

International Workshop on Multifaith Dialogue (IWMD 2025)

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multifaith harmony for a prosperous, inclusive and democratic Bangladesh

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We, the representatives and participants of diverse faiths Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam, also people of diverse background gathered here at the 'International Workshop on Multifaith Dialogue (IWMD 2025)' at the Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh, February 11 & 12, 2025, jointly organized by Multi-Faith Neighbors Network (MFNN), USA and Center for Inter-Religious and Inter-Cultural Dialogue (CIID), University of Dhaka in collaboration with Bangladesh Institute of Islamic Thought (BIIT) & American Institute of Integrated Thought (AIIT)

Acknowledging our common ground based on being human, a believer in supreme power, in universal moral codes, and golden rules for doing good for others as we think good for us,

Acknowledging as the best creature, our responsibility is to take care of all human, animals and this planet for their well-being,

Acknowledging that Bangladesh has a legacy of rich history of cultural and religious harmony despite the major blow to create rift during colonial rule,

Acknowledging that, like any other dictators around the globe, Bangladesh has observed how the two dictatorial regime exploited religion as a tool for their usurping power,

Acknowledging that August 5 2024 uprising which was based on value of anti- discrimination, has also created opportunity for different faiths to foster spirit of collaboration rooted in compassion, respect and mutual trust,

Acknowledging that, disinformation, segregation, disengagement and divisive narratives are misperceptions and away from the reality on ground,

commit to the following principles and actions:

ACTIONS

1. Foster interfaith relationship at personal levels through sharing meal, birthday wishes and exchanging similar social gestures in our neighborhood
2. Foster socialization through arranging visiting religious institutes by other faith people and leaders, as well as participating in festivals of each other
3. Undertake collaborative programs at locality and at higher level like literacy, health, cleanliness, cooking recipe, old people's care etc.
4. Will standby beside our neighbor of different faith as well as, develop a rapid response team at higher level to stand up people of different faith in acute humanitarian need
5. Will not participate in any activities that contribute to hate to other faith, and remain aware about propaganda that creates disharmony and hurt relationship
6. Create a network for multifaith Harmony

SIGNATORIES: