

Bridging Faiths, Building Unity: Highlights from Our Interfaith Conference

With the blessings of Satguru Mata Sudiksha ji Maharaj, Sant Nirankari Mission (ECOSOC, General Consultative status at UN) organized an Interfaith dialogue on May 3, 2025, in NY Oneness Center. The purpose was to bring together various organizations and groups or individuals to promote peace. The Interfaith Conference was a powerful gathering rooted in unity, understanding, and shared purpose. Distinguished leaders from diverse religious and spiritual traditions, Bramaha Kumaris, Jewish community, Islamic center along with the representatives from the United Nations for a day of meaningful dialogue, reflection, and connection. Esteemed participants included Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Kenjitsu Nakagaki, Rev. Dr. Frank Kaufmann, Guruji Dileep Kumar Thanappan, Sheikh Sadiya Afrin Era, Dr. Abraham Joseph, Vikram Bhatiya, and Sandhya Panchiappan. We were deeply honored to welcome our special guest of honor, the Queen Mother, whose presence added grace and significance to the event. Interfaith gatherings such as this celebrate the richness of religious and cultural diversity, reminding us of the strength found in mutual respect and collaboration.





The event featured a vibrant panel discussion where voices from different faith backgrounds explored shared values, global peace initiatives, and the role of spirituality in a rapidly changing world. Each panelist offered unique insights rooted in their traditions, encouraging mutual respect and inter-religious collaboration. The conference included an engaging Q&A session, where attendees had the opportunity to interact directly with the speakers, ask thoughtful questions, and deepen their understanding of different beliefs and practices. The participants recognized the need for individuals and organizations to actively participate in ongoing interfaith efforts. They concluded that these efforts are required to maintain peace and harmony. The participants realized the necessity of uniting diverse faiths for shared vision. Our Community Counselor, Respected Bijendra Kumar who represented the Indian Consulate thanked everyone and recited the beautiful mantra of Nirankari Mission, Tu hi Nirankar, me teri sharan ha, manu baksh lo "prayer to lord", affirmation of truth.



Our Special Guest of honor Mother Queen said that oneness is God and God is love and love is the purest and greatest expression of the divine. This aligns with the teaching of our mission which reinforces that **humanity is one family**, united under one divine source. Her message of peace echoed, "Peace, Peace still amongst us"! Rev Datta Korde the keynote speaker of the interfaith Dialogue, represented Nirankari Mission and said that this interfaith dialogue needs to translate to Interfaith service. It is very important to create intentional space for spiritual conversation and collaboration, making peace as a shared responsibility and combining dialogue with action will change in to movement. He Conveyed the message of our Mission that we are all part of one Human Family created by one supreme power. The mission teaches that all humans are equal in the eyes of God, encouraging the idea for the elimination of distinctions based on caste, creed, or religion. Sant Nirankari Mission's approach to interfaith dialogue is rooted in the belief that recognizing the divine presence, the ultimate truth, in all individuals leads to peace and harmony. May Satguru Bless us to remain united and remain rooted in oneness.

Guests were then treated to a communal meal, a true reflection of fellowship - where people of diverse cultures and backgrounds came together over shared food and warm conversation. As the day transitioned into evening, the atmosphere turned celebratory and reflective. Participants joined in singing spiritual hymns from multiple traditions, creating a beautiful mosaic of sound that resonated with the message of unity. The joy and togetherness experienced during this part of the evening was a testament to the power of spiritual expression to transcend differences. The Interfaith Conference was not just an event, but a heartfelt step toward a more compassionate and connected world. We are deeply grateful to all who participated and look forward to continuing this journey of peace and understanding.



