



Plan an Inter-faith Event

Take the time to bring people together for action, reflection, & worship for the week of Global Action against Illegitimate Debt & IFIs & Jubilee Sunday! Below you will find an easy guide to make a successful event!

A Sample Agenda for your event:

- * **Faith leaders from multiple different communities will each lead a prayer and or brief reflection on issues of inequality, poverty, and justice (20 minutes)**
- * **Facilitator will present Jubilee USA facts, mission, and goals (5-10 minutes)**
- * **Facilitator will encourage each participant to make two chains and to meet one person they are not familiar with (10 minutes)**
- * **Meal served (1 hour)**

The following steps and roles can help you organize your event.

Step 1: Choosing a Location, Time, and begin gathering community

- ∞ Plan a meeting with people of different faiths to discuss having the interfaith service and event to educate, reflect, and worship together around the issues of global inequality and debt.
- ∞ Contact different faith leaders and social action committees to see if they can get their faith leader for a particular date and time that would work best for everyone.
- ∞ Plan the event for the week of action – **October 8-15th** to connect with communities around the world taking action. Aim for having all different faiths represented for the event!

For more contacts of faith leaders in your area contact the Jubilee Office at **202-783-0214** or email them at [**coord@jubileeusa.org**](mailto:coord@jubileeusa.org).



Step 2: Designate a facilitator of the reflection

- Choose someone who will be the main speaker to introduce each faith leader and person.

At the end of the prayers and reflection, this facilitator should prepare a 5-10 min talk on the issues that Jubilee USA Network is working on. Explain some facts and issues around the international debt crisis, and how the Jubilee Act for responsible lending and borrowing can help.

Afterwards invite the community present to discuss what was just said, meet two new people, eat food, engage in dialogue, and encourage each person to make two chains to link communities together, but with the intention of breaking the chains of injustice!

* The person who will be responsible for heading the event will be _____.

* Person responsible for coordinating food and beverages after activities
_____.

* The person responsible for coordinating the chain making activity
_____.

Step 3: Getting the Word Out

Once you've got everything in place for the event, you'll need to spread the word so that people will be able to attend. There are several ways to advertise an inter-faith prayer and reflection:

- ∞ Posting printed fliers in neighborhoods, stores, and public bulletin boards.
- ∞ Have one contact from each different faith community responsible for advertising and outreach in their respective community.
- ∞ Phone as many people as you can about the upcoming event, and ask them to tell anyone they know who might be interested in attending.
- ∞ Be sure to contact Jubilee for a list of Jubilee supporters in your area and for help to be sure that your event is well attended.



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* Person Responsible for Contacting from each faith community:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

And if you need help in developing tailored resources for the weekend, or a faith leader would like suggestions for reflection – contact the Jubilee Team at 202-783-0214!

Step 4: Petition

After the prayer and reflection and during the social gathering around food, a few people should be responsible to ask people to sign onto the most current action and petition.

* The following people will be responsible for collecting signatures before the prayers, during eating and chain making:

1. _____

2. _____

Step 5: Community Report Back

After the event, be sure to have at least one person be the responsible for following up with interested individuals, and another individual to send the paper chains to the Jubilee Office! Plan to have a dinner and celebration with all that helped to plan the successful event to talk about what went well, what could have been better, and next steps in maintaining the new community relations.

* The following person will be responsible for following up with interested individuals by phone/email:

1. _____



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* The following people will be responsible for collecting and sending the paper chains to the Jubilee Office:

1. _____

* The following person will help to connect and organize a follow up meeting with all who helped organize the successful event:

1. _____