

## Establishing our model

**Our model is based on the premise that modern families can nurture two authentic religious traditions within one household.**

**This approach, moreover, creates interfaith understanding – education, respect, and community – at the most basic level of society: the family.**

Since 2003, the Interfaith Community has worked carefully in various locations and with different populations to develop its approach. We have built strong and replicable programs and a tested philosophy. We support families in ways that foster religious tolerance; we educate both children and adults about the core values, precepts and stories of Judaism and Christianity, while maintaining scrupulously the distinctiveness of each tradition.

Our current offerings include:

- full K-8 curriculum of courses for children
- interfaith marital couples counseling
- educational courses for adults
- community-based holiday services and programs
- networks of clergy and seminaries
- a growing pool of professional Jewish and Christian teachers
- chapters in seven different locations

## Strengthening our model

**We are eager to extend our model and the range of our offerings.**

We have plans to serve children of different age groups and to devise new ways to reach our audiences and deliver our programs. We want to respond to requests to offer our programs in additional locations. And we need to become more visible and better known.

With additional resources, we will develop:

- a curriculum for toddlers
- new formats for couples group counseling
- course(s) in introduction to Judaism and Christianity for interfaith couples
- programs for interfaith teens and college students who have not previously had the opportunity to explore their dual-faith background
- use of the internet and distance learning techniques to deliver our programs
- strengthened capacity to build more chapters providing our programs to interfaith families throughout the country
- an aggressive communications strategy to get our message heard

## Sharing our model

**We believe that our model has important implications beyond our current and planned programming.**

With more resources, we will not only be able to strengthen our offerings, we will also work to help advance the understanding of interfaith relationships within the family unit. We will help devise ways for religion and religious distinctiveness to thrive even in a social context where people inter-marry and traditional social arrangements are in flux. We will explore the possibilities of extending our unique insights about Jewish-Christian families to *other* faith combinations – and to other countries.

**We will share our model with a changing world.**

**We know that our children will inhabit a dramatically changing, multi-faith, pluralistic world; that inter-religious marriage will become one of several accepted norms; and that our approach is increasingly crucial to nurturing religion, family and community.**

### **a model for families in a multi-faith world**

- nurturing authentic religious practice
- educating about family traditions
- celebrating community

building

our model

for the future

## Need for your support

We have become a model through our groundbreaking programs for interfaith families.

Now, we must focus on building the financial resources that will take our model to a new level.

To develop those resources we must increase our capacity. Deliberately independent of established Jewish or Christian institutions, we depend on membership and tuition fees - which barely meet two-thirds of our operating costs. For the rest, we rely on donations from our members and friends.

Please step forward! We need you.

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**Give us generously as you can.**

**Make a serious commitment to our future.**

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