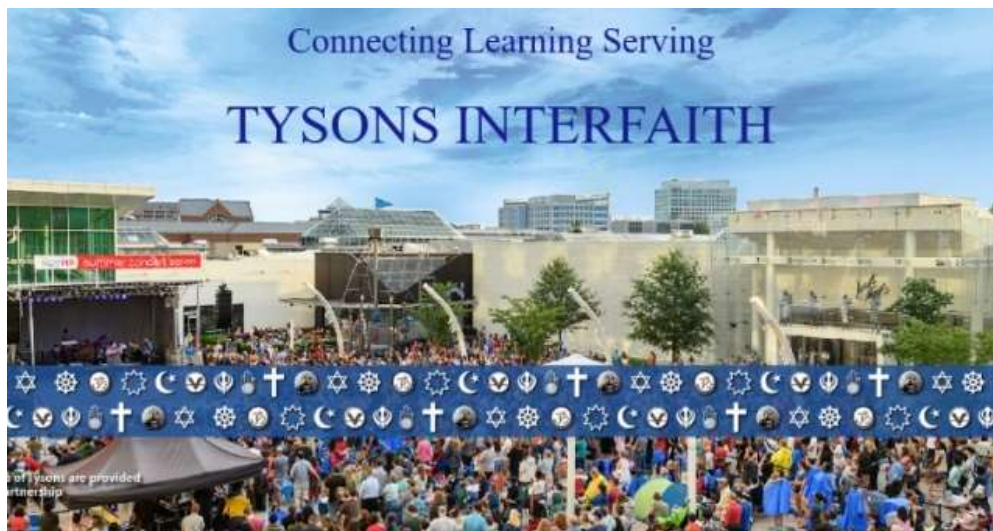




2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Working to provide opportunities to Tysons workers and residents for spiritual growth & community service while advancing the principles of mutual respect, diversity, compassion, and ethical



- **Website.** Explaining our mission and purpose, our site publicizes and promotes:
 - Events sponsored by Tysons Interfaith and area non-profit organizations.
 - Direct links to community services and Fairfax County resources.
 - Inspirational and informative blogs.

TysonsInterfaith.org

➤ **Tyson's Tidings:**

In August 2023 we began a monthly newsletter. Utilizing Constant Contact helps us reach more people using a more professional format.



Oneness of Humanity

➤ **Panel presentations and group discussions.**

Faced with the refugee crisis caused by the collapse of the Afghan government and Russian invasion of Ukraine, we focused our ongoing “oneness of humanity” discussions on getting the word out on how to assist local refugee assistance efforts and on providing a space for peace.

- Journey from Afghanistan, Part I, focused on the experience of Afghan refugees leaving their homeland.
- Journey from Afghanistan, Part II, focused on resettlement efforts here.
- A moment of peaceful reflection provided a pause.
- Reconnecting post-pandemic: A workshop for communities of faith on the challenges faced in rebuilding and reconnecting post pandemic.
- Bridging Gaps – Stemming Polarization: Rev. Trish Hall helped us learn and apply interpersonal communications skills that bridge gaps and build peace in our families and communities.
- Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington (IFC) Briefing: IFC introduced its work and how to host a religious and cultural literacy workshop. Many of us participated in an IFC workshop comparing the Ba’hai and Jewish faiths.

➤ **Growing our presence and understanding our Tysons Community.**

Our community events were conducted virtually, allowing us to reach more people and to attend more advocacy, County-sponsored, and educational opportunities than otherwise would have been the case.

- We were invited to be on the board of the Tysons Community Alliance (TCA) that replaced the Tysons Partnership as the major organization bringing together the government, private sector, and residents to guide the development of Tysons and its surrounding community.
- In August 2023, the new CEO of the Tysons Community Alliance, Katie Cristol, met with Pastor Sandy Kessinger of Redeemer Lutheran who took her seat as the Tysons Interfaith representative on the TCA Board of Directors.
- In December, we became a formal Organizational Member of the Alliance.
- We actively participated in the Community Engagement Forums for the planned Community Center in Tysons, advocating for a “quiet space” to be located in the new center. ([Community Engagement Forums for Community Center in Tyson Neighborhood and Community Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#))
- We continue to advocate for the development of a “spiritual space” in Tysons, whether it be physical space or a spirit of community respect and service.



➤ **Other Activities**

- **Interfaith Iftars:** In April 2023, we were honored to attend the Interfaith Iftar hosted by the McLean Islamic Center/Jewish Islamic Dialogue Society of Washington (JIDS). We heard a panel discussion led by member of the Muslim and Jewish communities, conversed with people from different faith traditions, and dined on delicious food prepared by the Bombay Tandoor Restaurant. tysonsinterfaith.org/2023/05/01



- **Raglan Road Park Clean Up:** On a rainy April day, members of Tysons Interfaith picked up trash behind Best Buy, an area of Raglan Road Park, known as “Tysons Last Forest.” We hope to make this an annual event.



- **Multifaith Conversations at the Mall:** In June 2023, Tysons Interfaith gathered representatives of the Sikh, Ba’ Hai, Zoroastrian, Jewish, and Christian traditions on The Plaza at Tysons Center Mall for an informal dialog. Under the curious gaze of the mall goers, our guests warmly shared key tenets of their faith and their faith journeys. <https://tysonsinterfaith.org/2023/07/19/multifaith-conversations-on-the-mall/>



- **“Faith and Blue” food drive:** During the Tysons Community Alliance’s Fall Mixed Market at the Boro, Tysons Interfaith partnered with the Alliance and Fairfax County Police to collect food and personal care items that were delivered to SHARE and Second Story. The drive ran for six consecutive Wednesdays, beginning on September 20, 2023.



- **IFC Unity Walk:** On Sunday, September 10, 2023 members of Tysons Interfaith participated in the Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington’s (IFC) annual Unity Walk in a public demonstration of love and support for all who live in our region.



- Tysons Interfaith members and congregational representatives participated in on-line events sponsored by Faith Communities in Action (FCIA), the liaison between the County’s nearly 500 faith communities and County government. FCIA works to increase awareness of community services and resources, identify needs, and strengthen community capacity to meet those needs.



➤ **FUTURE**

- We continue to explore options for a “Meet Your Neighbor” event, a community gathering that celebrates the diverse cultures present in and essential to our vibrant Tysons community. We seek partners in both the non-profit and corporate communities to ensure success of this event.
- Many new indoor and outdoor venues have opened throughout Tysons, offering Tysons Interfaith comfortable places to gather for discussion, special programs, and building relationships of mutual respect.
- We have transitioned to Zoom for monthly meetings but have begun scheduling after-work social events to maintain personal contact.
- We will continue partnering with and growing relationship with:
 - The Tysons Community Alliance (Tysonsva.org)
 - The Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce (www.tysonschamber.org)
 - Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services



➤ **FINANCE**

- Mailing address: P O Box 3675
Tysons, VA 22103
- Post Office box and online via Pay Pal account receives donations.
- Suggested donation levels, strictly voluntary, for member congregations and individuals:
 - **Faith Communities**

Less than 100 households	\$150
100-250 households	\$300
251+ households	\$500
 - **Affiliate Partners**

Individuals	\$100
Corporations	\$1,000
- **Income**
 - Donations from member congregations, In-kind donations from congregations and individuals, 2022 - 2023
\$7,780
- **Expenditures**
 - Programs, printing, website design, community outreach, to date, 2022 - 2023
\$4,659
- **Cash on hand**
As of December 31, 2023
\$13,265



Tyson's Interfaith Participating Congregations

Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church	1301 Trap Road	Vienna
Bahai Community of Great Falls		
Bahai Community of McLean		
Center for Spiritual Living™ Metro	3550 Wilson Boulevard	Arlington
Church of the Holy Comforter (Episcopal)	543 Beulah Road	Vienna
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	McLean Stake	
Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center	3159 Row Street	Falls Church
Emmanuel Lutheran Church	2589 Chain Bridge Road	Vienna
First Church of Christ, Scientist	1683 Chain Bridge Road	McLean
Lewinsville Presbyterian Church	1724 Chain Bridge Road	McLean
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer	1545 Chain Bridge Road	McLean
McLean Baptist Church	1367 Chain Bridge Road	McLean
McLean Islamic Center	8800 Jarrett Valley Drive	Vienna
Shiloh Baptist	8310 Turning Leaf Lane	McLean
St John's Episcopal Church	6715 Georgetown Pike	McLean
St Thomas Episcopal Church	8991 Brook Road	McLean
Temple Rodef Shalom	2100 Westmoreland Street	Falls Church

The following faith communities are not active participants but have asked to be on the Tysons Interfaith email list:

All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) Center	46903 Sugarland Road	Sterling
Capital Presbyterian Church	8100 Innovation Park Drive	Fairfax
Emmaus United Church of Christ	900 Maple Avenue, East	Vienna
Immanuel Presbyterian Church	1125 Savile Lane	McLean
Jain Ghar Derasar		Chantilly
Langley Hill Friends Meeting	6410 Georgetown Pike	McLean
Meher Baba Spiritual Community		
Our Lady of Good Counsel	8601 Wolftrap Road, SE	Vienna
St. Francis Episcopal	9220 VA-193	Great Falls
Trinity Presbyterian	651 Dranesville Road	Herndon
Vienna Baptist Church	541 Marshal Road, SW	Vienna
Vienna Presbyterian Church	124 Park Street, NE	Vienna