



# CISD

***Nazareth College***

**CENTER FOR INTERFAITH STUDIES AND DIALOGUE**

Presents:

## **The Next Generation: Living Together in a Multi-religious World**

Interfaith Encounter

August 25-27, 2006

This weekend immersion program is for youth in grades 9 through 12 from Monroe County school districts as well as from area places of worship. Youth from all the major world religions will be part of the class and will engage in learning and interfaith dialogue as they go through the weekend together.

**THE NEED:** In the pluralistic and multicultural society, in which we now live, it is vitally important for people of all faiths to be accepting of others and their particular religious traditions, more importantly those practiced right in their own communities. This becomes even more critical for young people, who are coming of age in a religiously pluralistic world that demands cross-cultural understanding for success. Despite their daily interactions with others in school or at play, many young people have little or no opportunity to truly engage their peers on the issues of religion or cultural traditions outside of their own congregations.

If we hope to build a religiously tolerant society we must engage our young citizens in cross cultural and religious dialogue and sharing that equips them with the skills necessary to interrelate with diverse faith communities.

**ACTIVITIES:** Monroe County High Schools and representatives from each of the local religious institutions will select youth for participation in the workshop. The number of youth participating will be twenty-four and the selection will include consideration for gender balance as well as religious diversity.

**The selected youth will participate in a variety of activities including:**

**Seminars**

**Interactive Workshop Session**

**Group Discussions**

**site visits to local places of worship**

The seminars and workshops will include lectures by experts from the Nazareth Faculty and community leaders on the different aspects of each of the world religions. These include Christian (both Roman Catholic and Protestant), Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, and Buddhist and others. This seminars and workshops will be an important educational and religious experience for the young people who participate and will equip them to become interfaith dialogue partners representing their own faith tradition in their places of worship, schools, neighborhood and homes.

Our youth are not only the future of our various faith traditions; they are living members of those traditions now, even as they grow to maturity. There is no better time to engage them in genuine interfaith dialogue than during the impressionable and formative years of adolescence when they are most keenly influenced by their peers and also uniquely open to religious experiences and development.

## **PROGRAM:**

### **Friday, August 25, 2006**

- 12:00 – Gather at the Islamic Center of Rochester for introductory talk on Islam.
- 1:00 – Attend/observe Friday midday worship at Islamic Center.
- 2:30 – Q & A about Islam,
- 3:00 – 4:00 – Ice-cream social, Fun activity
- 4:00 – Introductory talk about Judaism.
- 5:00 – Break for Supper.
- 6:00 – Attend Shabbat Services at Temple Beth El

### **Saturday, August 26, 2006**

- 10:00-11:30 - Meet at Zen Center of Rochester for introduction to Buddhism. Experience brief Buddhist meditation.
- 11:30 – 12:00 – Travel to Nazareth College,
- 12:00 – 1:00 – Lunch at Nazareth College- Community Service project.
- 4:00 -5:00 – Introductory lecture on Hinduism.
- 5:00-6:00 –Supper at Nazareth College
- 6:00-8:00 – Attend services at Hindu Temple of Rochester

### **Sunday, August 27, 2006**

- 8:30 – Gather at Nazareth College. Introduction to Christianity.
- 10:00– Attend worship at a Christian church. Q &A with pastor after church service.
- 12:00 –2:00 Lunch at Nazareth College and Next Steps – Dialogue with each other and plan ways to foster interfaith dialogue among peers back home.
- 2:00 – Closing ritual or recreational activity. (Swimming, Picnic)

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**Registration:**

Please send to:

**CISD, Nazareth College, and 4245 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14618**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age and Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation:** Place of Worship/ school: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents Signature** allowing participating in the program

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**Do you need a ride:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult volunteer/ Driver** for the Program / Name and Contact Number:

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**What made you register for this Program?**

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**Pastor/ Teacher recommendation:**

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There is \$10/- dollars registration Fee. Lunch, Dinner and refreshment will be served by CISD

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