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## In Support of our Muslim Neighbors, join us at the upcoming Community Events

### **Duck Race to End Racism (Sponsored by InterFaith Works)**

June 10 @ 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Syracuse Inner Harbor, 390 West Kirkpatrick Street, Syracuse, NY 13204

FREE

The Duck Race to End Racism is a free family festival that brings together people from all over the community. It features a huge line-up of children's entertainment, cooperative games, face painting, community information booths and duck races galore. It is a celebration with people of many colors, many different backgrounds, and many different walks of life coming together to demonstrate what the world would look like if racism did not exist. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5 each to participate in the general public Community Duck Race featuring many prizes and gifts.

- We will have a table "Have a Question about Islam?" This is where people can ask one of our Muslim brothers and sisters' questions and to help diminish Islamophobia.
- We will also be selling Blessed Ramadan Lawn signs at the Duck Race so people can join in support of our Muslim Community.

For more information, please contact InterFaith Works', Center for Dialogue director, Peter Willner. (315) 449-3552 ext. 102 or [PWillner@interfaithworkscny.org](mailto:PWillner@interfaithworkscny.org)

### **Islamic Council of Greater Syracuse Solidarity Press Conference (Sponsored by the Islamic Council of Greater Syracuse)**

Saturday, June 10 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Islamic Society of Central New York, 925 Comstock Ave, Syracuse, NY 13210

FREE

The majority of our mosques are open daily for all visitors. We will have an open house at the Islamic Society of Central New York on June 10 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm where we welcome everyone to be with us and to get answers to any question they may have. Members of Grace Episcopal Church, Syracuse Community Choir, and Syracuse Peace Council and from the general community will participate in a walk to the mosque (925 Comstock Ave). A press conference will be held at 12:30 pm. at the Islamic Society.

## **Gather at Grace in support of our Muslim brothers and sisters (Sponsored by Grace Episcopal Church)**

Saturday, June 10, 2017

10 a.m.

Grace Episcopal Church, 819 Madison St., Syracuse 13210

On Saturday, June 10th, you are invited to gather for prayer, conversation and song in support of our Muslim sisters and brothers, at Grace Episcopal Church. This event is co-sponsored by Grace Episcopal Church, Syracuse Community Choir, and Syracuse Peace Council.

The following information has been released about this event:

We are members of the Central New York community who stand together in appreciating the rich diversity of Syracuse and surrounding areas. Ours is a history of refusing intolerance, supporting those who seek refuge here, and welcoming all who love this area. This heritage calls us to act when we see intolerance and bigotry.

In that spirit, we are holding a gathering at Grace Episcopal Church, 819 Madison St., Syracuse 13210, (corner of University Ave.) at 10 a.m. on Saturday June 10. This event is intended as a counter to the “anti-sharia” demonstration at 100 S. Clinton St. at 10 am.

Grace Church will open the doors at 10am-12:45 for all who would join. Come for any or all of this time. We hope all will attend the press conference at 12:30 to announce our commitment to stand by ALL our neighbors in peaceful but firm refusal of all forms of hatred. In addition to brief statements, this press conference will include songs of peace and understanding, using the strength of music to speak to unity. We invite everyone to join this expression of solidarity to show our Muslim neighbors that we are with them.

If you wish more information, contact Diane at [drswords@gmail.com](mailto:drswords@gmail.com).

## **Ramadan Sign Project (Sponsored by InterFaith Works)**

May 26 – June 25

Purchase signs at InterFaith Works of CNY office: 1010 James Street, Syracuse NY 13203 or at the Duck Race on June 10 at the Syracuse Inner Harbor

\$15 per lawn sign

During the holy season of Ramadan, InterFaith Works of Central New York and its Round Table of Faith Leaders, is offering faith organizations and individual community members the opportunity to display a lawn sign that wishes our Muslim friends a Blessed Ramadan.

We have received the endorsement of the Muslim leaders of our community for this show of friendship and support.

For more information please contact InterFaith Works', InterFaith Initiatives director, Gracios Moyo. (315) 449-3552 ext. 111 or [gmoyo@interfaithworkscny.org](mailto:gmoyo@interfaithworkscny.org)

## **Local Ramadan Iftar Dinners Open to the Public**

1. The Islamic Society of Central New York Ramadan Iftar Dinner

Thursday, June 8, 2017

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

925 Comstock Avenue Syracuse, NY

2. Muslim American Society Al-Huda Mosque

Every Friday and Saturday for the entire month of Ramadan (May 27-June 25)

8:00 p.m.

4524 McDonald Road Syracuse, NY 13215

3. Ladies Iftar presented by Women Transcending Boundaries, Unity Church and Rise Center Ladies Club (Ladies only)!

Friday, June 9, 2017

8:00 p.m.

Rise Center TCC 275 W. Seneca Turnpike Syracuse NY, 13207

4. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Ramadan Iftar Dinner

Every Friday and Saturday from June 2 to June 24

8:00 p.m.

6650 Old Collamer Road North, East Syracuse, NY 13057

## **Islam in American Culture: Can We Bridge the Divide? (Sponsored by InterFaith Works' Seeds of Peace)**

Saturday, June 17, 2017

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Near Westside Peacemaking Center, 601 Tully Street, Syracuse NY 13204

FREE

Please join us for a community dialogue facilitated by InterFaith Works' Seeds of Peace. Seeds of Peace are local high school students trained as peacebuilders by InterFaith Works. The goal of the dialogue is to explore differing perspectives and provide a safe space for questions, ideas and stories. Light refreshments will be served.

Space is limited. RSVP to Lisa at 315-266-4349 or [VavonesL@courtinnovation.org](mailto:VavonesL@courtinnovation.org) by Thursday, June 15, 2017.

## **World Refugee Day Community Orientation (Co-Sponsored by RISE and InterFaith Works)**

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CNY Philanthropy Center 431 E. Fayette Street Syracuse NY 13202

FREE but please register, go to:

<http://www.interfaithworkscny.org/event/world-refugee-day-community-orientation/>

This is a Community Orientation about Inclusion and the Syracuse Refugee Experience. In celebration of World Refugee Day, join us for an information session about Syracuse's refugee communities. Learn

more about the everyday issues and concerns faced by refugees; the institutions, facilities, and agencies that support New Americans, and the ways that an engaged citizenry can help newcomers to our communities.

For more information, contact InterFaith Works', Center for New Americans, director Olive Sephuma. (315) 449-3552 ext. 205 [OSephuma@interfaithworkscny.org](mailto:OSephuma@interfaithworkscny.org)

## **World Refugee Day Celebration! “Come as Strangers, Leave as Friends” (Co-Sponsored by RISE and InterFaith Works)**

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

710 Hawley Ave, Syracuse NY 13203

\$20 Suggested Donation. Refugees/former refugees are free.

To register: <http://www.interfaithworkscny.org/event/world-refugee-day-celebration-come-as-strangers-leave-as-friends/>

Join us in a celebration of culture, community and cuisine. Come for flavorful food, great performances and memorable dialogue.

Keynote Speaker: Mayor Stephanie A. Miner

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## **Spirit of America (Sponsored by InterFaith Works)**

June 30 – July 2

Purchase yard signs or banners at InterFaith Works of CNY office, 1010 James Street, Syracuse NY 13203 or at the Duck Race on June 10 at the Syracuse Inner Harbor

As the United States prepares to observe Independence Day, InterFaith Works of Central New York invites the public, organizations and faith communities to participate in its *Spirit of America: Liberty, Diversity, Dignity* project to celebrate the diversity of our country. The project will kick off the weekend

of Friday, June 30 through Sunday, July 2; however, organizations that are unable to celebrate the *Spirit of America* that weekend may participate at a later date.

As part of the *Spirit of America* project, InterFaith Works will make available the following resources:

- A New American (former refugee) to speak to your organization about his/her personal experiences as a refugee and a New American. A member of InterFaith Works' staff, Board of Directors or Round Table of Faith Leaders will accompany the New American.
- Resource packet that will include items that may be used to help promote the project. These items include text for notices, website and social media; a link to a video of two young refugees telling their personal stories; interfaith devotions; and a fact sheet about InterFaith Works and its refugee resettlement program.
- Yard sign that reads *Spirit of America: Liberty, Diversity, Dignity*. (Cost to cover production costs: \$15.)
- Banner (6 feet long x 3 feet tall) that reads *Spirit of America: Liberty, Diversity, Dignity* to display on the interior or exterior of your building. (Cost to cover production costs: \$70.)

Yard signs and banners may be purchased individually.

For more information about the *Spirit of America* project, please contact the Rev. Gracious Moyo, director of interfaith initiatives, at [gmoyo@interfaithworkscny.org](mailto:gmoyo@interfaithworkscny.org) or call 315-449-3552, ext. 111.

[InterFaith Works of Central New York](#), through education service and dialogue, affirms the dignity of each person and every faith community and works to create relationships and understanding. Founded in 1976, InterFaith Works addresses deeply embedded social divisions leading to community action and policy change. InterFaith Works' social service programs address the needs of and empower people who are vulnerable, low income and targets of oppression, including refugees, the elderly and the institutionalized, through direct service and educational programs. InterFaith Works is committed to the belief that all people are deserving of dignity and respect regardless of ethnicity, faith tradition, social circumstances or age. Key programs include the following: [Ahmad & Elizabeth El-Hindi Center for Dialogue](#), [Center for New Americans](#), [Senior Services](#) and [InterFaith Initiatives](#).