



BEYOND TOLERANCE

Guidelines and Options for Pastor/Pulpit Exchange

The following guidelines and options are intended to answer some of the questions you may have as well as share some suggestions, as you begin implementing a Pastor/Pulpit Exchange within your congregation.

How Do We Select a Pastor/Pulpit Exchange?

The assigning of religious leaders to a partnering congregation will take place through *Nov 22. The selection of partnering congregations can take place in two ways:

1. The Beyond Tolerance Pastor/Pulpit Exchange Committee will partner your congregation with another.
OR
2. Self-select the mutually agreed upon pastor/religious leader of your choice, and notify Sam Muyskens by email: sam@globalfaithinaction.org

Implementing Exchange

Once you know who your partnering religious leader will be, set a time when you can meet in person.

1. Take some time to share a little about yourselves and why you want to be part of the exchange.
2. Select the date(s) between now and Nov. 22, for your worship exchanges. Send selected dates & times to: sam@globalfaithinaction.org. Consider two options:
 - a. Schedule two separate worship dates enabling religious leaders to be a host at one, and a guest at the other.
OR
 - b. Exchange pulpits on the same day assigning a staff person or member to be the host for your visiting pastor.
3. Consider expectations, traditions/cultural rituals or worship practices that may be different.
4. Question appropriate apparel to wear.
5. Consider what unique gift, talent, cultural practice you might be able to add to your assigned congregations worship experience, including musician(s) if available.
6. Discuss how your youth or church groups may be involved with the Unity Ribbon Movement. Consider ways your congregations can work together.
7. Consider ways to challenge your congregations to join the growing number who want to heal the racial divide in our community and nation by attending the city wide event:

“Moving Beyond Tolerance”
Sunday, November 22, 2015
5:00 pm - Location still to be determined

*Option, we are hopeful that most exchanges will take place in 2015, but if a few determine the need to wait until 2016, we would still like for them to consider their exchange to be a part of the “Beyond Tolerance” pastor/pulpit exchange. Please inform us of your plans by email: sam@globalfaithinaction.org