

Interfaith Alliance of Southwest Florida

Interfaith Alliance was created in 1994 to celebrate religious freedom and to challenge the bigotry and hatred arising from religious and political extremism infiltrating American politics.

The Interfaith Alliance of Southwest Florida was founded in 2023 in response to growing concern about state and local entanglement between religion and politics, including the pervasive influence of religious nationalism, deep and recurring threats to public education, and increasing levels of hate-based activity targeting Jews, LGBTQ+ persons, Blacks, Asians, and other community members.

Local Affiliate

As a local affiliate of Interfaith Alliance, we support national initiatives with particular relevance for our community and seek assistance from the national staff in launching and implementing our own initiatives.

We draw upon national resources to challenge bigotry and defend religious freedom on local issues, including candidate education, religion in the public sphere, and interfaith relations. We will seek assistance in tracking the use (and misuse) of religion by candidates for public office.

Interfaith Alliance of Southwest Florida is a 501(c)3 organization.

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What We Believe

We believe that religion and government must be separate. True, inclusive religious freedom is a foundation for American democracy, enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution. No one, including the government, has the right to impose religious beliefs on anyone else. Everyone has the right to hold and practice their own religious beliefs, as long as they do not impose those beliefs on or use them to harm others.

We believe that religious and political extremists are a threat to individual liberty and democracy, notably religious nationalists who seek to use the government to impose their distorted view of our nation's history on others in, for example, public schools; local decision-making by school boards, city councils, and county boards of commissioners; and state regulations.

We believe that religious and cultural diversity is essential in building vibrant communities. We strive to gather together diverse faith voices and to facilitate meaningful communication and collaboration across our differences.

We believe that all people have intrinsic worth and are entitled to equal rights, dignity, and respect within our society. We support actions that promote equal human rights and oppose actions that limit the rights of some people or privilege some people's rights over others'.



Who We Are

We are people of many faiths and no faith, clergy and lay members of diverse faith communities. We have come together because of our shared commitment to inclusive religious freedom and democracy.

