



Member Congregations of the Interfaith Mission Service

# **2022 Annual Plan**

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**Support Services Committee**

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## **1 Introduction**

The purpose of the 2022 IMS Annual Plan is to detail the major activities by each Ministry Area, Standing Committee, and other affiliated organizations

The integrated schedule of activities is display as a Gantt Chart summary (previously referred to as a level 1 plan) in Section 3. The actual dates of major events will be updated and published in the IMS online calendar, described in Section 2. The activities are described in Section 4, with links to the IMS website for more information.

This is a living document and will be updated as required by the Board of Directors.

## **2 IMS 2022 Online Calendar**

The calendar of IMS meetings and major events is available online at

<https://www.interfaithmissionservice.org/about-us/current-newsletter/calendar/>

The 2022 calendar is based on the following schedule.

- Leadership Council meetings on the fourth Thursday of every month.
- Board of Director's meetings on the first and third Thursday of every month
- Governance Committee election of new officers
  - Present officers during the November Leadership Council meeting
  - Conduct election of officers during the December Leadership Council meeting

### 3 Integrated Schedule of IMS 2022 Major Activities

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Community Service (CSMA)	FoodLine Network											
	Catalog of Services DB Updates											
Interfaith Cooperation (ICMA)	Promote World Religions Primer & Interfaith Leadership Online Course											
	Discovery Faith Encounter											
Racial Equity (REMA)	Promote Civic Dinners											
	What is Beloved Community											
Social Justice (SJMA)	Promote Justice Circles											
	Women's Conference Planning											
Membership Committee	ACAD Planning											
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Strategic Planning Committee	Strategic Plan											
Support Committee	Annual Plan											
Governance Committee	Document Control											
	By Law Review											
IMS & Member Cong. Events	Nonviolence & Beloved Community											
	Juneteenth											
	Make a Friend not like me											

## 4 IMS 2022 Major Activities

### FoodLine

The FOODline pantry ministry coordinates among five congregations that have food pantries to provide emergency food to families in immediate need. FOODLine acts as a clearing house between the caller in need and the local food pantries. Volunteers are needed to man the telephone lines and arrange food distribution.

[LINK](#)

### Catalog of Services

Online directory of services on the IMS web site. IMS members post their services and outreach programs, so that the Power of We community can cross-share and better serve the community. [LINK](#)

### Promote World Religion Primer

Connect with this brief online course about world religions provided by *Interfaith Voices*. Stephen Prothero gives us a crash course on eight of the world's spiritual traditions—what they believe, where they come from, and how they're different from each other. Each segment poses two basic questions: what is the problem that religion defines as central in the world, and what is the solution? [LINK](#)

### Interfaith Leadership Online Course

IMS is connecting you with *Interfaith Leadership 101* which is part of *We Are Each Other's*, an Interfaith Youth Core campaign to activate and support interfaith leaders responding to the current national crises. This online course is present in three segments: reflect, connect, and act. Like all of you, we are on a journey in this work and are excited to have you as co-learners as we seek to deepen our interfaith leadership. We are excited to be on this path with you. [LINK](#)

### Discovery Faith Encounter

The Discovery Faith Encounter is a monthly opportunity to encounter with a different religious tradition each month. Each encounter is hosted by a local congregation/community. Visitors and guests will have the opportunity to attend a lunch-and-learn as well as a tour and/or attend a worship service. Please [email](#) IMS if you would like to host a Discovery Faith Encounter at your location. Watch our newsletter and social media for dates and times.

### Nonviolence Action Week

IMS is connecting community with the national campaign for nonviolence. From September 21 to October 2, 2022, join tens of thousands of people in calling for a culture rooted in nonviolence. From renewable energy to housing for all, we're connecting the dots between the issues and proposing a bold vision for nonviolent solutions to our pressing crises. For 9 years, Campaign Nonviolence has organized an unprecedented movement for a culture of peace and active nonviolence. In September, 2022, the Campaign Nonviolence National Week of Action held over 4,000 actions, events and marches across the USA and in 20 countries. Over 60,000 people participated in these events. This year, we're inviting the movement to deepen and focus. Each IMS member and group is encouraged to participate in the nonviolence action week. [LINK](#)

## Civic Dinners

IMS is connecting members with another great resource for *Bridging the Racial Divide*. Civic Dinners are a conversation exploring how we understand race and how we can bridge the racial divide to create the Beloved Community. The civic dinner format was created by The King Center and [inclusivv.co](https://inclusivv.co) as a method for to help groups organize and enter into dialog about this important topic. Whether you're hosting within your organization, or your friends and neighbors, follow the provided guides and steps to ensure a meaningful conversation. [LINK](#)

## What is Beloved Community

IMS is hosting a two hour workshop, May 2022, to help attendees develop and deepen their understanding of *What is Beloved Community*. "Love is creative and redemptive. Love builds up and unites; hate tears down and destroys. The aftermath of the 'fight with fire' method which you suggest is bitterness and chaos, the aftermath of the love method is reconciliation and **creation of the beloved community**."—Martin Luther King, Jr., 1957

## Justice Circles

IMS is connecting members with Justice Circles created by the Franciscan Action Network. A Justice Circle provides a welcoming space to come together in community with a diverse group of people who all feel called to integrate faith values into their lives in a way that moves them beyond themselves. This unique program invites people to build on their experiences of charitable works, challenging them to advocate and take actions to address the root causes of injustice in their community. Justice Circles are local grassroots communities that unite to advocate for social and environmental justice. They are independent, ongoing, volunteer-led groups empowered to engage the issues in their communities that are important to them through advocacy and action. [LINK](#)

## Woman's Conference

The First IMS Woman's conference was held last year. It provided a rich perspective on woman's issues during COVID from a diverse set of voices from different religious backgrounds in our community.

## ACAD

The Annual Celebration and Awards Dinner is a celebration of IMS activities with service awards, and engaging speakers. This is the primary IMS fund raiser. Last year, it was a virtual event due to COVID.

## Kite Festival

IMS participates in AshaKiran's annual Kite Day. The Community Kite Festival is organized in Huntsville AL with a purpose of fostering inclusiveness and harmony & increasing awareness of social issues in the community. Poverty, abuse/violence, discrimination, etc. permeate society at every level. Let's take the initiative to come together in solidarity to understand these concerns and the connections to be a network that stands for a responsible and equal world.

## AL Arise Listen Series

IMS will host at least one Alabama Arise listening sessions. IMS members attend the annual AL Arise Listen Series in Huntsville to review the legislative agenda and issues facing Alabama.

## Movie/Discussion

IMS will host a movie night to review a social justice topic. The movie will be followed by a discussion panel and question and response. Watch our newsletter and social media for date and time.

### **Document Control**

An internal project to organize and configuration control IMS documents on Google Drive where they are easily accessible.

### **By Laws Review**

An internal project to review the By-Laws and recommend changes to clarify the By-Laws

More information at <https://www.interfaithmissionservice.org/>

### Revision History

Date	Description
2022-02-24	Document created from approved integrated list of major activities reviewed by BOD and presented to LC