

About us

The Hagerstown Area Religious Council (HARC) is a coalition of faith community partners in Washington County, MD. Active since 1946 as Washington County Council of Churches, there are currently more than 35 houses of worship that participate in HARC across denominations and faiths, and many more are connected through our network and programs. While houses of worship may differ theologically, all agree on the importance of working together to build a better community, help those in need, and support one another.

Programs/Initiatives

- Micah's Backpack
- Lighthouse After-School Program
- Interfaith dialogue, understanding
- Racial Justice initiatives
- Refugee Welcome Network
- ENOUGH collaborative initiative for child poverty alleviation

HARC organizes or sponsors community events in collaboration with member houses of worship and other organizations:

- Good Friday Unity Walk
- HARC Hike for Hunger & Hope
- Historic Houses of Worship Tour
- Interfaith Progressive Dinner
- Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service

For more information on these and many other HARC programs and initiatives, visit:

www.harccoalition.org

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HARC's mission
is to embody
mercy, justice,
and love
as diverse faith
partners in
Washington
County,
Maryland



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we can do more TOGETHER

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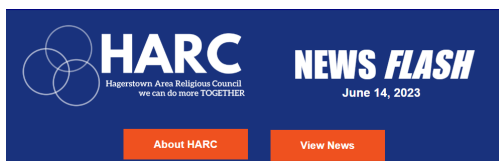
Information/Resources

You'll find information on community resources on HARC's website:

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including a continuously updated list of Washington County food and clothing resources.

You can also sign up for **News Flash**, HARC's weekly e-newsletter, on our homepage. **News Flash** provides a rich assortment of news, events, and information geared specifically to the faith community.



Get involved

HARC monthly meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 12 noon. Location rotates among houses of faith. Meetings include lunch, fellowship, and a program of interest to members. Clergy and lay representatives of any house of worship or faith-based organization are invited to attend. Only HARC members are eligible to vote on business.



OUR BELIEF STATEMENTS



We believe in the power of faith communities working together.

We strive to listen when God is speaking, and act boldly together to make a difference in our community. We build collaborations across boundaries of religious differences, as well as with community organizations, to do the work we are called to do.



We believe in nurturing the unlimited potential of every child.

We focus our collaborative efforts on building supports around and creating opportunities for children and families.



We believe all people have equal value and are loved by God.

We seek justice for those who are not treated equally or given equal value by our broken world. We strive to lift up the unique gifts and abilities of people and empower them to be who they were made to be.



We believe in equipping one another to create stronger houses of worship.

We build relationships among clergy and people of faith, and support and encourage one another. We provide information, resources, and connections to enhance the work of congregations, ministries, and community organizations.

"For though my faith is not yours and your faith is not mine, if we are each free to light our own flame, together we can banish some of the darkness of the world."

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

