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INTERFAITH ROUND TABLE OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

Dear Friends of the Interfaith Round Table,

On Sunday, November 17, the Interfaith Round Table held its annual fall gathering at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor. If you joined us, you know that it was a meaningful event, a container for the grief and hope, beauty and sorrow, connection and polarization of our times. It was a time to be together, to share in one another's prayers and songs, to reflect on who we are for each other, and our community, right now.

The work of the Interfaith Round Table in Washtenaw County is connection. We bring people together across lines of religious and cultural difference to build understanding and appreciation for our traditions and perspectives, through our shared humanity.

Over the past year, after the departure of our executive director in December 2023, the board of the Interfaith Round Table has focused its energy on clarifying its mission and building relationships among board members. Alongside that work, we continue to offer regular programming, including monthly virtual Day Forums on a variety of topics such as Death, Grief, and Mourning in Jewish Tradition and Interfaith Work on Campus and in the Community. We also host occasional in-person programs, such as a presentation from the Civility Project and interfaith dialogues around art.

In the next month or so, we will hire an events and communications manager to update our website and revitalize our social media, and, at the start of the next fiscal year, we plan to hire a visionary executive director to help us offer more programming, enhance our vibrant interfaith community, and connect us to broader regional and national interfaith networks.

As a supporter of the Interfaith Round Table, you believe in the work we do to build relationships and deepen appreciation for the diversity of faith traditions in our community. At this time, when respectful connections across difference are desperately needed, we invite you to join in our work by making a generous year-end gift to the Interfaith Round Table, by check or via our website (<https://irtwc.org/donate/>), using PayPal or Zelle.

Sincerely,

Christine Modey
Chair