



Children of Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths gather for Peace Camp at King's

London ON., August 24, 2015 - King's University College welcomes the third annual London Interfaith Peace Camp (LIPC) on Monday, August 24th through Friday, August 28th.

Rooted in the shared values of Abrahamic traditions (Christian, Jewish, and Muslim), LIPC is a collective community project where understanding, cooperation, and friendship-building among faith groups is encouraged. Temple Israel (of London), the Islamic Centre of Southwest Ontario, and Valleyview Mennonite Church are co-organizers of the event. The camp is open to children of all religious traditions.

The day camp is based on the successful model developed at Eastern Mennonite University in Virginia. Approximately 60 elementary and secondary age students, leaders, and volunteers will participate in LIPC. "Bringing a message of peace-making to our campers, teenage leaders, and their families has been a powerful experience. Learning about each other's faiths, and recognizing our shared values has fostered enduring understanding and friendships among groups who rarely have the opportunity to learn from each other. We truly believe in the power of sincere dialogue and shared experiences to bring peace and justice to our world," says co-host-Rabbi Debra Dressler.

The campers will visit local synagogues, mosques and churches including Al-Mahdi Islamic Centre, Or Shalom Congregation, and St. John the Divine Roman Catholic Church. As well the program looks to engage participants in projects including group work, cultural art, theater and music, healthy food and recreational activities, and service learning projects.

King's will host the group for activities in the Vitali Student Lounge, located in Wemple, King's University College, 266 Epworth Ave. London, Ontario. Full details can be found at: <http://www.templeisraelondon.ca/community/interfaith>

King's is a publicly-funded Catholic post-secondary institution founded in 1954. King's provides general and honors degree programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, business, and a master's degree in social work. It is positioned in the top rank of institutions of higher learning in Canada for the high quality of its teaching faculty and student experience. Institutionally-autonomous, King's is academically-affiliated with Western University. King's is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centered on the values of social justice, equality and the education of the whole person.

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