

## MISSION

Inspired by the faith of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities, we cultivate inclusive environments to advance interfaith relationships and understanding.

## VISION

Be a best practice model, resource, and trainer for successful interfaith relationships and understanding.

## OUR "WHY"

We aim to:

- Connect people of diverse religious identities.
- Partner to promote religious diversity's role in social change.
- Inspire interfaith initiatives across the U.S. and globally.

## WHO WE ARE

Tri-Faith Initiative brings together in permanent residency a synagogue, church, mosque, and interfaith center on one 38-acre campus in America's heartland. From this intentionally built, religiously diverse space in Omaha, we bridge divides among three faith communities, neighbors throughout our larger local community, and, increasingly, people across the U.S. and around the world. Since 2006, we've been imagining and growing an unprecedented interfaith initiative that transforms lives and communities. We have a big vision for expanding what Tri-Faith can do to meet the need. Through our 2020 Strategic Plan, Tri-Faith Initiative will create a more inclusive culture in which religious pluralism is the social norm.

## ABOUT TRI-FAITH

Tri-Faith Initiative is a unique and ambitious project in the field of interfaith relations in its design, scale, and scope. The Tri-Faith Commons is located at 132nd and Pacific in Omaha, Nebraska. In 2020, the Tri-Faith Center, headquarters for Tri-Faith Initiative, joined Temple Israel, Countryside Community Church, and the American Muslim Institute as the final building on the Commons. The Tri-Faith Center is a physical place where we do not just talk about how good it would be if we were in harmony with each other -- instead, we gather both virtually and in-person to practice the act of listening.

## WHO ARE THE TRI-FAITH PARTNERS?

**Temple Israel** is a Reform Jewish congregation that strives to bridge tradition and modernity, linking cherished Jewish history with fresh approaches to spirituality, lifelong Jewish learning, and acts of justice. The congregation was founded in 1871 and nearly 640 families are members today. Temple Israel is the first of the Tri-Faith Initiative partners to build on the Commons. The congregation dedicated its new synagogue in October 2013.

**Countryside Community Church** is an inclusive, open and affirming family of faith, welcoming all to God's table of love and acceptance. Its members are diverse, yet united by Christ's example, caring for one another, supporting one another, and challenging one another to become all that God creates us to be. The church was founded in Omaha in 1949 and is a part of the United Church of Christ, which is known as the oldest denomination in the United States. All are welcome. Construction began in June of 2017, and the new church opened its doors in April 2019.

The **American Muslim Institute's** mission is to promote a better understanding of Islam in the Western world. AMI's educational, religious, and social programs are grounded in faith and the core values of Islam: acceptance, compassion, equality, justice, and peace. Founded in Omaha in 2006, AMI is a local, non-denominational, autonomous nonprofit organization. The mosque and community center on the Tri-Faith Commons serves as a worship space and Islamic institute for Omaha's growing Muslim population. Construction began in 2015 and the building opened in May of 2017.

## WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT TRI-FAITH?

**First of its kind in the world.** Our bold endeavor pioneers interfaith relations in design, scale, and scope. The relationships that grow from our co-located synagogue, church, mosque, and interfaith center model the inclusive society of belonging we envision.

**Bold community.** We create space for unprecedented encounters among diverse people who don't meet this way anywhere else. We learn and nurture new relationships by sharing stories. By sharing meals. By gardening together. By serving others, alongside local partners. Through conversation and celebration in gatherings large and small, where all are welcome and where every person can be their full selves.

**People-centered change.** We value each unique individual and each irreplaceable relationship. And we don't take trust for granted. We cultivate it one person, one relationship, at a time. Intentional experiences rooted in empathy and authenticity build understanding in new ways. From there, we build new belonging.

Love, Empathy, Pluralism.  
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