

# The Interfaith Alliance of Wake County

## What We Stand For

- Providing a trusted and credible moral voice in the community.
- Providing a positive and unifying influence in shaping the nature of our society and building better community.
- Listening to all perspectives and exploring all aspects of an issue.
- Breaking down barriers by people joining together in a safe environment, engaging in thoughtful, reasoned, respectful discussion, to search for and work together for the common good.
- "Respect", "Reason", "Reflection", "Deliberation", "Trust", "Unity", "Fairness", "Understanding", are our goals. We therefore <sup>reject</sup> the demonizing of others and the use of inflammatory language. These are unacceptable in a democratic and pluralistic society.

## The Interfaith Alliance of Wake County Statement of Purposes, August 31, 1998

### Vision for the Country

Our country will be a caring, respectful, and safe society; where every individual and every organization accepts and is guided by the basic dignity and inherent worth of every person.

Our country will be a society that emphasizes both the strengths of diversity and the need for unity; where people work together for the common good.

### Our Mission

To offer the people of the United States hope by providing a grassroots, non-partisan, nationwide, faith based organization where all people of good will can participate, and:

1. Promote the insight and wisdom of religion as a positive force in life, and as a reconciling and unifying influence on our society.
2. Unite behind shared beliefs of ethical and moral principles and behavior.
3. Be an influence in shaping the nature of our society by engaging in public policy discussions.
4. Promote harmony, trust, and understanding among all religions, races, and groups, and among all people.

### Goals and Outcomes Desired

1. While the individual is of primary importance, the community is also very important. Therefore every person and organization has a simultaneous moral responsibility:
  - to improve themselves
  - to help others improve
  - to improve the community
  - to improve the country
2. We support the highest ideals of American democracy. Individual rights and liberties including freedoms of the press, speech, and religion, must be maintained.
3. We stand for a way of life that shares beliefs in fundamental human values including renewal of families, renewal of ethics and morals, truthfulness, civility, compassion, and empathy.
4. We want to eliminate poverty. Our ultimate desire is for all people to be self sufficient with dignity and pride.
5. We want to unite our diversity and combine our strengths for the common good.
6. We want to strengthen our public education system. Opportunities for and access to proper education and training for every person is vital to build a moral and ethical society without poverty, crime, hate, and inadequate knowledge. This must include character and human relationship training as well as the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to earn a living and support a family.'
7. We want good government. This includes efficiency, effectiveness, fairness, civility, truthfulness, sensibility, and working together for the common good.
8. We want to preserve and conserve the beauty and essential elements of our environment.