



Monadnock Interfaith Project
Building An Interfaith Coalition for Community Understanding and Social Justice

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Listening for Change in the Monadnock Region



In early 2025 Monadnock Interfaith Project enters into a new phase of listening to understand the challenges local people encounter in our community. **Our goal is to identify MIP's next social justice campaign.**

Listening can be a spiritual practice - we open our hearts and minds to share and to hear from our neighbors what is weighing on their hearts and minds.

Over the next few months there will be many MIP Listening Sessions in faith congregations and in community settings. People will be invited to share stories from their own lives about barriers to living a full and healthy life.

After the Listening Session phase a new social justice campaign will be chosen and MIP will commence work in that area for positive systemic change in our region. Together we are a force for love in a broken world.

Like being a listener? Interested in helping?

We invite you to attend a training where you will:

- Learn the phases of faith-based community organizing and the purposes of listening sessions.
- Model and practice specific listening skills
- Identify opportunities and discuss the challenges of group discussions.

This training is helpful for people interested in being facilitators of a listening session and for people who would like to lead small breakout groups.

Click here to [Sign up for a Listener/Facilitator Training](#) on one of these two upcoming dates:

January 22, 6:30 - 8pm via Zoom
Or

January 28, 12 - 1:30pm in person, Keene Unitarian
Universalist Church, 69 Washington St.

Want to stay in the loop about the Listening Session schedule?
Please register [here](#) to express your interest in attending a Listening Session.

MIP is listening!



Invites you to

Creating a More Beloved Community
**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
CELEBRATION**



 **JANUARY 20, 2025 AT 5:30 PM**
KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY
60 Winter Street, Keene, NH

PROGRAM EVENTS

- Music
- Poetry
- Dance
- Art Exhibit & More
- All created by Keene-area youth!

Youth in grades K through 12 may submit a creative piece for performance or display by 1/16/25. Scan QR code or visit tinyurl.com/KeeneMLK25CallforSubmissions.



For more details, contact Amy Kraemer at akraemer@keenenh.gov.

**MIP Volunteering
at
The Community Kitchen**



Starting in January, an MIP team will be serving dinner regularly at The Community Kitchen in Keene. We will be serving a need while building vital community relationships.

Join us at The Community Kitchen by emailing Angela at angelapape.mip@gmail.com.

January Spiritual Holidays

Visit [Interfaith Calendar 2025](#).



January 6 – Christian: Epiphany

Celebrates the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus.

January 6 – Sikh: Guru Gobind Singh Gurburab

Celebrates the birth of Guru Gobind Singh, the Sikhs' 10th master and teacher.

January 7 – Coptic Orthodox Christian: Christmas

Marks the birth of Jesus Christ according to the Julian calendar.

January 14 – Hindu: Pongal

A harvest festival thanking the Sun God for the agricultural abundance.

January 14 – Buddhist: Mahayana New Year

Celebrates the Buddhist New Year in Mahayana traditions.

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