

# LIPC NEWSLETTER

*London Interfaith Peace Camp Initiatives*



## 10 YEARS CELEBRATED

Hello All! My name is Alice Corneil and I am the University Student Coordinator of London Interfaith Peace Camp. I had the incredible privilege of assisting alongside Maija Wilson in coordinating camp this past summer. I would love to share some of the highlights with you from LIPC 2022.

To begin, let me tell you a little about myself. I am currently completing my undergrad in Honours Specialization Catholic Studies for Teachers and a Minor in History at King's University College. I have a passion for ecumenical and interreligious dialogue,



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and I also love to read and spend time with my family and friends. I have been involved with LIPC since the beginning of my high school career and had the opportunity to serve as a counsellor for three years, a Team Lead twice, and now, co-ordinator.

What an amazing summer we had! Last summer was our first year back in person after two years of online camp. Not only were we able to celebrate our return to in-person camp, we also celebrated 10 years of LIPC! This was an excellent opportunity for the entire community of LIPC to hop on the Peace Train together and celebrate all that we have accomplished and all that we aspire to in the future. One of the ways in which we were able to celebrate this accomplishment was a special Gala hosted at King's University College. Campers, counsellors, families, and members of the Senior LIPC team and alumni had the opportunity to share a meal together and share experiences of LIPC.

Being back in person for camp enabled us to bring back some LIPC favourites in activities. We enjoyed Sr. Shahin's interfaith scavenger hunt, trickle time activities (especially Perler beads), physical education, planting in our new space in the Peace Garden, visiting and learning about our different faith sites (London Oxford Mosque, Or Shalom Congregation, Valleyview Mennonite Church), special presentations by Andy





Impact Presentations, connecting with non-profit organizations like Growing Chefs Ontario and lots of activities celebrating 10 Years of LIPC such as tie dying our LIPC camp shirts!

I feel extremely blessed to have had the opportunity to assist in coordinating camp this past summer and I look forward to many summers to come!

Peace, Salaam, Shalom

Alice Corneil

## DID YOU KNOW?

This past April, each of the faiths celebrated major religious holiday at the same time! Muslims observed and celebrated Ramadan and Eid, Jews celebrated Passover, and Christians celebrated Holy Week and Easter!

Information retrieved from:  
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-the-rare-convergence-of-ramadan-passover-and-easter-recalls-a-shared/>.



## ADULT VOLUNTEERS

This summer, London Interfaith Peace Camp is proud to introduce a new position, "Adult Volunteers." Part of the mission of London Interfaith Peace Camp is our goal to make camp available to all who wish to be involved. For some, they can only commit to a few of the days of camp but still wish to participate. The role of Adult volunteer (14+) had a trail run last summer and this year we have fully developed the roles! Those who sign up as adult volunteers attend two half days of training. Apply [here](#)!

Here is a message from Olivia, an adult volunteer last summer and this year a counsellor!

"Hi, my name is Olivia Carlos and I was a volunteer last summer with LIPC. I had a great summer as a volunteer and that's what made me want to come back and apply as a counsellor. I feel so privileged to be able to come back and I'm really looking forward to this summer! I am looking forward to seeing returning campers and meeting new ones. I can't wait to make more amazing memories with LIPC this summer!"

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Many of those who are involved with LIPC not only share their faith in the context of camp but also in their daily lives! We wish to highlight some of our LIPC family and what they are up to, sharing their faith at home and abroad!

Take a look at a couple sneak peeks at Nevia and Kulsum who will be featured in our Fall 2023 Newsletter!

Nevia, is a graduate of Trent University with a Bachelor of Education (Primary/Junior). She is the recipient of the 2023 ETFO Faculty of Education Award and the 2023 Trent Education Students' Association Award. She was the President of the Education Student's Association.

Kulsum, has been a part of LIPC since the summer of 2013. She started off as a camper, became a counsellor, and then a team lead! Currently, she is entering her 3rd year of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Waterloo. She is the President of TMA (Thaqalayn Muslim Association – a Muslim club that organizes informative and festive events on campus to foster a sense of community away from home while promoting a genuine understanding of our beliefs and practices).



## PERLER BEADS!

Perler Beads are a fan favourite here at London Interfaith Peace Camp! Each summer we are amazed at all of the different wonderful creations that our campers and counsellors create. Take a look at some of the beautiful creations from LIPC 2022.

Did you know that in the Christian and Muslim faith traditions, beads play an important role in prayer?



## COMMUNITY NEWS

London Interfaith Peace Camp is supported by King's University College but as well as the wider London community. The LIPC family wants to be sure we can also advertise the great work that takes place as places of worship, the different cultural centres, such as other camps and special events take place throughout the year. Please take a look at some of the camps that are still open for registration and other ways you may wish to stay connected.



*Ages 4 - 10*  
\$250 per week includes lunch, snacks, and great field trips

**CAMP YELADIM**  
*is back!*  
August 2 - 26, 2022

Call (519) 673-3310 to register  
\*ask about discounts for multiple weeks, siblings, Civic Holiday week

**Jewish London**  
ONTARIO

**LONDON JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

10% off first week when registered before May 1

**Here are a few links to various faith community centre and worshipping sites:**

**Jewish Community Centre**

**Diocese of London**

**London Muslim Mosque**

**Al Mahdi Centre**

**Temple Israel**

**Congregation Or Shalom**

**Islamic Centre of South Western Ontario**




ISLAMIC CENTRE OF SOUTHWEST ONTARIO

**SUMMER CAMP**

MONDAY JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> 2023

\$95 / WEEK  
\$30 / DAILY

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
Includes Activities and Field Trips!

PRE-REGISTRATION & PRE-PAYMENT IS REQUIRED  
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

## DID YOU KNOW?

Day of Arafah is an Islamic holiday that begins on June 28th 2023. It is considered one of the holiest days in the Islamic calendar. The day of Arafah is often viewed as a day of gratitude after which is the celebration of Eid.

Information retrieved from:  
<https://nationaltoday.com/day-arafah/>.

## LIPC LIBRARY



Over the years of London Interfaith Peace Camp, a library is been beginning to grow! LIPC has a collection of books centred around each of the faiths as well as shared themes of peace, childhood, diversity, and love. Take a look below at some quotes from our library collection!

**"It's love: giving it, sharing it, showing it."**

(*If Kids Ran the World* by Leo and Diane Dillion)

**"...New memories, new hopes, new dreams. not of war, but of peace."**

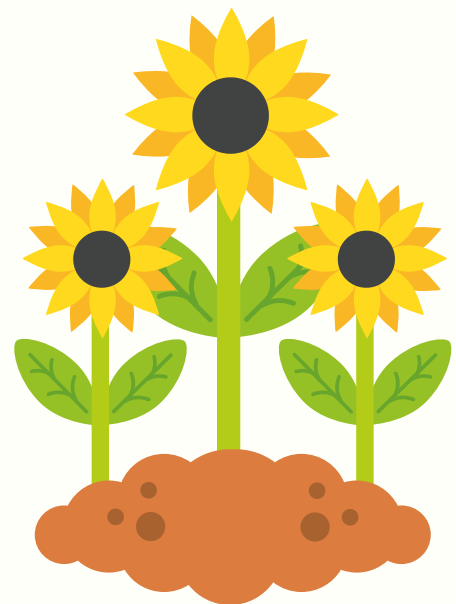
(*Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey* by Margriet Ruurs)

**"One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world."**

(*Malala's Magic Pencil* by Malala Yousafzai)

## THE ABRAHAMIC PEACE GARDEN

Located at King's University College, the Abrahamic Garden or as London Interfaith Peace Camp likes to refer to it as "the Peace Garden" is the place where LIPC spends much time reflecting on each of the individual faith traditions as well as cultivating and caring for our own section. In the summer of 2022, King's offered a section of the garden to LIPC. During camp week, campers in grades 1-3 were able to plant and care for new annuals and perennials in the garden.



We also celebrated the installation of the "Peace Pole" from LIPC 2019, the last year of in-person camp before the pandemic. The theme of the peace pole (as well as LIPC 2019) was Generation-to-Generation, focusing on the shared history of our faiths as well as the importance of family connection and history.



## LIPC GARDEN PLANTING

This July, the London Interfaith Peace Camp family invites you to be a part of the growing garden at King's University College.

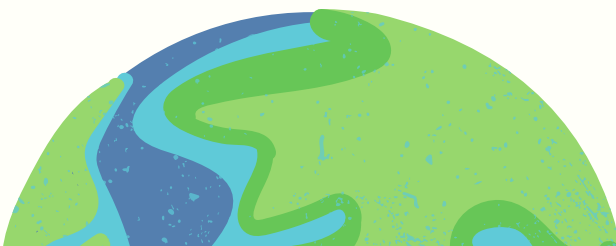
On July 30th 2023, we will be hosting a planting party! Come for a visit and assist in preparing our gardens!

- Bring gardening gloves
- Water bottle
- Make sure to register by emailing [peacecamp@kings.uwo.ca](mailto:peacecamp@kings.uwo.ca)

## THEME 2023: CREATION

This year London Interfaith Peace Camp will be focusing on the theme of **Creation**. In all three of the Abrahamic faiths, creation has many sacred meanings.

At camp this summer, we will focus on what creation in each of the faiths means for the environment and caring for creation. We will also look at creation in scripture and how special God has made all of the different cultures, languages and practices that we see around the world and in our communities.



**When:** Sunday July 30th 2023

**Where:** King's University College, 266 Epworth Ave, London, ON N6A 2M3

**Time:** 3-5pm

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that in the book of Genesis (scripture that is shared in both the Jewish and Christian tradition), there are two accounts of the creation story. One focuses on the creation of the world and one on the creation of humankind.

The book of Genesis chapters 1 and 2.



EXPLORE THE ABRAHAMIC FAITHS

# LONDON INTERFAITH PEACE CAMP

AUGUST 14 - 18, 2023



## Adventures of LIPC Continue

Register online at [kings.uwo.ca/peacecamp](https://kings.uwo.ca/peacecamp)

**Available for Grades 1-8**

Campers will enjoy learning opportunities, crafts, collaborative activities, sports and much more about each of the Abrahamic faiths!

**[Click Here!](https://kings.uwo.ca/peacecamp)**

## Adult Volunteer Applications (14+)

Register online at **[Click Here!](https://kings.uwo.ca/peacecamp)**

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Volunteer Training Included.

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