

Three Faiths – One Pulpit Marble Church Hosts Interfaith Dialogue in a Fractured World

Marble Church has been a pioneer in interfaith cooperation for decades. On February 3rd, as part of the **United Nations' World Interfaith Harmony Week**, Senior Minister **Dr. Michael Bos** invited **Rabbi Rachel Ain** from Sutton Place Synagogue, and **Imam Khalid Latif**, Executive Director and Chaplain for the Islamic Center at NYU, to talk about the future of faith and how it can work for the common good. Watch here: <https://vimeo.com/315287385>

The three religious leaders shared their thoughts on their own faith journeys, how religion is shaping our youth today, and what we can do to combat racism and hate in the world.

“People are seeking something. New York is a really big place where even though there are so many people you can feel alone and religion can give you that home base that so many of us need.” – Rabbi Rachel Ain

“The fundamental purpose of a house of God is that the attentiveness is not meant to be towards the house but towards God...God’s gatherings are based on principles of inclusivity, not exclusivity – whereas many of our gatherings are not just based on who we let in, but who we keep out.” – Imam Khalid Latif

“There is this provocative statement that was made 300 years ago by Jonathan Swift, the writer, poet and pastor; He said, ‘we have just enough religion to make us hate one another but not enough to make us love one another.’ This is a halting statement because I think we recognize there’s truth in it and in the same way the answer is also in it. The solution is not for us to back away from our religion. It’s to go deeper into our religions. That is what we have done today and I hope it provides hope for us all. – Dr. Michael Bos

Marble Church continues the dialogue in their upcoming interfaith events:

Interfaith Photovoice – Sunday, February 10, 2:00pm

Christians, Muslims and Jews are coming together to explore the opportunities and challenges of being a person of faith through the use of images.

Taste of Scriptural Reasoning – Sunday, February 24, 1:30-3:30pm

Taste of Scriptural Reasoning, is a practice of dialogue across faith traditions that centers around scripture passages from different traditions. Open to all, from any faith or none! Hosted by Marble Church, in partnership with and facilitated by the Rose Castle Foundation, we discuss texts from Muslim, Christian and Jewish scriptures.

For more information visit www.marblechurch.org

About Marble Church:

With roots dating back to 1628, Marble Collegiate Church has been serving the diverse residents of New York City for centuries. And now, through live streaming, we have worshipers in all fifty states and over 160 countries around the world. This vibrant protestant church offers a place of community for all and encourages living out that faith to become our best selves in order to serve New York City and the world.

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