

*“Whether on the world stage or in their communities,
religious and cultural leaders have a responsibility
to speak the language of tolerance and respect.
This is a central message of World Interfaith Harmony Week”.*

Ban Ki-moon. U.N. General Secretary 2014

*“What is required is a concerted commitment on the part of all,
based on mutual trust, which can pave the way to lasting peace,
and enable resources to be directed, not to weaponry,
but to other - noble - battles worthy of man: fight against hunger...”*

Pope Francis, 28 November 2014

*“If religiously justified stances are accorded a legitimate place in the
public sphere [] the political community officially recognizes
that religious utterances can make a meaningful contribution
to clarify controversial questions of principle.”*

Juergen Habermas. *An Awareness of What is Missing.* (2008) 2011

The ***Walking Meditation*** Project at Evera, Trentham
offers a way of participating in:

World Interfaith Harmony Week 1-8 February 2015

Theme: Let all humanist, religious and spiritual communities join in a
concerted effort to renew the ***Golden Rule***:

*“Respect and honour the highest, the most sacred; and love and treat your
fellow beings like you want to be loved and treated yourself.”*

and restore this rule as an organising principle of public life, cultures,
nations, economies: a humanity united in friendship within itself and
with nature!

By way of program:

The idea is to follow the usual walking meditation format (see leaflet) and to
address each day a different theme...

For the themes of the days see overleaf:

Date	Theme
1. Sunday	The Way “Heaven and earth come together and send forth sweet dew”
2. Monday	<i>Secret of Renewal</i> “Whensoever there is the fading of the Dharma...I loose myself forth onto birth”
3. Tuesday	Peace “There is no way to peace; peace is the way”
4. Wednesday	<i>Economy-Ecology-Ecosophy</i> “the quiet hub of the new movement...is indigenous culture.”
5. Thursday	<i>Culture</i> “Ethical Imagination: the secular sacred”
6. Friday	<i>Earth – Nature</i> “Were you to count the bounties of God, you could not take stock of them”
7. Saturday	<i>Ground and Goal</i> Education of humanity
8. Sunday	<i>Way – Truth – Life</i> Next step in evolution?

NB: I intend to make the walk every day of this week and concentrate on the theme of the day as suggested. Everyone interested is welcome to join me on any of these days and contribute to the theme from the perspective of one’s world-view.

Structure of the day: 10.00 – 10.30:	Arrival, a cuppa (drinks provided)
10.30 – 11.00:	Introduction
11.00 – 1.00:	Meditative Walk
1.00 – 2.00:	Lunch (bring something to share)
2.00 – 3.30:	Talk and conversation
3.30 – 4.00:	A cuppa and departure

Contribution: donation towards the project.

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