



Annual Interfaith Peace Camp focuses on building friendships and understanding

London, ON. - August 12, 2019 - King's University College welcomed approximately 60 children entering Grades 1 through 8 as part of this year's London Interfaith Peace Camp (LIPC). The seventh annual LIPC is based at King's from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day from August 12-16 and includes outings to various sites in the city of London. LIPC is supported by King's Campus Ministry and the Centre for Jewish, Catholic, Muslim Learning.

"This is an opportunity to build relationships with one another and learn about each other's faith through the eyes of a child." says Maija Wilson, Coordinator of LIPC and Campus Minister to Youth at King's. "It is an honour to be a part of such a great initiative that truly works towards peace."

The camp was planned and organized by Wilson, with support from Rabbi Debra Dressler (Judaism), Shahin Pardhan (Islam), and Barbara McGill (Christianity) in addition to several dedicated adult and student volunteers from the three faith communities. This collaborative project encourages understanding and cooperation amongst each other.

LIPC is focused on building friendships and understanding with children across the Abrahamic faith tradition (Judaism, Islam and Christianity) in the London community. Participants at the camp learn about different communities of faith through arts and crafts, games, food and presentations about Judaism, Islam and Christianity. As part of LIPC, the students visit a local church, mosque and synagogue, through planning by King's Campus Ministry. There is a potluck celebration and presentations to the campers and their families on Thursday, August 15, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Islamic Centre of Southwest Ontario.

The program won a City of London, Diversity, Race Relations and Inclusivity Award in 2016 and was nominated for a Pillar Community Innovation Award in 2017.

For more information, please visit <https://www.kings.uwo.ca/campus-ministry/take-part/children-and-family-programs/london-interfaith-peace-camp/>

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