or Saturday, April 6th at sunset (7:00 PM) for prayers and Iftar.

For more information;
Call the Klein Islamic Center at 832-743-8303.

Or

Contact Isa Winter at winterdarrin0@gmail.com



FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR SENIORS

Community Meeting
Saturday, April 6th at 10:00 am
Hosanna Lutheran Church
16526 Ella Blvd, Houston, TX 77090
Come sign up for the Free Workshop

A Financial Literacy Campaign for Senior Citizens to provide a GPS to navigate through the complex financial landscape of retirement.



Goal 1: Building Legacy

- Protect yourself & your assets while living
- Estate Preservation

Goal 2: Your Health Is Wealth

- Understanding Medicare – Will I need long term care

Goal 3: Protecting Your Assets

- Understanding the TAXIMPACT
- Rollover options
- Protecting Your Identity
- Avoiding Scams

Community Meeting

April 6th, 2024 Saturday at 10:30 am

16526 Ella Blvd, Houston TX 77090

Hosanna Lutheran Church

Guest Speakers



is now offering a
**Special Purpose
Credit Program**

available to
homebuyers in
*underserved
communities.

Ask me about
our Community
Homeownership Program!

- \$0 down required
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- 1-4 unit properties
- No minimum credit score
- Traditional and alternative credit sources accepted

Ask about special grant program for closing costs and out of pocket expenses.



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*Subject property must be located in a designated underserved community for greater MSA of Austin, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and Victoria, Texas

BLOOD DRIVE

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints- Klein

Thursday, April 11
2:00 PM- 8:00 PM
Gym

All donors will receive a FREE umbrella +
voucher for a FREE short stack of pancakes
from IHOP as a thank you!

Scan Below for Appointments or contact
Diane Hunt: (832)239-7718
dihunt@comm.churchofjesuschrist.org

sponsor code: U541



Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.



Keeghan, blood donor



Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center

EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.

Share your
donation story



@commitforlife | #commitforlife

The community is invited to come and donate on Thursday, April 11th
from 2 to 8 pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints-Klein,
16535 Kleinwood Drive, Klein, TX 77379.

You can sign up here:

https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/375911

Saturday, April 13th



Edwards Family Entertainment's
**TACKLE LIFE
MARKETS**



Supporting Higher Education

Vendors inside & outside - Food - a Food Drive - Fun



For more information scan the QR
code or go to
edwardsfamentertainment.com

*Join us every second
Saturday from 9 -2 PM
for
the Tackle Life Markets
at*

**Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church!**

**Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church: 2322
Spring Cypress Rd,
Spring, TX**



Holy Comforter
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Open Wide Our Hearts Community Conversations Group

St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church in Spring, Texas 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 Community Conversation is on “Red Nations Rising-Healing the Wounds: An Intercultural Interfaith Gathering” and the guest speaker will be Mr. Fidel Moreno. The Open Wide Our Heats Community Conversation will be held on **Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 10 am via zoom.**

Please join the conversation by clicking on the following link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)



HOSANNA COMMUNITY YARD SALE



SATURDAY
May 4, 2024
10am-2pm

Hosanna Lutheran Church
16526 Ella Blvd
Houston TX 77090

Just in time for Mother's Day!

For reservation, please call Hosanna
at 281-440-6890

to contact Karrie or Kimberly
Space donation \$25.00

Pop-up shops, Art & crafts, Vendors
are welcome.

If it rains, indoor facility is available.

AARP Free Federal Tax Preparation Service



Do you need help preparing your taxes?

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides in-person and virtual tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate income. Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified to make sure they understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code.

There are various options to use the AARP Free Tax Preparation service: **in-person, drop off, or online**. Note: Online access is for those with Adjusted Gross Income below \$79,000. For more information on the Tax-Aide program, go to:

https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/

In-Person Locations in our area:

NAM (15555 Kuykendahl Rd, Houston 77090)

Tue/Thu 9:00 AM – 1: PM

Barbara Bush Library (6817 Cypresswood Dr, Spring 77379)

Mon 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM and Sat 10:00 AM – 2:00PM

Champion Forest Baptist Church (15555 Stuebner Airline Rd, Houston 77069)

Thu & Fri 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM & Sat 11:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Mangum-Howell Center (2500 Frick Rd, Houston 77038)

Tue 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM and Wed 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM,

Northwest Branch HCP Library (11355 Regency Green Dr, Cypress 77429)

Fri 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM & Sat 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Lone Star College – Library (30555 Tomball Pkwy, Tomball 77375)

Mon/Wed 10 AM- 2 PM

Aldine Greenspoint YMCA (500 Greens Rd, Houston, TX, 77060)

Mon/Sat 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Drop-off Locations in our area:

Bear Branch Park (5310 Research Forest Dr, The Woodlands, 77381)

Tue/Wed/Thu 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM

Lone Star Montgomery (3200 College Park Dr, Conroe 77384)

Thu 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Sat 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

For more information on locations near you, go to:

https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations.html?cmp=FDN-LOCATOR-BTN-LINK-2023



**821 Peakwood,
Houston, TX 77090
Phone 832-965-5511**

The Hope Center is a day center that not only offers hope to those in our community experiencing homelessness, but also a delicious hot breakfast, lunch, showers, laundry, clothing, social services, mentoring, prayer, and more!

The Hope Center's regular hours of operation are Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at Hope Center Houston, please contact the Hope Center Volunteer Coordinator at 832-965-5511 with your questions or for additional information. **Or to volunteer please click [here](#).**

To see what is needed at the Hope Center or to make a donation click here: <https://www.hopecenterhouston.org/prayer> Or bring all donations to the front door of Hope Center Houston between 9am-12pm, Monday-Friday.

Whether financial, clothing, hygiene, pantry items, manna bags, backpacks, or ongoing center needs, Hope Center Houston appreciates your in-kind and financial donations.

Thank you!





Northwest Assistance Ministries



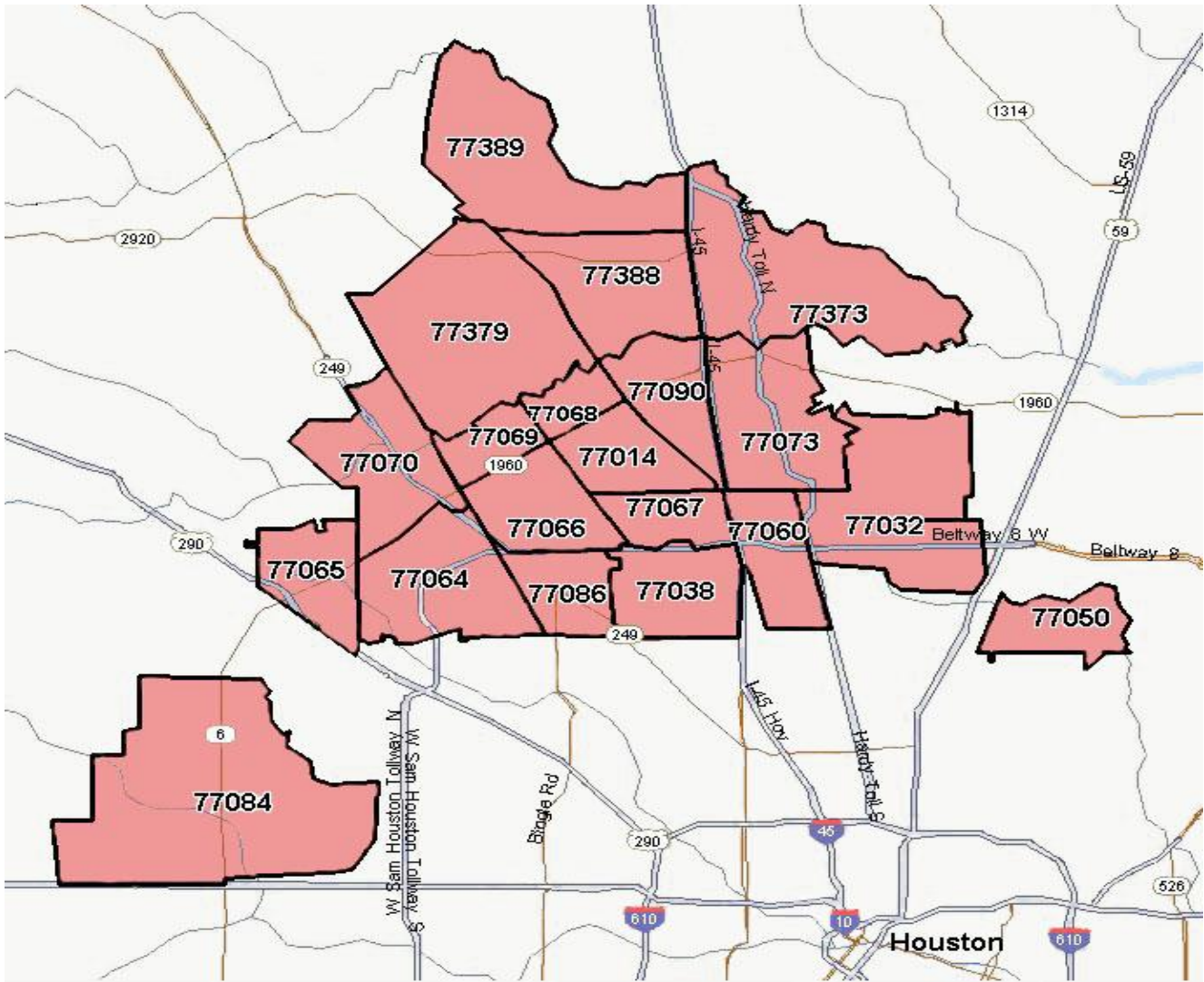
Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) is a nonprofit, community-based, social service agency that strives to meet basic human needs. NAM provides assistance in areas including food, shelter, health, education, safety and financial education over 660 square miles of northwest Harris County. If you need help or know someone who does call NAM [\(281\) 885-4555](tel:(281)885-4555) or <https://www.namonline.org/about-nam> And for the 24 Hour Family Violence Hotline call [\(281\) 885-4673](tel:(281)885-4673)

NAM relies on supporters to help us continue to provide service and hope to our community. For every dollar donated, between 85 and 90 cents goes directly back to NAM to support our programs and services. NAM is always grateful for monetary donations, and it is super easy to [donate here](#).

NAM could not serve our community without volunteers. Currently NAM urgently needs volunteers to help with the “Meals on Wheels” program. If you could help with this program, click here: [Meals on Wheels Volunteer](#)



ZIP Codes Served by Northwest Assistance Ministries



Resources Available to the Spring Community

So, if your faith community has a resource to offer, please send an email containing information about that resource to springinterfaithcouncil@gmail.com and we will include the information on the listing.

Resources for the Spring Community - Updated 12-29-2023

Resource	What is provided	Provider/Sponsor	Contact Information
Medical Clinics	Medical Care	Masjid Al Salam Mosque	ahsanhuq@sbcglobal.net
	Medical Care	Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)	Assistance Office at 281-583-5600
Housing/Rental Assistance	Rehousing (1) and Rental Assistance	Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)	Online Application namonline.org/basic-needs
Homeless	Homeless	Hope Center Houston	Mon- Fri at 821 Peakwood Houston, TX 77090 Phone 832-965-5511
Transportation	Transportation	Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)	Assistance Office at 281-583-5600
Family Support	Food pantry, Counseling, Health Services, After School Clubs, Literacy, Educational Support	Bridging For Tomorrow www.bridgingfortomorrow.org Serving ZIP Codes: 77066, 77086,	5351 W. Richey Road Houston, TX 77066 Phone: 281-203-0830 Email: infor@bridgingfortomorrow.org
Employment Assistance	Counseling and training to help those who lost jobs	Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)	Assistance Office at 281-583-5600
	Job Training	Deseret Industries	8625 FM 1960, Houston Phone: 346-214-7453
Food Pantry	Food	Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)	Monday – Friday 9 AM – 2 PM Assistance Office at 281-583-5600
Mobil Food Distribution	Food	Kinsmen Lutheran Church, Bridging for Tomorrow, Houston Food Bank	1 st & 3 rd Saturdays 8-11 AM Mobil Food Distribution at Kinsmen Lutheran Church, 12100 Champion Forest Dr, Houston, 77066 Phone: 281-444-3127, ext 143
Meals on Wheels	Food Delivery	Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)	Senior Center 281-885-4622
Clothing	Clothing	Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)	Assistance Office at 281-583-5600

Do You Have An Announcement?



If you have an event or announcement you would like to include in future newsletters, please send the information to Linda Barry at springinterfaithcouncil@gmail.com. Our newsletter will be sent out via email no later than the first week of each month. Therefore, please send the information about your event or announcement no later than the **20th day of the month prior to the event.**

Subscription Information

If you have friends who might enjoy receiving this newsletter, please forward this copy of the newsletter to them. Anyone can subscribe by clicking the following link [Subscribe to Newsletter](#) and then ask to receive our newsletter. Or if you do not wish to receive this newsletter in the future, please click the following link and ask to have your name removed from our subscribers list. [Please remove my name](#) Or you may call Linda Barry at 281-350-8420 to subscribe or unsubscribe. Also, please feel free to print and post this newsletter on your faith community bulletin board.

BULLETIN BLURBS

These snippets are available for you to copy and paste into your faith community bulletins or to print out and serve as a personal reminder

Women's Voices Meeting

The next Spring Interfaith Women's Voices' monthly meeting will be on **Thursday, April 4th** from **12:30 PM to 2:30 PM** at Northwoods Presbyterian Church, 3320 Cypress Creek Pkwy (FM 1960), Houston TX.

Ramadan Interfaith Iftar Dinner

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Houston will host a Ramadan Interfaith Iftar Dinner on **Thursday, April 4th at 6:00 PM** at the Baitus Samee Mosque, 1333 Spears Road, Houston TX 77068. **RSVP:** nasir@nasirmalik.com

Iftar Dinner

The Klein Islamic Center (Masjid Ibrahim) will host Iftar Dinners on **Friday, April 5th and Saturday, April 6th at 7:00 PM** at the Klein Islamic Center, 5500 FM 2920, Spring, TX 77388. **RSVP:** 832-743-8303 or winterdarrin0@gmail.com

Financial Literacy Community Meeting

Hosanna Lutheran Church invites everyone to participate in a Community Meeting on Saturday, **April 6th at 10:00 AM** at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 16526 Ella, Houston, TX 77090. For information call at 281-440-6890.

Real Estate Literacy Community Meeting

Hosanna Lutheran Church invites everyone to participate in a Community Meeting on Saturday, **April 6th at 10:30 AM** at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 16526 Ella, Houston, TX 77090. For information call at 281-440-6890.

Blood Drive

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints-Klein and the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will host a Blood Drive on **Thursday, April 11th from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM** at the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints-Klein, 16535 Kleinwood Drive, Klein, TX 77379.

Tackle Life Market

Tackle Life Ministries and Holy Comforter Episcopal Church will host a "Tackle Life Market" benefiting local high school students on **Saturday, April 13th from 9 AM-2 PM** at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 2322 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, TX 77388.

Open Wide Our Hearts Community Conversation

St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church will host the next "Open Wide Our Hearts Community Conversation" on Zoom on **Wednesday, April 17 at 10 AM**. Use this link to register: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Healing the Wounds: Intercultural Interfaith Gathering

The Red Nation Rising organization will offer a four day event of healing. Beginning on **Friday, April 19th thru Sunday, April 21st** at the Agape Church for the Soul, Mind and Body, 12244 Serenity Rose Dr., Conroe, TX 77304.

Spring Interfaith Council's Prayer Walk – National Day of Prayer

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Dialogue Meals

Spring Interfaith Council's will be sponsoring Dialogue Meals during the week of **May 12th thru May 18th** For more information contact Nancy Agafitei at nancy.agafitei@gmail.com

SPRING INTERFAITH COUNCIL BYLAWS

(Adopted March 14, 2024)

Article I: Organization

A. The Spring Interfaith Council is an unincorporated nonprofit association under the laws of the state of Texas, Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act, Chapter 252 of the Texas Business Organization Code.

Article II: Purpose/ Mission

A. The Spring Interfaith Council sees a world where people are united for understanding. It consists of volunteers from diverse faiths and cultural communities in the Spring, Texas area who seek to promote respect and understanding among all people, build meaningful relationships, and encourage dialogue. We bring people together to worship, learn, and engage in service to the community. We welcome all who share in this mission.

Article III: Membership in the Spring Interfaith Council (SIC)

A. The Spring Interfaith Council serves the broader community of all faiths in the Spring area of Northwest Harris County, Texas.

B. The Spring Interfaith Council is the group of volunteers that meets on a regular basis to plan and coordinate interfaith activities for the Spring area. Any faith community that wants to send participants to the council is encouraged to do so as long as those persons embody the spirit of the SIC's mission and understand that at Council meetings they represent the good of the entire interfaith community.

C. Individuals who are not affiliated with any faith group are also welcome to participate in the SIC as long as they accept the mission of the organization.

D. Members are expected to support the organization in these ways:

1. Attend periodic council meetings and sponsored events.
2. Communicate interfaith activities to their own faith community.
3. Communicate their faith community's interfaith activities and programs to the SIC so that they can be promoted to the general community.
4. Be willing to sponsor and/or donate funds to interfaith events such as Thanksgiving services, dialogue opportunities, lectures, book discussions, service projects, and other programs.

Article IV: Officers

A. The Spring Interfaith Council Officers consist of 5 elected leaders that promote the goals of the SIC and provide for the continuity of the Spring Interfaith Council.

B. The Officers must represent diverse faith communities.

C. The officers will be nominated from the floor at a meeting during the first quarter of the calendar year. The SIC year is defined as Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Officers are elected by majority vote of those present and voting at that meeting.

D. Officers will serve 2-year terms. The Chair, Vice Chair for External Communications, and the Treasurer will be elected in even years. The Vice Chair for Internal Communications and the Secretary will be elected in odd years. In the first election of the Officers of this organization, the Vice Chair for Internal Communications and the Secretary will be elected to serve 1-year terms.

E. Officers can be elected to no more than two consecutive terms. If an Officer should leave or resign before his/her term has expired, the position will be filled at the next meeting through nomination from the Council floor for the remainder of the term.

F. Duties of Officers

1. The Chair – The Chair sets the agenda and presides at the regular meetings of the SIC. The Chair oversees and coordinates the work of the other Officers. The Chair organizes any SIC public response to local, national or international events, by soliciting the response from faith leaders and then working with the VP of External Communications to disseminate it to the public.
2. The Vice Chair for Internal Communications is responsible for making sure that information is collected, edited, and distributed for regular issues of an interfaith newsletter. This Officer maintains the database of the SIC representatives, as well as the newsletter distribution list, and presides at the SIC meetings in the Chair's absence.
3. The Vice Chair for External Communications is responsible for making sure the SIC Facebook page and website are maintained. This Officer works with the Chair to disseminate any SIC response to local, national or international events to the public. This Officer coordinates public relations for SIC events, and presides at the SIC meetings in the absence of the Chair and the Vice Chair for Internal Communications.
4. The Secretary is responsible for taking minutes at all SIC meetings, distributing them to the membership, and maintaining a historical record.
5. The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining a bank account for the organization, handling all receipts and disbursements, and reporting all financial transactions to the Council at each regular meeting.

Article V: Administrative Requirements and Policies

A. Finances

1. The fiscal year of the SIC will run from January 1 to December 31.
2. The SIC is authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the SIC's mission.

B. Amendments to Spring Interfaith Council Bylaws

1. Any changes to these Bylaws may be proposed by any member at any meeting of the Spring Interfaith Council. The proposal must be circulated to all members through an email or newsletter in advance of the next SIC meeting. The proposed changes will be voted on by those representatives present at the next meeting of the Council. To be adopted, they must receive more than a majority vote of those present and voting. Changes adopted will be effective at the close of the meeting.

C. Dissolution

1. The Spring Interfaith Council may be dissolved as an unincorporated nonprofit association by a majority vote of those present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose. After paying any debts and obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to an organization in the Spring area exempt under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as determined by the majority vote of the members present and voting at the last meeting of the association. No member of the SIC shall be entitled to share in any assets upon the dissolution of the association.