

**Wellington
Inter-Faith Council Inc.
report to
National Interfaith Forum**

Monday 28 February 2011
Parliament Buildings, Wellington

Current Executive

Nominee	Faith
Sister Catherine Jones	Christian, Catholic
David Zwartz	Jewish
Eileen Muller	Christian, Latter Day Saints
Gurtej Singh	Sikh
Jimi Wallace	Buddhist, SGI
Dr Khalid Sandhu	Muslim
Lachlan Mackay	Bahá'í Faith
Paddy Payne	Bahá'í Faith
Dr Pushpa Wood	Hindu
Wayne Phillips	Jewish, Progressive
Hon Luamanuvao Winnie Laban	Christian, Pacific

Officers

Officer	Person
President	Paddy Payne
Vice-President	Sister Catherine Jones
Secretary	Eileen Muller
Treasurer	Jimi Wallace

Registration

- Registered as an Incorporated Society in August 2010
- Registered as a charity with the Charities Commission in January 2011
- Received “donor organisation” status with IRD in February 2011



CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

WELLINGTON INTER-FAITH COUNCIL INCORPORATED

2539362

WELLINGTON INTER-FAITH COUNCIL INCORPORATED is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 this 12th day of August 2010.

Neville Harris

Registrar of Incorporated Societies



Shared Events

- Purim Party, Temple Sinai, February
- “Learn about other Faiths”, Spirit of Rangatahi, March
- Commonwealth Day Service, Cathedral, March
- Wellington Regional Hospital Chapel Dedication, March
- Ridvan, Baha’i Holy Day, May
- Vesakh, Stokes Valley Buddhist Monastery, May
- Professor Gary Bouma, interfaith lectures at St Andrew’s, June
- Rev Moon’s daughter visit, July
- Islam Awareness Week, August

Shared Events

- Rabbi Dr Kinneret Shiryon on Progressive Judaism in Israel, September
- Rehanna Ali interviewed on National Radio on “Countering Islamophobia”
- Representations to the Prime Minister and HRC about statements made by MP Maurice Williamson, October
- Diwali @ Pushpa’s, October
- World Harmony Run Closing Ceremony, November
- White Ribbon Race, November
- Farah Pandith, Muslim Engagement in 21st Century, December

Support provided

- World March for Peace which started in Wellington
- Letter to Cosmopolitan Club regarding Sikh headwear, July 2010
- Contributed to Dept of Labour review of immigration policies for religious workers
- Contributed to HRC statement on Religious Diversity in the Workplace

World Parliament of Religions

Melbourne, 3-10 December 2009



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Historic gathering of Indigenous leaders at the 2009 Parliament

Desmond Tutu

Archbishop Tutu addresses 2014 Parliament Bid Teams

Sakena Yacoobi

Our exclusive interview with the Afghan peacemaker

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Over 2,500 people are already making the interreligious movement happen online.

2009 Parliament Highlights

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Reflections on Parliament of World Religions and Pacific Regional Interfaith Dialogue

13 February 2010



WELLINGTON INTER-FAITH COUNCIL



Reflections on the Parliament of World Religions (Melbourne) and the Asia Pacific Regional Interfaith Dialogue (Perth) by Wellington participants

- Lachlan Mackay (UN Assn), Catherine Jones (Christian), Pushpa Wood (Hindu) and Rehanna Ali (Muslim).
Chaired by Dr Khalid Sandhu (WIFC life member)

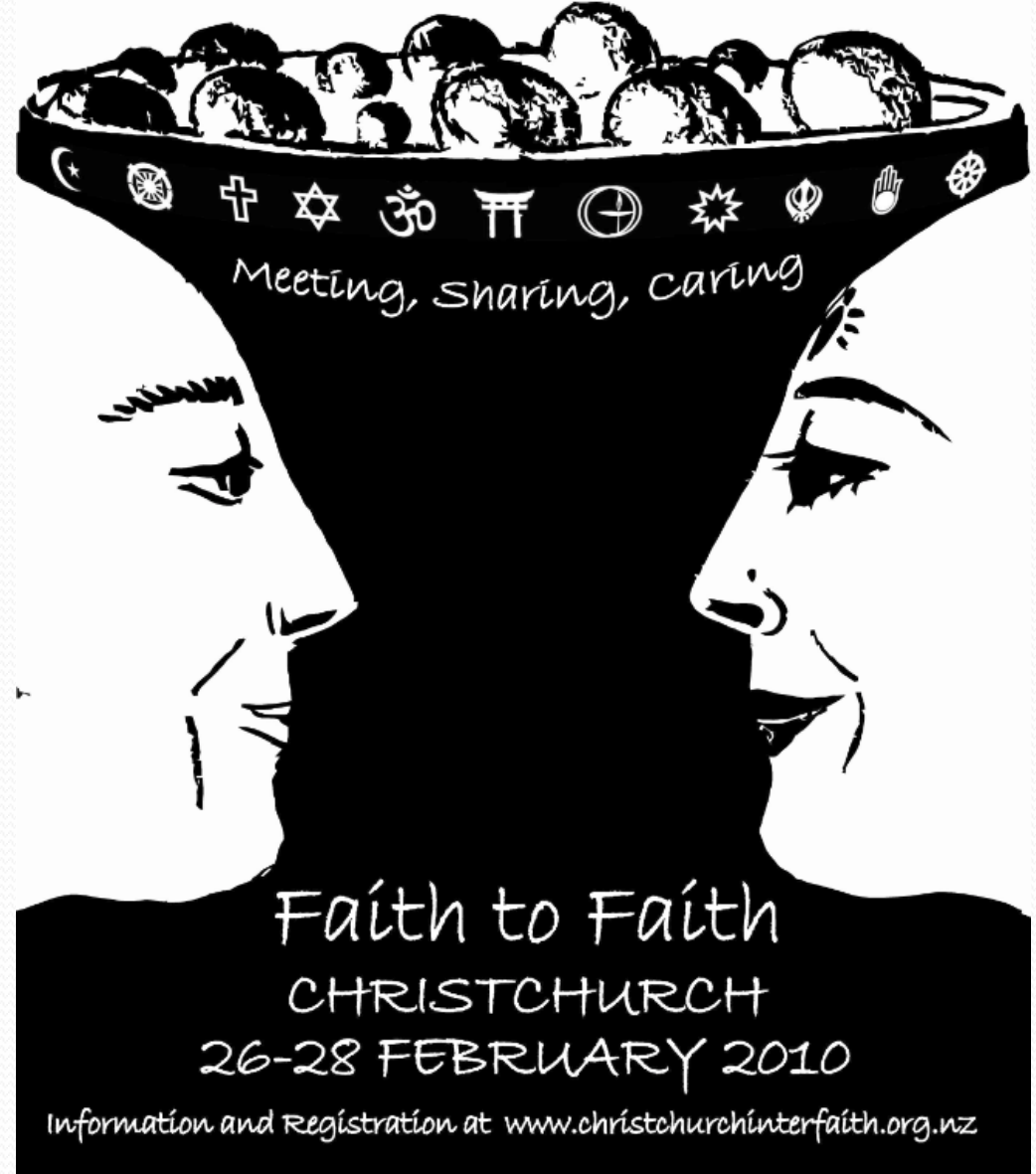
Reflections, video clips, discussion, refreshments

Sat 13 February. 6:30 pm

Kilbirnie Mosque - 7 Queens Drive

**National
Interfaith Forum
Christchurch
26-28 Feb 2010**

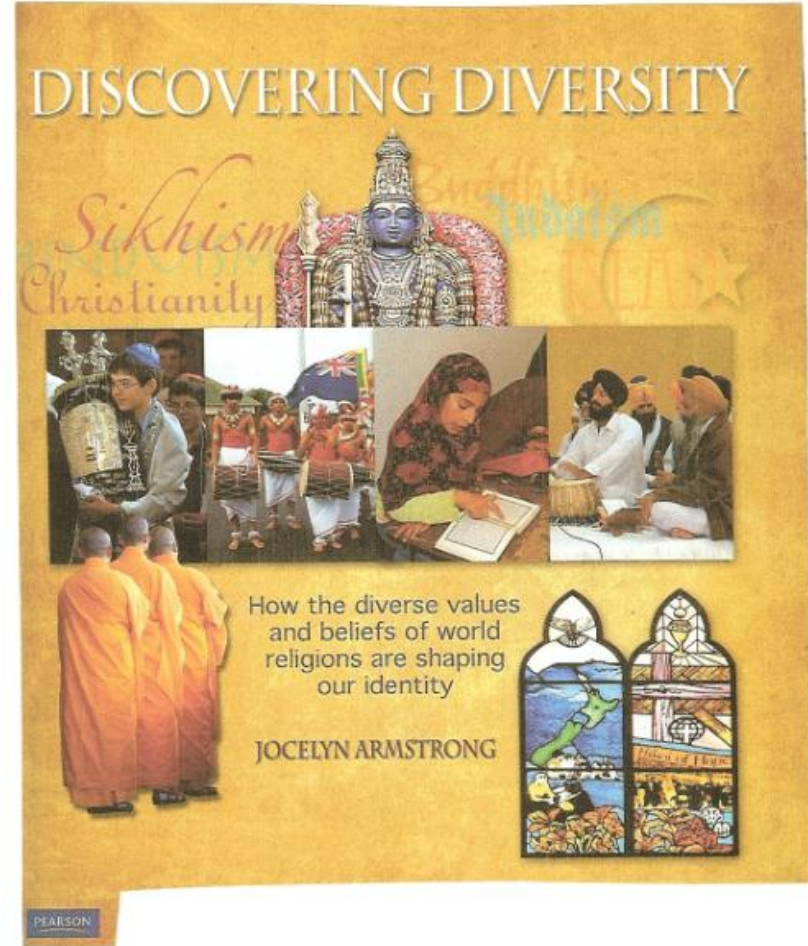
The Christchurch Interfaith Council Presents
**THE 7TH NATIONAL
INTERFAITH FORUM**
Keeping faith in the modern world



The Wellington Interfaith Council

invites you to an evening with **Jocelyn Armstrong**, author of

Jocelyn Armstrong Discovering Diversity 17 May 2010



Date: Monday 17 May, gathering from 5.30pm with light refreshments, presentation to start at 6.00pm; evening will conclude by 8.00pm.

Venue: Catholic Centre, 22 Hill Street, Wellington

Further information: Sr Catherine Jones c.jones@wn.catholic.org.nz

Inter-faith Prayer Vigil 13 June 2010

Inter-faith Prayer Vigil and candle-lighting for Peace in the Middle East

Sunday 13th June, 5:00pm-6:00pm

St Andrew's on the Terrace

Hosted by the Wellington Interfaith Council
Facilitated by Dr. Margaret Mayman

PROGRAM

Karakia

Welcome

Prayers for Peace:

Muslim

Jewish

Hindu

Buddhist

Christian

Bahai

Prayer Readers light their candles

Lighting of candles from the audience followed by a minute's silence



Interfaith Planting Project, Island Bay 24 July 2010



ALL HANDS: Members of the Wellington Interfaith Group and the Island Bay community joined forces in planting out Oku reserve. Photo: Supplied

Representatives of many faiths came together on July 17 as a part of the Wellington Interfaith Group to participate in the Oku Reserve Planting Project.

The undertaking was sponsored by Project Crimson, Honda's Treefund, Wellington City Council and the Greater Wellington Regional Council to restore and maintain the Oku Reserve in Island Bay.

Ted Lines coordinated the project on behalf of the Island Bay community, and planted with community members for most of Saturday.

The Interfaith group joined them in the afternoon, adding 35

more volunteers to their group.

Ted says: "We have been working for eight years in this area. It's nice to have a group of such dedicated people to get the work done. We wouldn't have finished so quickly without this help."

The Wellington Interfaith Group was enthusiastic about the opportunity to lend a helping hand.

Khalid Sandhu, a Moslem representative, says that he was pleased by the response from the interfaith community. "We know that we can do things like this now. We've had a wonderful turnout."

Davis Zwartz, a Jewish representative who has been active in Interfaith for many years says: "There is a tradition in Judaism

called tikkun olam which means to heal the land. That's what planting these trees today has done.

"This area was going to be a subdivision. But when that fell through the residents here got this project started along with the dune project down [by Island Bay]. It was forecast for rain today but I suppose when you have the [Interfaith Group] come you get extra help with the weather."

■ To volunteer your group to assist with planting in Wellington, contact The Greater Wellington Regional Council or the Wellington City Council.

Interfaith Labyrinth Walk, Hutt Hospital 26 Sep 2011

An Interfaith Gathering



at the Labyrinth, Hutt Hospital grounds

Sunday 26 September, 2010

1.30 pm

(wet or dry - please gather at the Chapel)

**People of faith are invited to experience
the labyrinth meditative walkway at Hutt Hospital**

The Labyrinth is a symbol of unity and wholeness - and a metaphor for our journey through life. Various labyrinth patterns have been used by people from different faiths and cultures down through the centuries - as a pathway to stillness, insight and a deeper relationship with God. It can be appreciated by people of all faiths or none.

PROGRAMME

- 1.30 Assemble at Hutt Hospital chapel for introduction
- 2.00 Walking the labyrinth, followed by shared reflection
- 3.15 Afternoon tea at the chapel (koha appreciated)

(Please feel free to join us at any time.)

To estimate numbers, RSVP to Martin de Jong 568 6202 or email kesyoung@gmail.com

Organised by the Frederic & Margaret Wallis Labyrinth Committee
and supported by the Wellington Inter-Faith Council

Week of Prayer for World Peace 17-24 October 2010

Week of Prayer for World Peace



**Season of Light
Cultural Evening
15 December 2010**

Wellington Inter-Faith Council



**Season of Light
Cultural Evening**

A Multi-Faith Celebration of Unity
Through Music, Song and Poetry

Wednesday 15 December 2010

7:00 pm

St. Andrew's on The Terrace, 30 The Terrace



Koha Admission

Towards Future Wellington Interfaith Events