

# The Children's Agenda's Interfaith Collaborative

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## 2020 Children's Interfaith Weekend: October 16-18

### How do The Children's Agenda (TCA) and diverse faith communities join together to make real change for children?

The multi-faith TCA Interfaith Collaborative engages with faith communities through prayer, education programs, and opportunities to take action on urgent problems facing our community's children. Inspired by sacred texts and teachings that call all of us to love and protect children, we respond with advocacy for sustained, systemic change.

The Interfaith Collaborative's advocacy has been instrumental in changing public policy and funding, resulting in more child care assistance for low income working families, passage of paid family leave in New York, reform of Child Protective Services, child abuse and neglect prevention, and an increase in funding for services for young children with special needs.

We gather on a regular schedule to plan year-round activities such as:

- The Children's Interfaith Weekend in October.
- Meetings with state and local elected officials.
- Advocacy efforts to promote programs and policies that help create a brighter future for

***Now is the time to  
make justice a  
reality for all of  
God's children.***

*Rev. Dr.  
Martin Luther*



vulnerable children. Educational opportunities to learn more about local and statewide children's issues.

### What is the Children's Interfaith Weekend?

The Children's Interfaith Weekend (CIW) is modeled on the [Children's Sabbath](#), which is honored across the country on the third weekend in October. Congregations throughout Monroe County dedicate time to pray for children and take action on their behalf during worship services or special events that reflect their own faith tradition.

### Can my faith community be a part of this?

Yes!

- Contact Brigit Hurley at (585) 256-2620 ext. 2602 or [bhurley@thechildrensagenda.org](mailto:bhurley@thechildrensagenda.org)
- Sign up to participate on The Children's Agenda's website - (<https://thechildrensagenda.salsalabs.org/childrensinterfaith2020/index.html>)

### Who participates in the Children's Interfaith Weekend? Congregations from the following traditions:

Catholic	Presbyterian
Episcopal	Free Methodist
Muslim	Quaker/Friends
Jewish	Lutheran
Baptist	United Church of Christ
Buddhist	Sufi Order of Rochester
Unitarian	Mennonite
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Methodist
Non-denominational, e.g. In Christ New Hope	

**All are welcome!**