

# *The Good Neighbors in Service Curriculum*

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*Our curriculum* for high school students and youth groups introduces young people of diverse faiths to the interfaith youth movement. It prepares them, as the next generation of faith leaders, to build *The Beloved Community*, an interfaith community of all faith communities envisioned by The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Our innovative curriculum* provides young people of diverse faiths with opportunities for active, reflective, and collaborative interfaith learning. They gather together to celebrate their respective faiths and respect those of different faiths through **service-learning, story-telling, and speaking a public language of faith** to share those values common to all communities of faiths. This encourages them to

- *strengthen* their faith identities.
- *share* the values they have in common with young people of different faiths.
- *serve* together in promoting the common good throughout the wider community.

*Our dynamic curriculum* creates a safe, respectful, and collaborative environment for young people of diverse faiths to develop the values, practices, and relationships necessary for creating and sustaining an interfaith youth movement.

*Our comprehensive curriculum* consists of four consecutive workshops, 1 ½ to 2 hours in length, for up to 30 participants. Each examines one of the four shared values necessary for creating and sustaining an interfaith youth movement.

- *Hospitality*
- *Friendship (in Diversity)*
- *Service*
- *Leadership (in The Beloved Community)*

Each workshop features four learning elements which together encourage young people to actively engage their own faith as well as the diverse faiths of others by using their...

- *Hands*, to act on faith through mini-service projects or by planning and implementing larger service projects,
- *Heart*, to share faith through story-telling that highlights how sacred texts, rituals, and faith heroes inspire them,
- *Head*, to speak of faith through a public language that expresses the sacred uniqueness of their own faith values while embracing the diversity of other faith communities,
- and *Hooray!* to celebrate all faiths by becoming the next generation of leaders of *The Beloved Community*.

Each workshop provides young people of diverse faiths with activities which develop five integrated skills sets.

<i>Element</i>	Hands	Heart	Head	Hooray!
<i>Objective</i>	Act on Faith	Share Faith	Speak of Faith	Celebrate Faith
<i>Skills Set</i>	Service-Learning	Story-Telling	The Public Language of Faith	Interfaith Community Organizing
				Leadership Development
<i>Module</i>	<i>Activities</i>			
	<i>Hands</i>	<i>Heart</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Hooray!</i>
<i>Hospitality</i>	Mini-Service Project Making Fleece Blankets	Stories on Perfect Strangers	Sacred Texts on Hospitality	Being Hospitable
<i>Friendship (in Diversity)</i>	Larger Service Project Planning	Stories on Good Neighbors	Sacred Texts on Friendship & Diversity	Being Good Neighbors
<i>Service</i>	Larger Service Project Implementation	Stories on Serving Others	Sacred Texts on Service	Building the Beloved Community
<i>Leadership (in The Beloved) Community</i>	Service Project Making Lanterns	Stories on Interfaith Heroes	Sacred Texts on Community Leadership	Leading the Beloved Community
<i>Duration</i>	20 to 60 Minutes	20 to 30 Minutes	30-45 Minutes	20 to 30 Minutes

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