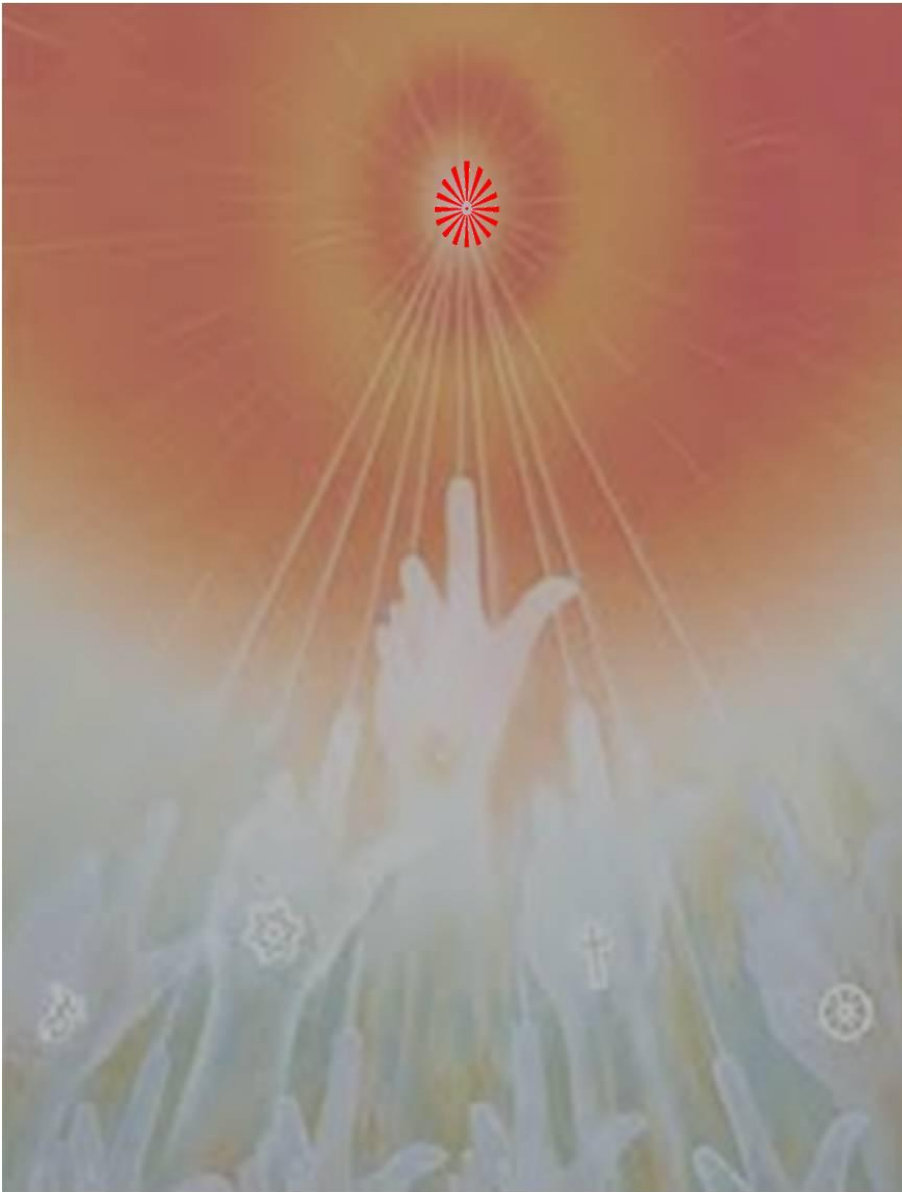


INTERFAITH PROGRAM 2022 HOVEA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



*Sharing
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The Interfaith Program 2022 with the theme on Sharing Values for a better world was jointly organised by the Brahma Kumaris Australia (BKA) Huntingdale and the Universal Great Brotherhood (UGB), Perth on 26 November 2022 at the UGB's Hovea Ashram. The Master of Ceremony (MC) was Bro. Manjeet Singh, a student of the BKA Huntingdale.

Firstly all the speakers were invited on stage to light the candle as a symbol of peace and acknowledgement of the traditional owners of this land that we belong and all the people of the world. Bro. Raajen Rajoo started the program with the sound of the Tibetan singing bowl.



Bro. Manjeet welcoming everyone to the program.



Bro. Raajen started the the program by playing the Tibetan singing bowls.



The speakers (L to R): Ms. Elaina Davies (Bahai's), Rev. Julie Baker (Anglican Church), Bro. Damian Outtrim (Brahma Kumaris Adelaide), Ms. Manita Beskow (UGB), Mrs. Sally Herzfeld (Quakers), Mr. Narendanathan Nagamuthu (Hinduism), Bro. Raajen Rajoo (Brahma Kumaris Huntingdale).



We were fortunate to have Bro. Damian Outtrim from the BKA Adelaide and also the Interfaith National Coordinator to speak on behalf of the BKA as the first speaker. He shared his personal experiences of being a BK spiritual student and the application of these spiritual values in his work place especially in Mental Health. He also uses these values of peace, tolerance and patience whilst being an UBER driver meeting various kinds of passengers. His special encounters with the Egyptian culture also gave everyone the value of acceptance of different faiths.



Ms. Elaina Davies represented the Bahai's faith and spoke on the importance of diversity in unity whilst performing their respective duties. She also shared about a 3 years project involving a group of 10 to 13 years boys in the inculcation of moral and spiritual values in the development of an individual to become the future leaders and examples for their peers. This was very encouraging coming from the youth perspective of Bahauallah's teaching in terms of scientific and spiritual.

Rev. Julie Baker from the St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church spoke about the common values from the Christianity faith in general and Anglican's in particular. The values that stood out the most were love, peace, kindness and self control. Her speech was very much on the checking on the true inculcation of the teaching by Jesus Christ, to check and transforming oneself to the betterment of humanity. She reminded us to see the Divine's attributes in all living being for universal harmony.



Mr. Narendanathan Nagamuthu represented the Hindu faith and shared his wisdom on the value of unconditional love in action, feeling, understanding and speech. He started with the chanting of AUM three times with all the participants joining him. He emphasised on the attainment of inner divinity by self realisation. He also shared the common acceptance of all faith which is different manifestation of the One same source and the selfless service of oneself for the betterment of society and nature.



The Quakers representative Mrs. Sally Herzfeld gave a very in-depth understanding of the philosophy of this society of friends that emphasis on love and positivity. The goodness in everyone brings all the people together to live and conduct with empathy in a society. She also shared how her father and elder brothers went to prison for not going to war to kill people which is against the philosophy that sees GOD in everyone. She also actively organises the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) locally and globally bringing like minded people to work together to bring peace to the world.



The co-host UGB Ms. Manita Beskow explained about the values of Tolerance, Truth and Peace which are the core values of this organisation. She mentioned about living the values in a conscious way instead of just preaching. If the word humankind be divided to two words i.e: human and kind explains the true meaning of living to your full potential. She stressed on the importance of contentment and stability of the spirit. She summed up with teachings of Dr. Serge Raynaud de la Ferrière on living a spiritual lifestyle: The faith of a Christian, The Virtue of a Hindu, The depth of Buddhism, The Wisdom of Tao and the Discipline of a Muslim.



Bro. Raajen Rajoo played the Tibetan singing bowl with silence meditation to conclude this Interfaith Program 2022 which was very well received by all the participants and the speakers from different faith groups. A vegetarian evening tea was served after the program to all the 40 attendees.



The tolerance and acceptance of all human kind is the basis for universal peace.

----- Om Shanti -----
