

Come and help celebrate our 9th yearly UN
World Interfaith Harmony week: February 2021
at Evera – Trentham

Theme:

Love yourself as your Neighbour.
grateful for life and at peace with yourself.

Convener Henk Bak

Venue: Evera, Centre for Renewal
14 Forest Street Trentham



Weekends 6-7 and 13-14 February
or weekdays in February by appointment
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“Here in Melbourne I breathe Christianity. I can’t help it.
...But there is one thing that we have given humanity, and
that is **Hallelujah !**”

Rabbi Jack Engel. At the beginning of an Interfaith Conversation,
Monash University-Caulfield Campus 1994

“I am deeply intrigued to hear the good news others
proclaim...Our daily prayer in the grace after meals asks God
to send us soon Elijah-Al Khidr with the good news of
redemption and consolation... When a Christian proclaims
what he or she knows a good news, I want to hear it...

Rabbi Zalman Schacter-Shalome. **Bases and Boundaries
of Jewish, Christian, and Moslem Dialogue** (around 2000)

“There are Christians whose life seems like Lent without
Easter... Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even
as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty, that, when
everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved. “

Pope Francis **Evangelii Gaudium** 2013 p13

“The Qur’an does not speak only to men. It speaks, quite
explicitly to women. I knew this at a young age, not because I
read the Qur’an, but because I talked to God all the time. I
knew with certainty that He responded...

Hibba Abugideiri, George Washington University

“Isn’t it a noble and enlightened way of spending our brief
time in the sun, to work at understanding the universe and
how we have come to wake up in it?”

Richard Dawkins **Unweaving the Rainbow** 1996 pp5-6

Meditative Walk

On ca 5 acres of open parkland, bordering on the Wombat Forest. A walk along 12 sites, clusters of trees and shrubs, each dedicated to a religion, spiritual culture or world-view.

Aboriginal cultures – Hinduism – Humanism

Buddhism – Shinto – Dao

Judaism – Christianity – Islam

Zoroastrianism – Way of the Sikh – Baha'i

'Ocean of Life'

Conversation

Being at peace with yourself: a key to all world harmony.
Recognize yourself as your own closest neighbour

Lack of self-confidence is a challenge, lack of self-worth a mental health issue and a world-pathology.

People are being programmed to become *disposable objects* on consumerist and labour markets or on ideological battlefields.

This year's conversation will focus on *discerning* between selfish and unselfish 'self-love' or 'self-denial', mature or immature, healthy or pathological, carelessness masked as 'freedom', or killing in name of religion as 'heroism'.

***"if you can talk you can sing
if you can walk you can dance"***

Zimbabwean saying

Program

As most events are attended by participants coming from far, the program usually starts with morning tea: Arrival ca

10.30am. Introduction and walk: 11am -1 pm

Lunch: 1-2pm Workshop/conversation: 2 – 4 pm

Afternoon tea 4-4.30 pm Departing 4.30 -5 pm

Closer to the date please check current regulations, contact us by phone 54241702

How to get to Evera:

By public transport:

For train & bus connections, please consult current timetables and telephone about need for a lift from Kyneton or Woodend station.

By car:

- From Bendigo: Calder Freeway, exit Kyneton, via Tylden to Trentham, first street after the town sign turn left into Forest Street, and then into the second street left, Beatties Road. The Evera entrance is around the second corner, to the right.
- From Melbourne via Woodend: Calder Freeway, exit Woodend/ Macedon, in Woodend turn left direction Daylesford; first street left after the sign Trentham, then into the second street left, Beatties Road, Evera is near the end, to the right.
- From Melbourne via Greendale-Blackwood: at T-intersection turn right, follow High Street, straight past traffic island, then first street to the right and second street to the left near the end. The gate is to the right
- From Daylesford: follow High Street as indicated above.

Contribution towards expenses: by donation

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