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LINK: Organizations

IN PHILADELPHIA

1. IVC- International Visitors Council of Philadelphia

<http://www.ivc.org>

Address:1515 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Phone:215.683.0999
Fax 215.683.0998

2. AL-AQSA Islamic Community and Muslim religious high school

Address:1501 Germantown Ave.
Philadelphia, PA19122
Phone:215.915.2306

Al-Aqsa was founded in 1989, with the purpose of preserving Islamic identity. The community is led by Steering Committee. The community is central gathering-place for social, religious and cultural matters for many Arabs and other Muslims who live in Philadelphia.

3. Committee for Human Relations

Address:The Curtis Center
601 Walnut Street, Suite 500 South
Philadelphia, PA 19106
Phone:215.686.4698

Committee is the city-service that implements the civil laws and that is involved in all aspects of conflict between groups within the city. Many programs involve youth and religion. Department for relations with community offers program for conflict resolution.

4. Epiphany of Our Lord- Catholic Church

Address: 1144 Jackson Street
Philadelphia, PA 19148
Phone: 215.334.1035

5. School-Friends select

Address: 17th Street&Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia,PS 19103
Phone:215.561.5900

Besides excellent educational services, the school 'Friends Select' is entirely dedicated to work and activities of *Religious society of friends-Quakers*, which makes integral part of school and community. This influence of Quakers is manifested on daily basis in practice of peaceful conflict resolution, service and other 'respects and inclusions'. The school is for children from pre-primary to mid-school ages.

6. Mayor's Office for Religious and Civil Initiatives

Address: Room 201
City Hall
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Phone: 215.686.3958

This Office serves as relation between city authorities, local religious communities and similar institutions, and it establishes collaborative relations among religious groups and supports the inclusion of groups in providing services for poor and in solving social problems, including problems of young people.

7. Department for Recreation of Philadelphia City - Theatre and Workshop for Creative Solutions

Address:Vare Recreation Center
2600 Morris Street
Philadelphia, PA
Phone:215.685.1871
Mobile:215.906.8916

8. Women Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania (GSEP)

Address:330 Manor Road
Miquon, PA 19144
Phone:215.564.2030

GSEP gathers more than 50.000 girls (age 5 to 17) from municipalities of Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton and Philadelphia. Scouts are voluntary, non-profit organization with more than 17,000 volunteers. Female scouts of America were founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912., as an organization that enables its members to have different experiences in order to inspire themselves,

like for example: unusual excursions, workshops for developing sports' skills, projects for enrichment of community, cultural exchanges and programs for protection of environment.

9. Roman Catholic high-school for boys

Address: 301 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Phone: 215.627.1270

This school was established as part of educational system of Philadelphia diocese. It is situated in the centre of the city, but it attracts males from all parts of town. The school is proud of its academic schedule, competitive sports and for many other activities.

10. Operation Understanding - civil organization

Address: 30 South 15th Street, Suite 801
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Phone: 215.665.8575

Operation Understanding is civil organization established in 1985. with the goal of educating young people in inter-cultural leadership and improving dialogue between Jewish and Afro-American communities. Early in February every year, six to eight students in third year of secondary school, who are of Afro-American or Jewish origin, are chosen on competitive basis, among many applications, for cultural exchange, lasting one and a half year. Accent is put on choice of participants from different social and economic environments. Within this program, participants travel to New York, to American south, to Senegal and Israel. (William Grey, ex-member of American Congress has founded this organization; and he is also honorable pastor in the biggest and best known Afro-American church in Philadelphia.

11. Mennonite Information Center

Address: 2209 Millstream Road
Lancaster, PA 17602
Phone: 800.858.8320

12. Amish farm-authentic functional farm

Address: 2395 Route 30 East
Lancaster, PA 17602
Phone: 717.394.6185

Municipality Lancaster is situated one and a half hour, west from Philadelphia. In municipality Lancaster live 'Pennsylvania Dutch' religious groups of Amishes, Mennonites, and Brethrens- who still live in different, non-modern ways, and who

practice their religions, as they did a few hundred years ago. Amishes live in communities in 22 states of USA and in Ontario, Canada. The oldest group, Old Order Amishes, 16-18,000 people live in municipality Lancaster, In Pennsylvania. Amishes stress humility, family and community, and distance themselves from the rest of the world. They originate from Mennonites, and both make part of Ana-baptisit movemnet in Europe,which happened during the Restoration times. Anabaptists believed that only adult persons that confirmed their faith, should be baptized and should live distanced from the rest of the world. Many of the early Anabaptists, were killed as heretics, by Catholics and Protestants, and some escaped to mountains of Switzerland and southern Germany. This is where Amish agruicultural tradition started and also the services of pray in houses, instead of praying in churches. They are different in their way of clothing, their use of technology, their language, way of prayers and Bible interpretation. Amishes' and Mennonites' settlement in Pennsylvania makes part of the so called 'sacred experiment' in religious tolerance, made by William Penn. The first bigger group of Amishes settled in municiplaity Lancaster, during the 20's and 30's of the 18th century.

13. Police Athletic League of Philadelphia (PAL)

Address: Cozen PAL Center
732 North 17th Street (17th & Brown Streets)
Philadelphia, PA 19130
Phone: 215.232.2101

Police Athletic League of Philadelphia is independent non-profit corporation dedicated to 'policemen who help children'. All their centers are under surveillance of Philadelphia policemen, who spend their full working-time in monitoring the work with young people. With help of the volunteers, policemen help young people by giving support, delivering tranings and implementing activities which enable youth for more success in their lives.

14. Fund for Islamic Education and Villan Academy

Address: 1860Montgomery Ave.
Villan street, PA 19085
Phone:610.520.9624
Fax.610.520.0725

This Fund is private institution, led by Steering Committee, and dedicated to providing services to Muslims in wider area of Philadelphia. It is situated on the territory of few hectares, and comprises: Mosque, Villan Academy for 'high studies' education (Muslim religious high school, for ages from kindergarten to 6th year of school),Villan Weekend-school (studies of Qurran, Islamic and Arab studies and other educational and recreational activities), Da'wah and Department for Media, but also Department for Working with Community.

15. Greek Orthodox church of Saint George

Address: 256 S.8th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Phone 215.627.4389

16. University of Pennsylvania

Address: 215 South 39th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
Phone 215.573.7596

IN WASHINGTON

1. U.S. Supreme Court

Address: First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20534
Phone: 202.479.3493
<http://www.supremecourts.gov>

The United States Supreme Court consists of the Chief Justice of the United States and eight associate justices. At its discretion, and within certain guidelines established by Congress, the Supreme Court each year hears a limited number of the cases it is asked to decide. Those cases may begin in the federal or state courts, and they usually involve important questions about the Constitution or federal law.

2. InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington

Address: 1426 Ninth Street (at P. Street),
NW, Second Floor, Washington, DC
Phone: 202.234.6300

The InterFaith Conference (IFC) brings together the Baha'i, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Latter-day Saints, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Sikh and Zoroastrian faith communities in the Washington Metropolitan region to promote dialogue, understanding and a sense of community among persons of different faiths and to work cooperatively for social and economic justice in metropolitan Washington.

3. Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Address: 2121 K Street,
NW, Washington, DC 20037
Phone: 202.628.8188

4. American University Kay Spiritual Life Center

Address: 4400 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, DC 20016-8010
Phone: 202.885.3320
<http://www.american.edu/ocl/kay/>

The Key Spiritual Life Center serves the university community as a center for religious life and spiritual growth. In keeping with American University's commitment to inquiry, diversity, service, and involvement, the Kay Centre is an interfaith house of worship and a home to a rich array of faith communities as well as a crossroads where people of conscience, intellect, and spirit find a place for their questions and life struggles. The Kay Centre fosters a climate of interfaith understanding and openness in which matters of faith and value are recognized as an integral part of university life.

5. Center for Global Peace

<http://www.american.edu/cgp/index.html>

The Center for Global Peace provides a framework for programs and initiatives that advance the study and understanding of world peace grounded in a search for a just and sustainable world order. The Center works to embody the invitation in American University's Statement of Common Purpose, "turning ideas into action...and actions into service."

6. Peacebuilding and Development Institute

<http://www.american.edu/sis/peacebuilding/>

The Peace-building and Development Institute (PDI) aims to provide cutting-edge training, research, and capacity-building opportunities for practitioners and scholars in the areas of development, humanitarian assistance, diplomacy, and conflict resolution. The Institute is part of the School of International Service (SIS) and the International Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) Program at American University. PDI has several components: Trainings and Symposia, the Summer Professional Training Program, the Youth & Gender Initiative, the Peace-building Forums, and International Programs. These components integrate policy, practice, and theory to create new approaches to conflict-sensitive and transformative peace practice.

7. Washington National cathedral

Address: Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, NW
Washington, DC 20016
Phone: (202) 537-6207 x5
<http://www.cathedral.org/cathedral/>

The Washington National Cathedral is operated by the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation (PECF). The PECF was chartered by the United States Congress in 1893 to operate the Cathedral and its affiliated organizations. The cornerstone of the Cathedral was laid in 1907, and the final finial was set in place in 1990. The Cathedral was built and is operated solely on the support of private donations. The Cathedral receives no support from the federal government or any national church. Officially named the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, the Cathedral serves as three-fold mission: A National House of Prayer for All People; A Great Church for National Purposes; and The Chief Mission Church of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

8. The Islamic Center

Address: 2551 Massachusetts Avenue,
NW, Washington, DC 20008
Phone: (202) 332-8343
<http://www.theislamiccenter.com/>

The Islamic Center of Washington mosque was dedicated in 1957, making it the oldest Islamic house of worship in the city. This center is an institution of Muslim scholarship, education and culture. The center also houses a library of works about Islam and holds changing exhibitions

9. Georgetown Interfaith Group and Campus Ministries

Address:
Georgetown University Campus
Phone: (419) 410-2471

The Interfaith Youth Core aims to build relationships on the values that we share, such as hospitality and caring for the Earth, and how we can live out those values together to contribute to the betterment of our community. We provide young people and the institutions that support them with leadership training, project resources and a connection to a broader movement.

10. The Interfaith Alliance (TIA)

Address: 1212 New York Ave
NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20005
Phone: (202) 238-3300
<http://www.interfaithalliance.org/>

The Interfaith Alliance (TIA) is a national organization that promotes the positive, healing role of faith in civic life, and challenges intolerance and extremism. Rooted in faith traditions the world over, the Alliance offers Americans a mainstream, religiously-based agenda committed to individual dignity and the importance of community.

11. Rumi Forum

Address: 1150 17th Street, NW, Suite 408
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: (202) 429-1690
<http://www.rumiforum.org/server/>

Rumi Forum was founded in 1999 with the mission to foster interfaith and intercultural dialogue, stimulate thinking and exchange of opinions on supporting and fostering democracy and peace all over the world and to provide a common platform for education and information exchange. With this mission, the Forum set up 4 Centers under its umbrella, namely the Center for Democracy and Human Rights, Center for Development and Environment, Center for Education and Youth, and Center for Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue.

12. Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Address: 2109 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037
Phone: 202-337-1500
www.bhembassy.org

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United States of America, Dr. Bisera Turkovic, presented her credentials to H.E. George W. Bush, the President of the United States of America, on October 3, 2005. Prior to her current appointment, Dr. Turkovic served as the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations Office in Vienna, Austria (UNOV). Dr. Turkovic was ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), as well as the Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna, Austria. Mrs. Dara Babic, First Secretary, *Education, and bilateral agreements*,

and Mr. Emin Cohodarevic, Attache, *Diaspora* met with participants prior to their meeting with Dr. Turkovic.

13. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Address: 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place,
SW, Washington, DC 20024
Phone: (202) 488-0419
<http://www.ushmm.org/>

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is America's national institution for the documentation, study, and interpretation of Holocaust history, and serves as this country's memorial to the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust.