



Dear Members and Friends,

Invitation: Calderdale Interfaith General Open Meeting & Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday 21 September 2022 – 7pm

Venue: The Central Methodist Church, Commercial St, Brighouse HD6 1AQ

We are writing to invite you to Calderdale Interfaith Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

A General Open Meeting will follow the AGM.

Please find the following documents attached:

- Agendas for the meetings
- Nomination Form
- Minutes of the previous AGM (30 September 2021)
- Application form for membership of Calderdale Interfaith

Official business will include selecting/confirming people for positions of:

- Trustee
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Steering Group members

If you would like to nominate someone please obtain their permission in the first instance and complete the attached nomination form. Completed forms to be sent to Canon Hilary Barber to the address below or to h.barber@halifaxminster.org.uk before the date of the meeting.

If you have any queries regarding any information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Trustees via this email Calderdaleinterfaith@gmail.com

Please confirm your attendance by replying to this email.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Canon Hilary Barber, Perveen Hussain, John Bouttell, Alex Mathie & Dr P B Anand
Trustees of Calderdale Interfaith

Calderdale Interfaith - General Open Meeting

Wednesday 21 September 2022

Agenda

We will hold two minutes' silence for prayer and reflection

1. Welcome: The Mayor of Calderdale
2. Speaker: Reverend Canon Hilary Barber
3. Future Events
 - 25 October 2022 'The Moral Economy' Conference
 - 13 November 2022- Remembrance Sunday:
 - 13 - 20 November 2022- Interfaith Week:
 - 14 November 2022 - Meeting of Faith leaders
 - 15 November 2022 - The Dignity of Women – Scriptural Reflections Exhibition
 - 19 November 2022 - Faith Walk, Time and venues TBC
 - 24 November 2022 - Annual Celebration
 - Future events / requests and suggestions for future activities
4. Any Other Business
5. International Prayer for Peace

THE INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth
Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust
Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 21 September 2022
AGM Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies - The Mayor of Calderdale
2. Introduction – Vice-Chair Calderdale Interfaith
3. Minutes of AGM meeting 30 September 2021
4. Matters Arising
5. Trustees Report – Perveen Hussain/Dr PB Anand
6. Financial Report 2021/2022 – Anne Linehan, Treasurer
7. Report of Calderdale Women’s Interfaith Group (CWIG) – Perveen Hussain
8. Appointment of Officers –
 - Vice Chairs – Perveen Hussain/ Dr P B Anand (*co-opted after the 2021 AGM but now to be formally appointed*)
 - Secretary – from nominations received
 - Steering Group Members
9. Close of AGM

NOMINATION FORM

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

POSITION NOMINATED FOR: _____

PROPOSED BY: _____

I AGREE TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE ABOVE POSITION

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Please note that any information you supply to Calderdale Interfaith will be held securely for the organisation's purposes only. If you do not agree to this, please let us know and we will delete your details.

Membership Application Form

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS TO COMPLETE THIS FORM

Name

Address

Email address

Phone number

I belong to this Faith – please tick one

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| Baha’i | |
| Buddhism | |
| Christianity | |
| Druidism | |
| Hinduism | |
| Islam | |
| Judaism | |
| Quaker | |
| Sikhism | |
| Other (please state) | |

I do not belong to any Faith

Calderdale Interfaith Aims and Objects

The charity aims to:

- Work for the purpose of overcoming ignorance, fear and misunderstanding between the various faith communities and those of secular persuasion in Calderdale.
- Move with confidence in our partnerships and contacts with faith communities.
- Promote a greater understanding of the positive role that religious faith and faith communities can play in shaping our society.
- Maintain an environment of dignity for all in social interactions.
- Work in partnership with people of all communities and their organisations.

The charity's objects are to:

- Work towards racial and religious equality in all areas of life.
- Promote the positive role of religious life in daily living.
- Influence decision making in all areas of public life, forming links with, and seeking public consultation rights with statutory and voluntary bodies.
- Share concerns and provide mutual support.

I wish to be a Member of the Calderdale Interfaith

I support and will promote the Aims and Objects

Signature

Date

Please return the completed form to lorettalinehan49@gmail.com or by post to:

L A Linehan

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By completing this form, you are also giving permission for Calderdale Interfaith

Halifax Minster Office, Causey Hall, Causeway, Halifax HX1 1QL

Tel: 01422 355436

Calderdale Interfaith Council – Annual General Meeting

The Enterprise Centre at St Michael's Parish Church

Thursday 30 September 2021 – 7.00pm



Present:

The Mayor of Calderdale, Cllr Chris Pillai

Chief Superintendent Sarah Baker

The Reverend Canon Hilary Barber

Rev Andy Williams

Cllr Roisin Cavanagh

Cllr Jenny Lynn

Ian Hughes

Margaret Barnes

Anne Linehan

John Bouttell

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Colin Sherwood

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Minutes

1	Welcome & Apologies – The Mayor of Calderdale	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Mayor welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were recorded as above.	
2	Introduction – Revd Canon Hilary Barber	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The last 18 months have been difficult for all, infection rates continue to be high in Calderdale but there is a feeling of hope and turning a corner. Respect is paid to those who lost their lives to Covid. Message to all to continue to take precautions and look after one another.	
3	Minutes of AGM Meeting – 22 October 2020	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	
4	Matters Arising	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None.	
5	Trustees Report	
	<p>Reverend Canon Hilary Barber shared the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">2020/21 continues to be dominated by the Covid Pandemic affecting the whole world. Following significant lockdowns, the vaccine programme, and the slow lifting of restrictions, life has begun to open up again, but at the time of writing the infection level in Calderdale has never been higher, reminding us that the Pandemic is not over, and we still have a distance to travel before we can relax, and life resumes to a more relaxed sense of normality.Calderdale Interfaith was reminded of the significance of Covid 19 when our dear friend Rudi Leavor, Chair and Cantor of the Bradford Synagogue died during the year from Covid well into his 90's. Rudi was deeply loved and respected by the faith communities across West Yorkshire, and here in Calderdale we will treasure those memories of Rudi singing on Remembrance Sunday and at Holocaust Memorial events the Jewish Mourning song. At this time of reporting we also acknowledge the absence of Sail Suleman, Equality and Cohesion Officer at Calderdale Council, a true friend of Calderdale Interfaith, also isolating at home with Covid 19, with his own elderly Father suffering from Covid 19 and now in hospital. Perveen Hussain, one of Trustees is missing	

this evening because her daughter too has Covid, and she is both at home isolating and caring for the family.

- The Trustees delegate the day to day running of Calderdale Interfaith to the Steering Committee, who continue to meet monthly Online. Again they have sort to maintain some kind of activity during these difficult months, supported by Donna Turner as the Administrator, who has been a welcome addition to the team and a breath of fresh air to the whole organisation.
- Interfaith Week began on Remembrance Sunday with a recorded film of the Laying of wreaths at the Halifax Cenotaph on behalf of the whole Borough, and a statement on behalf of all the faith communities read out by Gian Gabbi, of the Hindu faith, on behalf of us all. Unlike other years, this was the only event that took place during Interfaith Week given the restrictions at the time.
- In March we were commissioned by Calderdale Council to make a film for the anniversary of the first lockdown, reflecting many of the organisations and agencies that had gone the extra mile during the past year, and the huge response by people of faith across the whole Borough.
- In July some of us came together in the Minster to give thanks for the work of the National Health Service, and whilst many health practitioners were sadly missing, we as people of faith did come together, and we were able to reflect and give thanks for the difficult work the NHS undertakes throughout all our communities.
- In the background there have been weekly, and now monthly meetings with the Director of Public Health and her team, as they have looked to support all the faith communities in working through the Pandemic and especially in the reopening of Places of Worship, and advice on Risk Assessments and supporting the Vaccine programme.
- At a National level Calderdale Interfaith has engaged with the All Parliamentary Group on Faith and Interfaith Network UK. Our engagement with the Local Authority through the Faith Covenant is held up nationally as a model of good practise, as we continue to work together and respond to the needs of the whole community across the Borough. The Pandemic on the one hand has resulted in less formal activity by Calderdale Interfaith, but informally people of faith have volunteered to run food banks, vaccination centres, prescription runs, acts of kindness towards neighbours, and many, many other things that have been hidden from sight yet of equal value.
- My thanks go to the Trustees for their commitment and diligence, and to the Steering Committee who make things happen and keep us alive as an organisation. This year Margaret Barnes is stepping down after long years of service, and we record our thanks and gratitude to her for all that she has done to further the cause of Calderdale Interfaith over the years. Cllr Dot Foster completed the unusual two year period of her Office as Mayor of Calderdale and we record our gratitude for Dot for her support throughout that time, as we now welcome Cllr Chris Pillai, as he steps into the role as Chair of Calderdale Interfaith for the coming year.

6	Financial Report 2020/2021 – Anne Linehan, Treasurer													
	<p>Anne Linehan shared the following report:</p> <table><tr><td>Opening Balance (as at 1.4.20)</td><td>£18,032.63</td></tr><tr><td>Payments</td><td>- £ 1,484.76</td></tr><tr><td>Receipts</td><td>nil</td></tr><tr><td>Balance at 31.3.21</td><td><u>£16,547.87</u></td></tr><tr><td>+ petty cash</td><td>£ 109.03</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td><u>£16,656.90</u></td></tr></table> <p>Six payments made since 31.3.21 £ 809.23</p> <p>Total Balance at 12.09.21 £ 15,847.67</p> <p>NOTE:</p> <p>The six payments are to Zurich Insurance, 6million+ Srebrenica event, NHS event, Xcel Consultancy and 2x Climate Change Events.</p>	Opening Balance (as at 1.4.20)	£18,032.63	Payments	- £ 1,484.76	Receipts	nil	Balance at 31.3.21	<u>£16,547.87</u>	+ petty cash	£ 109.03	TOTAL	<u>£16,656.90</u>	
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7	Report of Calderdale Women’s Interfaith Group – Perveen Hussain													
	<p>Margaret Barnes shared the following update on behalf of Perveen Hussain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Starting with September last year. On 11 September, we had a very successful online webinar with some 60 women attending. Our keynote speakers included Yvonne Ridley, Holly Lynch and Dr Crabtree who shared their thoughts on the topic of “Post Covid – How do we continue to care for the community and the environment”. We had Music from Mystic beats and Quranic recitation and singing from the 51st Pellon Scout Group. Inspirational local speakers shared their views on the topic and encapsulated a tremendous community spirit in such a trying time. It was a moving but stimulating evening to carry us through the winter.During November the online yoga session had to be cancelled due to the instructor being ill.													

- On Wednesday 9th December Gunhild Wilcock gave an online talk about Life Journeys - living with combined sight and hearing loss - followed by discussion/question and answer session.
- Gunhild described what it was like for the elderly to lose their sight and or hearing. And she gave extremely useful and common sense advice on what could be done to assist people with sight and hearing loss.
- In March 2021, we partnered with the all-one Collective, HOTs and Healthy minds to put on a tremendous International Women's Day celebration online. There was music, yoga, talks and workshops on mental health. It was very interactive, and many connections were made between the women attending, albeit on online - we were very much together in spirit.
- On Monday 7th June Sharon Longman, who is the Community Engagement Pioneer with the Calderdale Methodist Circuit talked to us about the work of Bus oasis and her community engagement including interfaith projects. I found Sharon's enthusiasm quite inspirational, and I was blown away with the tremendous amount of work they had done with such diverse communities. It's an amazingly simple idea, that the best way to reach people was to buy a bus and take the Church to where the people were. It really was an oasis for the people who used it for arts and crafts, sports or prayers or indeed to do nothing, just to 'BE'.
- The Flowering of Friendship was a commemoration event for Srebrenica.
- On 12 July, myself and Margaret Barnes represented C I, whilst Jenny Lynn represented Calderdale Council at the commemoration for all those killed in the Bosnian War, particularly the men and boys murdered in Srebrenica on 11th July 1995.
- The event was coordinated by the 6 million+ Charitable Trust. Twenty one organisations from Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Bradford were given wooden boxes to plant out and decorate with words from a phrase and the flower of Srebrenica. At the ceremony, which was extremely moving and creative, all the planters were placed in a horseshoe shape and the words read:
"Remembering Bosnian men and boys cut down in Srebrenica: wondering about their potential: To rebuild and reconnect is the destiny of survivors: Remember and take action whenever human rights are threatened."
- On Thursday 5th August there was a walk around Cromwell Bottom Reserve which is a mix of woodland, wetlands and grasslands and is rich in plant and wildlife. We had a fantastic time as it was the first time we had met in person after 18 months. Thanks go to Lynda Moran who is a volunteer at the reserve and David, our guide who took us around. They are doing a tremendous job in surveying and conserving the hundreds of species of both plant and wildlife they have found there.
- Unfortunately our community picnic in the People's Park on 21 August was an absolute washout as it rained cats and dogs. Only four of us turned out but it literally was a GREAT day for the ducks in the park.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee mornings continue to take place online every second and fourth Thursday of the month. 	
8	Safeguarding	
	<p>John Bouttell provided the following update on Safeguarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under charitable law an item must be included on safeguarding. The Safeguarding Policy has been updated. JB has registered with the Voluntary Sector Infrastructure along with Calderdale Safeguarding Partnership and Adult Board which will include access to relevant safeguarding training. 	
9	Appointment of Officers	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustee – Dr P B Anand (<i>co-opted after the 2020 AGM but now to be formally appointed</i>). All agreed. Assistant Treasurer – from nominations received. Position not required. Secretary – from nominations received. Postponed / to be discussed further at the Trustees Meeting 7.10.21. <p>Anyone who would like to become more involved, the CIC Steering Group meet on the first Thursday of each month.</p>	
10	Close of AGM	
	Meeting closed at 8.30pm	



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Minutes

1	Welcome / Two minutes silent prayer / reflection.
	<p>HB welcomed all to the meeting with a special welcome to the Mayor of Calderdale, Cllr Chris Pillai and speaker Chief Superintendent Sarah Baker.</p> <p>Thanks to Reverend Daniel Miles for accommodating and attending the meeting.</p> <p>Rev Daniel Miles provided the following welcome message:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A warm welcome to all. The church and the hall flooded before lockdown and both buildings were out of action. Pleased to report that the community can now return to pre pandemic operation. Most of the congregation have returned but the pandemic has taken its toll on the elderly both physically and mentally. Trying to bring back basic gatherings such as coffee mornings and social events to rebuild a sense of community. Mums and tots have restarted along with Friday Quiz Night. Also building links with local businesses.
2	Speaker: Sarah Baker, Chief Superintendent of West Yorkshire Police
	<p>Chief Superintendent Sarah Baker provided the following update:</p> <p><i>Background</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Took over the role as Chief Superintendent of West Yorkshire from Dickie Whitehead after being his Deputy. Joined West Yorkshire Police in 2002 working for Kirklees in various roles including Constable, Control, Road Policing Officer, Neighbouring policing and then Sergeant. Promoted to Inspector at Kirklees then moved to Bradford as Control Inspector and then promoted to Chief Inspector at Bradford and Superintendent and then District Commander at Calderdale.The uniform represents a significant part of me, in terms of justice and the feelings of right and wrong which is deeply rooted in the need to help people. <p><i>Policing / Overview of Calderdale</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Insights for Calderdale and where the force is heading: Force performance is monitored with inspections and spot checks. It is important to be held to account and scrutinised. The public also hold the police to account with meetings such as Safer, Cleaner Greener. Lots of mechanisms in place to monitor progress.

Key Data

- Emergency priority calls 999/111 – Calderdale have the best response times in the force.
- Just over 90% of calls are responded to in the required time frame (15 mins for an emergency and 1 hour for non-emergency).
- Residential burglary is down / shop lifting and knife crime are also down on the 2019 figures.
- Increase in theft of motor vehicles with a large number of keyless theft crimes.
- ASB crimes in some areas.
- Calderdale have good outcome rates (where a suspect is charged and has a positive outcome). Investment seen in the investigations side of the business with a dedicated unit responding.
- Missing people/mental health incidents are harder to measure but seeing a reduction, lots of problem solving partnership work.
- Officers are dealing with an increase in digital work involving phones, computers, laptops etc.
- Drugs economy / working hard on engagement in communities with intelligence. Increase in recorded drugs possession and supply – successes seen with a few cases going to court.

Feedback/Questions:

- Cllr Cavanagh: Attacks in Todmorden have increased and people are feeling vulnerable walking in open spaces. What can be done around messaging / women are feeling they are not taken seriously?
- SB: Reassurance that this is taken seriously and how the community feel is important and it matters. There will be additional support and meetings arranged with residents in Todmorden in order to listen and provide support.
- HB: Resources available for security for places of worship?
- SB: 2 Crime Prevention Officers provide support, the provision is limited due to resource.
- Cllr Cavanagh: A number of PCSO's attend suicide situations, reassurance that support for their mental health is available?
- SB: Improvement has been made with support for staff including a Wellbeing Programme and a 24 hour hotline available 7 days a week along with support from Peer Support Officers.

Recruitment

- SB: Overall there is an improving figure with recruitment, good position with gender but low numbers with ethnicity. Need support to share the message with communities, friends, colleagues and congregations to encourage take up.

Challenges

- Increase in domestic abuse, CSE and ASB.
- Staff are working hard and burning out, if you have friends or community members that are Officers, please check in and support.
- Appeal to HB to support with early action work with young people, there is a partnership meeting but no faith representation / anyone wishing to be involved would be very welcome.

	HB: Thank you to Sarah Baker for her attendance and contribution.	
3	Future Events	
	<p><i>Remembrance Sunday: 14 November 2021</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interfaith week begins on Remembrance Sunday, wreaths have been ordered for the Borough and a service planned at the Cenotaph. <p><i>Interfaith Week: 14 - 20 November 2021</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy & Imams meeting arranged for Monday 15 November at Road Street Mosque. Annual Celebration Event booked for Thursday 18 November; the event will include how faith communities have supported people through the pandemic. Invitations will be circulated. <p><i>Future events / requests and suggestions for future activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference on climate change arranged for the 14 October with 3 speakers / spread the word. 	
4	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
5	The international Prayer for Peace	
	<p>HB closed the meeting with 2 minutes silence to reflect on the local communities and interfaith across the borough:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth • Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust • Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace • Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe 	