



Reimagining Interfaith's Five Program Tracks and Four Program Blocks

Presentations, trainings and other skill-building events at Reimagining Interfaith (RI) are organized around the five program tracks described below. The five tracks will run concurrently during four program blocks of 90 minutes each:

- Block 1: Monday (7/30): 9-10:30am
- Block 2: Monday (7/30): 2-3:30pm
- Block 3: Monday evening or Tuesday morning
- Block 4: Tuesday (7/31): 2-3:30pm

Networking time (30 minutes) will follow each of the program blocks. This is intended to be an opportunity for people to share their experiences across the program tracks.

Please note that we will not be doing an open call for workshop proposals. Instead, each Program Track will be curated by a team of people with passion and expertise in that subject area. These teams are open to your ideas and suggestions for presentations, trainings and other skill-building events to take place within the program track they are developing. All program suggestions should be submitted by January 15, 2018 to the co-chairs of the Program Committee: Sari Heidenreich (sari@uri.org) and Megan Weiss (maweiss@csbsju.edu).

Program Track I - Cultivating Inclusive Communities in the Face of Religious Discrimination

Purpose: To provide participants with the tools needed to create communities that are welcoming, safe and equal for people of all or no religion, spiritual expressions, or Indigenous tradition, with a focus on addressing current issues of discrimination and oppression of religion and being in accountable solidarity with religious activists and movements that are experiencing oppression and discrimination.

Program Track II - Community Organizing: Initiating and Sustaining Social Change Movements

Purpose: To provide participants with tools to enhance their work in interfaith/faith-based community organizing, policy and advocacy around a variety of social change and social justice issues; and to provide a space for strategizing, networking, and building and supporting interfaith coalitions and movements that make a difference.

Program Track III - Staying "Woke": Recognizing Privilege, Challenging Systemic Oppression

Purpose: To provide participants with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of privilege and systemic oppression, with an emphasis on racial oppression, and to provide space to support the building of skills, networks and tools needed to form and activate interfaith coalitions to dismantle intersectional oppression and support/create new systems.

Program Track IV - Interfaith Organizing in a Changing Spiritual Landscape

Purpose: To provide participants with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the current spiritual landscape and to provide space for envisioning innovative models of engaging communities and individuals in interfaith organizing and social change work. Discussions will include the growth of the 'spiritual but not religious' identity, multi-religious identities, and areas of change

Program Track V - Making A Movement: Building Skills to Bring Interfaith to the Next Level

Purpose: To provide participants with the opportunity to think critically, tactically, and strategically about the development of interfaith cooperation as a movement. Arguably interfaith cooperation is not seen as on par with other movements for social change, yet its purpose is arguably as important as other endeavors, especially in the current environment. Discussions will look at institutionalizing markers and then growing edges/needs of interfaith cooperation.