

Interfaith Roundtable of Kaua`i
Minutes of Meeting March 25, 2016
Lihu`e Hongwanji, 3-3530 Kuhio Hwy, Lihu`e
Submitted by Jeffrey Pears

Present: Rev. Rita J. Andriello-Feren – Center for Spiritual Living Kaua`i, Annaleah Atkinson – Fellowship of the InnerLight, Manfred Burgmeier – Eckankar, Sister Deborah Burnham – Brahma Kumaris, Shivalaya Donna D`Alessio – Brahma Kumaris, Marquis Dawkins (Ishaq Mohamed) - Islam, Diane Decker – Center for Spiritual Living Kaua`i, Rev. Patrick Feren – Center for Spiritual Living Kaua`i, William Garavito – Christian Mysticism, Jim Jung – Kapa`a Hongwanji Buddhist, Mary Mulhall, Jeffery Pears – Advaita, Sonia Song – The Gathering, Petra Sundheim – CSL Way of the Heart, Sharon West – The Gathering, Jenni Yukimura

1. Opening Prayer: offered by Rev. Rita Andriello-Feren

2. Welcome and Call to Order: Jeffrey Pears

3. Message from the Co-chairpersons

Jeffrey Pears shared excerpts from a thought-provoking article by Saleem Ahmed, Board Member of All Believers Network, titled, “Challenging ISIS on its Own Turf,” which can be read at the Interfaith Roundtable of Kauai Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/interfaithroundtableofkauai>.

Jim Jung shared information about the day of celebration of the birth of Buddha called, Hanamasuri. Buddha was born 2,600 years ago. Celebration of a flower festival on 4/8/16 and the birth celebration on 4/10/16 at 9 a.m. at the Zen Soto Temple in Hanapepe.

4. Minutes of February 26, 2016: Approved as submitted

5. Treasurer’s Report: Al Albergate reports as of today IROK’s checking account balance is \$652.70.

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Relations – No change.
- b. Programming Committee – Program is full till the end of 2016.
- c. URI Committee - Members of the committee are Sr. Deborah Burnham, Joann Watanabe, Hari Khalsa, Annaleah Atkinson, Ishaq Mohammed, Rev. Rita Andriello-Feren, Rev. Patrick Feren, Jeffrey Pears, Nicole Sakurai, GG Shanley, Rev. Robin Taylor, Sharon West, Manfred Burgmeier, William Garavito, Sonia Song, and Donna D’Alessio. Requirement was for a minimum of 7 people from 3 faiths. We have satisfied that. The cooperative circles in which we are involved are “Interfaith Dialogues” and Peace Building.” Jeffrey will be first point of contact for our island, and Annaleah will be the second.
- d. National Day of Prayer Committee – Plan to meet immediately following this meeting.

7. Announcements

8. Meeting Program – Sr. Deborah Burnham

Living Values Education (LVE) teaches universal values for a better world and has been shown to reduce violence, bullying, and conflict in schools around the world. Diane Tillman has authored numerous books including, *Nurturing with Love and Wisdom.*” Sr. Deborah gave an inspirational talk and presentation on this topic, inviting us to answer questions like, “What two values would most change the world?” She is helping to lead an initiative on Kaua`i of *Creating a Culture of Peace* by working with the school system to consider testing this evidence-based LVE approach.

9. Next meeting will be April 29 at Lihue Hongwanji Temple from 12-2 pm.

10. Closing prayer

11. Donations accepted at the meeting: \$165

12. Meeting adjourned