

PURE LAND LEARNING COLLEGE ASSOCIATION INC. MULTI-FAITH MULTICULTURAL CENTRE



EVERYONE MATTERS - TOOWOOMBA, A MODEL CITY OF PEACE & HARMONY

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Cr Geoff McDonald (left) and The Right Reverend Cameron Venables, gave words of encouragement to the community





Lunch

Walking the labyrinth at 1pm

Voices of Faith is a community platform to share cultures, traditions, ethnicity, beliefs and activities. It's purpose is to help promote a better understanding of the richness of our multicultural and multi-faith society.

Join us every Sunday from 7 - 8 pm on Radio 102.7 FM to listen to local faith leaders and others discuss topics of interest to the community. Past series are now available in the Voice of Faith menu option on our website www.interfaith-harmony.org

Toowoomba Community Walks as One

Toowoomba residents showed their support for multi-faith and multicultural harmony at 'Walk as One' on 2 May 2015. The event was organized by the Goodwill Committee of Toowoomba and hosted by St Luke's Anglican Church.

Cr Geoff McDonald and The Right Reverend Cameron Venables, Bishop of the Western Region, gave words of encouragement, followed by a community walk through the city's streets. It ended with lunch and entertainment back at the church, with guests joining the Walk as One labyrinth event. This symbolic labyrinth walk for peace is part of an annual World Labyrinth Day event organized by the Labyrinth Society which brings together thousands of people across the globe, all walking the labyrinth at 1pm.



A Reflection from Jo Anderson

On Wednesday April 15, we held our second Silence for Peace Meditation workshop at Pure Land Learning College Association. It was a joint initiative of the Multifaith Multicultural Center, the Goodwill Committee and the Christian Meditation Community. This workshop focused on the use of beads in meditation and how they are used in the Buddhist tradition, with Venerable Wu Ping; the Muslim tradition, with Kamariah Mohd; the Hindu tradition, with Siddharth Bhardwaj; and the Christian tradition, with Sr Deirdre Gardiner.

It was wonderful to listen and learn and understand the differences and the similarities. For me, it reinforced the idea of one Light, many paths, and that we are all one human family, believing in Love and desiring peace for all. We had the blessing of participating in chanting, a meditative walk, making our own peace beads and eating a delicious vegetarian lunch.

Being with like-minded people is always very soul nourishing. This workshop brought together a beautiful group of human beings, all with one desire – peace in this world. Our weekly Silence for Peace meditation is held on Tuesdays, 5.30-6.05pm, at St Luke's Parish Centre. All welcome.

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The Spirituality, Morals and Virtues is a five-day seminar that seeks to help attendees appreciate their relationships with their families, society, and the environment, as well as understand how their actions as individuals impact all they interact with. The next scheduled seminar is from 16 - 20 May, with more information available on www.interfaith-harmony.org