



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

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April 2025



Join us for a Community Assembly

Wednesday, April 9

6:30pm program begins

Monadnock Covenant Church, 90 Base Hill Rd, Keene

MIP facilitators conducted a series of listening gatherings, asking about local challenges affecting you, your family or your neighbors. Eighteen sessions were held around the region with over three hundred participants!

Four topics emerged as being particularly challenging for people in our region:

- Mental Health
- Transportation
- Isolation
- Cultural civility, safety, and kindness

Now, it is time to gather together, select a community challenge to focus on, and begin our work towards positive change.

At the Community Assembly, Wednesday, April 9, we will hear real life stories about key challenges being faced in our region and select MIP's next community organizing priority.

The joyful MIP Interfaith Popup Choir will sing during the evening. Please indicate your interest in singing with the choir on the RSVP form. Light sweet and savory snacks will be served.

In a time of many challenges, we come together to take positive steps forward. Your voice matters! [Click here to RSVP](#) for the Community

Assembly. Childcare and ride sharing available.

We look forward to seeing you on April 9!



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website mipnh.org!**

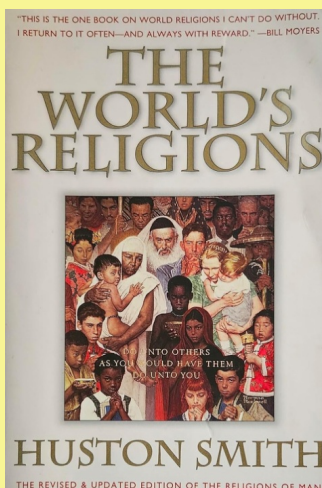


You will find recent updates, a calendar of events, information about our projects and...**Coming Soon to the website the MIP Interfaith Bookshelf.**

The Interfaith Bookshelf will include reviews and recommendations about books specifically related to our mission: enhancing mutual understanding of our various faiths, examining social justice issues in a faith context, and exploring resources for community organizing.

Each month one of the books will be featured here in the MIP eNews. Look for more information about the Interfaith Bookshelf in the upcoming May eNews.

To start off this regular feature, here is a book recommended by MIP Guiding Councilor, Ann Carlson: **Huston Smith's, *The World's Religions*.**



Originally published in 1958 and for many years the standard college textbook on world religions. While it covers the world's largest and most predominant religions, it does not cover the multiplicity of religious traditions considered representative in today's more diverse and global society. Yet, whatever the book lacks as a modern textbook, it more than makes up for as a timeless approach to thinking *about* religion.

Writing primarily from his own experience, Smith's delightful perspective is not that of the standard scholar, nor of a typical believer or adherent trying to explain their belief. In each case, his is the attitude

and enthusiasm of someone who has fallen deeply in love with that tradition and is enraptured by it. Not naïve about the pitfalls of religion, nor of the devastation of religious strife, Smith nevertheless recalls to us the profound wonder, wisdom, and power of faiths that have guided and sustained

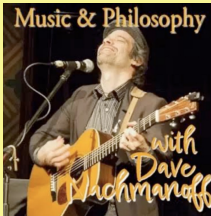
communities for millennia. What might happen if we could each learn to see *our own and each other's* religions through the eyes of new love?

MIP Volunteering at The Community Kitchen



An MIP team will be serving dinner the first Thursday of the month 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.**



Save the Date, July 19!
MIP Concert with Singer/Songwriter
David Nachmanoff
Stonewall Farm, Keene

Want to stay up to date? Click here to view the new MIP website [Calendar](#).



New Hampshire

KEENE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP*

For family members and friends of adults with mental illness

*This group welcomes folks from outside of the Keene area

MAKE CONNECTIONS

Our groups will allow you to connect with others who:

- Understand the challenges you face and the opportunities ahead
- Feel the same way you do
- Have had the same experiences
- Will help you learn new coping skills
- Will share their successes and strategies with you

WHAT TO EXPECT

Our family support groups are:

- Led by trained volunteers with lived experience
- Drop-in, no regular attendance required
- Free, confidential and safe
- For Granite State family members and friends of adults with mental illness

*"It's a beacon of hope.
I return to my support
group because we laugh
often - something we
need when life is hard.
I leave knowing
I am not alone."*

NAMI NH
Support Group
Participant

For more support group opportunities,
www.naminh.org/support-groups/ or
scan the code



MEETING DETAILS



3rd Tuesday of the month



6:30 - 8:30 PM



Meets Virtually on Zoom
Please reach out to support
group facilitator (below) for
Zoom link

Support Group Facilitator



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HUNDRED NIGHTS

Reaching for the Warmth of Home
Cold Weather Shelter & Open Doors Resource Center

Open dates for weekend dinner prep are: March 2 & 9

If you have any questions or wish to reserve a date, please email:

volunteer@hundrednightsinc.org

April Spiritual Holidays

Visit [Interfaith Calendar 2025](#).

April 10 – Jain: Mahavir Jayanti

Celebrates the birth of Lord Mahavira, the founder of Jainism.



April 12 – Jehovah's Witnesses: The Memorial of Jesus' Death
Commemorates the death of Jesus Christ.

April 13-20 – Jewish: Passover

Celebrates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery.

April 14 – Sikh, Hindu: Vaisakhi

Marks the Sikh New Year and celebrates the spring harvest.

April 20 – Christian: Easter

Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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