

Interfaith Youth Council of Orange County's

15th Annual Faith Forum & Festival

TEENS EXPRESSING THEIR FAITH THROUGH ART, MUSIC, AND DIALOGUE

THIS YEAR'S THEME: "Evolution of Faith"

Date: Sunday, March 10th, 2019 1:30pm-6:30pm

Location: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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All high school age faith groups are invited to come and join with 150 to 175 other high school students from various faith traditions to participate in the Interfaith Youth Council of Orange County‘s Annual Interfaith Youth Forum. More than ever, our county and the world needs young leaders who are willing to learn from each other and build stronger communities!

FAITH FORUM

The purpose of this Interfaith Youth Forum is to bring together young people from diverse ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds, and to engage them in dialogue. True dialogue is a conversation on a common subject between two or more persons of differing points of view and/or backgrounds. We feel that this commitment to dialogue will affect relationships in a constructive way in our places of worship and in our community.

The forum itself involves having eight religiously diverse high school-age students, one adult, and youth leader around each table to discuss common questions. Our youth leaders act as facilitators, but it is stressed that it is the students we want to hear from.

RSVP for our FAITH FORUM before February 25th, 2019

FORUM QUESTIONS Available online at <http://iycoc.org/home/faith-festival/>

**2019 Forum Questions**

*“Evolution of Faith”*

*ICE BREAKER QUESTION:* What is your favorite aspect of your faith?

1. How has your culture influenced your faith?
   1. How do people of your faith practice it differently in other parts of the world?
   2. In what ways have others’ opinions of your faith changed and what has led to those changes?
   3. In what ways does your culture directly alter the practice of your faith? Give an example from your culture and your scripture.
2. How has your faith changed since past generations?
   1. How do you practice your faith differently than your parents or grandparents?
      1. How are the societal problems that you face different from what past generations have faced?
   2. Do you believe that your faith practices will change in the future? If so, in what ways?
   3. In your faith’s scripture(s) and history, does discrimination and acts of persecution come up? If so, what is the solution given from your teachings?
   4. Have you ever suffered discrimination or acts of violence? In what ways did you overcome it using your teachings?
3. How have some current events affected you?
   1. What does your tradition say about immigration, homelessness, #metoo movement, refugees, etc.?
   2. What does your faith say about treating “the other”? (Use history, scripture etc.)
   3. How has your religion influenced your moral obligations? E.g. homelessness, refugees, etc.
   4. In what ways could your faith community take action?

*Reflection (closing):* How, if any, has your experience at the youth forum changed how you relate to individuals of different faiths moving forward?