

Interfaith Community Liaison – Fellowship Description

Organizational Overview

The **Neighborhood Interfaith Movement (NIM)** is a 42-year-old social service and advocacy organization located in northwest Philadelphia and founded with the vision of “a vibrant, just and caring society, grounded in the shared values of individuals and diverse faith traditions and mindful of the interconnectedness of life.” NIM’s work for social justice takes a variety of forms, including professional services to improve the quality of child care throughout Philadelphia and to advocate on behalf of the residents of long-term and nursing homes. The organization also maintains its historical, interfaith presence in northwest Philadelphia through several initiatives developed to engage its 48-member alliance of Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Unitarian and other congregations.

Position Overview

As a result of a recently completed strategic plan that called for increased engagement of our congregational partners, NIM is currently seeing a Congregational Liaison to support our Northwest Program Director in strengthening connections and communication with our member congregations. The Congregational Liaison will also provide support for current initiatives, including Sustaining Creation, our environmental initiative, and Dialogues for Racial Justice, which seeks to strengthen our already diverse community through genuine relationships with one another.

Responsibilities of the position include:

- Support NW Program Director in communication with clergy and other congregation members to publicize interfaith initiatives and events.
- Support development of social media presence on interfaith issues, assist with website updates and other online media items.
- Assist with planning and implementation of interfaith events, including annual Martin Luther King celebration and Annual Assembly.
- Participate in interfaith initiatives such as Sustaining Creation (environmental issues) and Dialogues for Racial Justice, assisting with program development when necessary.
- Work with NW Program Director to create new, volunteer-led initiatives that will address needs of member congregations and the broader community.
- Staff NIM’s Community Resource Center, which provides information on a wide variety of services available to residents, including hunger, employment, housing and other needs.
- Communicate with local agencies and elected officials to acquire materials for Resource Center.
- Assist NW Program Director in joining with or developing new advocacy campaigns to engage local congregations and address social justice issues.
- Support efforts to engage “spiritual but not religious” members of the NW Philadelphia community and develop, with NW Program Director and other IM staff, programs of interest to this growing group.

Supervisor/Contact Info

This position reports to Eric Wilden, Director of Development and NW Programs. Please contact Eric at 215-843-5600, extension 104, or ewilden@nimphilly.org. NIM is located at 7047 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19119.