

## Dinner Guest Testimonials

*"The concept of breaking bread with different people immediately personalizes the experience."*

*"I felt comfortable with people I didn't know and that's never happened before."*

*"Everyone had an equal chance to speak and listen."*

*"It opened my eyes to each person's struggle with their own religion."*

*"It was a positive interaction free of preconceived notions."*



## History of Amazing Faiths

Since 2011, The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee has piloted Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogues with great success. Beginning in the summer of 2013, a generous grant from the **First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee** has enabled the Interfaith Conference to expand the program.

The Dinner Dialogues are based on the Amazing Faiths Project co-founded in 2006 by the **Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance at Rice University** and **Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston** with official sponsorship from the **Office of the Mayor of the City of Houston**. Since its inception, Dinner Dialogues have spread to many cities across the country.

For more information, visit

[www.amazingfaithsproject.org](http://www.amazingfaithsproject.org)

## Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogues

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## About Amazing Faiths Dinners

People of all faiths and no faith, all spiritualities and philosophies gather in small groups to share a meal and participate in a moderated discussion. Using a proven model, this evokes deep exchanges about lived experiences and the role of faith or spirituality in their lives. Through exploration and dialogue, participants learn about the beliefs, traditions and cultures of others within an atmosphere of respect and understanding, and are empowered to stand as witnesses for tolerance.

### Why Participate?

- Counter fear and ignorance
- Bridge racial, cultural and socio-economic divisions
- Increase religious literacy
- Build community within diversity
- Practice appreciative listening
- Engage on a meaningful level
- Learn from other faith traditions
- Talk about matters of faith and spirituality in a safe environment

### Our Core Values

- **Hospitality**—welcoming those who are strangers to us
- **Friendship**—seeking connection with people regardless of their faith
- **Responsibility**—making a difference for respect and understanding in our world
- **Faith neutrality**—affirming people of all faiths and no faith
- **Community**—strengthening relational cohesion at the grassroots level

## You're Invited to the Table!

**Dinner Guests** register to be placed in a host home for the evening of the dialogue. Groups are kept small at around 8 - 10 guests. Groups are created for maximum religious and cultural diversity, and group members are mostly strangers to one another. There is no cost to attend.

**Hosts** volunteer to provide their home as a meeting place for the dialogue, and to provide a simple, nutritious vegetarian meal for the guests.

**Moderators** volunteer and are trained to facilitate the discussion using a structure that creates a safe space for all to share and listen.

Guests share a meal and dialogue together using **dialogue cards** which contain thought-provoking questions about the broad themes present in nearly all faith traditions and world views. Using **appreciative listening**, guests respond in turn and simply listen to each response without interrupting, questioning or commenting. The moderator helps facilitate this process.

By the end of the evening, deep connections are forged and friendships have begun. Unstructured, “free” time is provided for more social and spontaneous sharing. People often exchange contact information so as to stay in touch with new friends. Guests are also invited to attend large group gatherings for dinner participants and other opportunities through the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee.

## Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogues Guest Signup

To sign up for a dinner, please complete the **Dialogue Participant Information Form** found on the Amazing Faiths page of the Interfaith website ([www.interfaithconference.org](http://www.interfaithconference.org)). Or, complete the form below. You will then receive an invitation **via email\*** when a dinner is offered. Dinners are also posted on the website. There is no cost.

*PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!*

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

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

**Faith/Belief:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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