

## **PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR ECUMENISM IN THE PARISH**

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### **Organized combined services with other Christians**

- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Christmas Carols with other denominations
- Easter Dawn Service
- Taize style prayer session
- World Day of Prayer

### **Seminars/discussions/talks**

- Doctrinal issues, e.g., Mary in worship
- Moral issues
- Liturgical/worship issues

### **Groups activities**

- Annual ecumenical dinner with guest speaker
- Bible study
- Prayer group
- Justice focus, e.g., refugees, migrants, environment.

And also see: Local Initiatives Commission. "Local Ecumenism-Information Kit, 2005". Sydney: NSW Ecumenical Council, 2005.

## **PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE IN THE PARISH**

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### **Organized combined services with people of other faiths**

- Coming together to pray (each in their own way) with others for peace, etc.
- Local occasions for interreligious prayer
- Bishop Andrew Wingate, Leicester's Advisor in Interreligious Relations and Director of the St Philip's Centre for Theology and Ministry in a Multi-Faith Society, lists a number of prayers and scripture references that would be suitable for Inter-Religious Services.<sup>1</sup>

### **Seminars/discussions/talks**

- Doctrinal issues, e.g., Ideas of God, sin, virtue.
- Moral issues, euthanasia, pollution.
- Topics common to the Abrahamic religions
- Prayer, meditation

### **Group activities**

- Celebration of Eid with Muslims or Festival of Light with Hindus

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<sup>1</sup> *Celebrating Difference, Staying Faithful*, Andrew Wingate, Darton, Longman and Todd, London, 2005: pp 86-89, 112

Visit local mosques, temples, synagogues

Compare Sacred books

Justice focus, e.g., refugees, migrants, environment.