

Interfaith America
2025 Annual Report

Dear Friends,

The past year has tested our nation in profound ways. And yet, amidst the uncertainty and fear, we also witnessed powerful acts of courage and connection.

As nonprofits faced funding destabilization, philanthropies stepped up with creativity and conviction. Students, faculty, and staff reaffirmed their commitment to pluralism. As threats to our democracy intensified and communities faced unprecedented attacks on their neighbors, Americans of diverse identities and beliefs stood together to affirm a truth central to Interfaith America's vision: our diversity is a foundational strength of this nation.

The 2025 Annual Report highlights the tangible ways that Interfaith America and our partners have empowered Americans to bridge differences to advance the common good. We invite you to celebrate the campuses, workplaces, civic institutions, and local communities committed to building an interfaith America – one where everyone belongs, and where respect, relationships, and cooperation form the foundation of a thriving society.

Your belief in our mission to inspire, equip, and connect leaders across lines of difference feeds our spirit and fuels our work. Thank you for your resilience, commitment, and courage. We are grateful to walk this road with you.

With sincere thanks,



A stylized, handwritten signature of Eboo Patel in black ink.

Eboo Patel
*Founder and
President*



A handwritten signature of Toni Clark in black ink.

Toni Clark
Chair, Board of Directors

Promoting Pluralism on College and University Campuses

As colleges and universities navigate growing internal and external pressures, IA partnered with a broad range of campuses to strengthen cultures of pluralism and equip leaders with interfaith leadership skills for a diverse democracy. In 2025, IA delivered tools, resources, and opportunities that enabled students, faculty, staff, and administrators to advance interfaith engagement and pluralism through campus programs and policies. Highlights include:

- Held August 8–10, 2025, the annual [Interfaith Leadership Summit](#) attracted a record 550 registrants for the full weekend. Centered on the theme Chords of Democracy, the Summit featured tailored training tracks for students, faculty, staff, and emerging leaders; opportunities for peer connection; an evening arts experience; and sessions highlighting best practices from IA’s higher education network, civic initiatives, and workplace partnerships.
[2025 Interfaith Leadership Summit: Highlights](#)
- IA launched the [Bridgebuilders Relating Across Interfaith Differences](#) (BRAID) Fellowship, a new nine-month student fellowship that equipped student leaders with the tools and skills to create interfaith projects on their campuses. The inaugural cohort included 20 undergraduates from 15 colleges and universities. Fellows [presented](#) their work at the 2025 Interfaith Leadership Summit.
- IA expanded campus engagement and deepened partnerships across higher education by prioritizing grantmaking through a cohort model. Offerings in 2025 included programs such as the [Advancing Campus Pluralism Strategy Cohorts](#), implemented in partnership with the Council of Independent Colleges Virginia (CICV) and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), the [Teaching & Learning Pluralism \(TLP\) Cohort](#) and the [Strengthening the Campus Community Grants](#).
- At a convening preceding the Advancing Campus Pluralism (ACP) Conference, IA piloted a new workshop for senior administrators titled, “The Promise of Pluralism in an Age of Prejudice: Addressing Antisemitism and Islamophobia on College Campuses.” The workshop deepens understanding of campus antisemitism and Islamophobia and shows how pluralism can counter prejudice and bridge divides. IA is now offering this workshop as a campus consultation opportunity and utilizing it with an 18-month cohort of 11 campuses.



Through new and ongoing initiatives, IA advanced pluralism across higher education through a network of **647** substantively engaged campuses that are committed to lasting institutional change.

Spotlight: BRAID 2025 Fellow Joel Omany Thompson

A Computer Information Systems student at Livingstone College, Joel Omany Thompson led interfaith storytelling sessions, game nights, and a Talk, Taste, and Theology Conference that brought students together across faith and culture. His project engaged **270+ participants**, fostering connection through dialogue, food, and shared experience. Joel shared about his BRAID experience in [Interfaith America Magazine](#).



“Diversity is a fact. Pluralism is a choice, and I choose it loudly, boldly, joyfully, because I saw what happens when we do. Walls crumble. Stereotypes fade, and a new kind of world begins to bloom.”

—Joel Omany Thompson

Articles for Higher Education:

- [Muslim-Jewish Friendships on Campus are Commonplace — and Extraordinary](#)
- [Ecological Justice: Living Laudato Sí on University Campuses - Interfaith America](#)
- [How One Educator Is Putting Pluralism into Practice on a New York Campus](#)
- [What It Feels Like To Be A University President Right Now: Fear And Hope](#)

Impact #s for Higher Education

- **\$1,280,807** awarded in Higher Education grants
- **120 participants**, including university presidents, senior campus leaders, and philanthropy partners attended the second **Advancing Campus Pluralism Conference** on March 11, 2025, in partnership with the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U)
- A record-breaking **750+ attendees** engaged in the 2025 Interfaith Leadership Summit



Inspiring Bridgebuilding Among Civic Leaders

Interfaith America advances pluralism as a social norm across American civic life. A healthy democracy depends on engaging differences in service of the common good. In a time of deep division, IA expands opportunities for Americans to build relationships across religious, ideological, and cultural lines. Over the past year, IA equipped a nationwide network of leaders with the skills and platforms to strengthen democracy through bridgebuilding in civic spaces. IA's civic offerings included:

- IA strengthened the [Team Up Project](#), our community service partnership with Catholic Charities, Habitat for Humanity, and YMCA of the USA. In addition to embedding pluralism infrastructure across national partners, a second cohort of 38 affiliate sites received grants, training, and resources to design and carry out local bridgebuilding projects throughout 2025.
- The inaugural **Interfaith Civic Pluralism (ICP) Fellowship**, launched in October 2025, supports a geographically, religiously, and ethnically diverse group of [16 civic leaders](#) as they strengthen institutional cultures of pluralism, deepen their commitment to religious liberty, and collaborate across differences to promote social cohesion. This nine-month program builds on prior initiatives including the [Vote is Sacred Fellowship](#).
- Members of IA's **Emerging Leaders Network (ELN)** joined IA events as attendees and trainers, engaged in networking and mentorship, and received access to exclusive funding and fellowship opportunities. Last year, IA provided dozens of grants, fellowships, and networking opportunities for members of the ELN, including the [Stewarding the Common Good Fellowship](#) (formerly known as the Sacred Journey Fellowship); [Interfaith Innovation Fellowship](#); and [Building Interfaith America Emerging Leader Grants](#).

Spotlight: Catholic Charities of Sante Fe



Together with our national Team Up partners, IA highlighted local bridgebuilding through a [new video series](#) titled “Best of America.” The first episode featured Catholic Charities of Santa Fe’s [refugee resettlement camp](#), created in partnership with the local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Through this camp, Team Up built bridges among Muslim refugee families from Arab, Afghan, and African backgrounds; Catholic Charities volunteers and staff; and members of the hosting LDS Church. The five-week camp provided space to learn, share meals, and foster community across culture, language, and faith.

Articles for Civic:

- [Fauja Singh, World’s Oldest Marathon Runner, Showed Us How to Persevere with Joy - Interfaith America](#)
- [The Building Civic Bridges Act: Americans Have an Important Opportunity - Interfaith America](#)
- [Living Out Religious Liberty and Pluralism After the LDS Church Attack - Interfaith America](#)
- [Avoiding Your Neighbor Because of How They Voted? Democracy Needs You to Talk to Them Instead - Interfaith America](#)

Impact #s for Civic

- **\$813,339** awarded in Civic grants
- **2,350+** interfaith leaders in the Emerging Leaders Network
- **More than 2.8 billion** impressions on IA’s “[Shared Table](#)” PSA with Ad Council

Equipping Leaders to Engage Across Difference in the Workplace

Through our work with leaders in corporate workplaces and professional fields, IA is embedding skills for advancing pluralism in institutions across the country. Through consultations, subscription-based membership, and granting and network building, IA is working to ensure that faith is recognized as a core part of individual identity in professional settings. Throughout 2025, IA offered a variety of workplace programs, including:

- **RISE (Religious Inclusion, Skill-building, and Engagement)**, a new annual subscription-based membership, launched in 2025. The inaugural cohort surpassed original recruitment goals, with 19 members from eight companies. Through RISE, members have access to a quarterly convened live, virtual learning space; an exclusive LinkedIn Group and newsletter; and access to carefully curated resources.
- IA continued to offer trainings for business leaders, such as a week-long virtual series in June 2025. “[How to Cultivate Religiously Inclusive Workplaces](#)” equipped professionals with skills to approach religious diversity positively and proactively. Following the series, participants reported increased confidence in addressing religious diversity, navigating legal considerations, and supporting interfaith ERGs.
- IA continued to offer to [customized consultations](#) for major retail, financial, and insurance companies that equipped leaders and staff to cultivate workplace environments inclusive of diverse religious identities and worldviews.
- With generous support of a grant from the John Templeton Foundation, IA’s Faith and Health initiative continues to strengthen the role that religious identity and diversity can and should play in healthcare. In 2025, IA supported **15 Campus Grantees and 23 Pipeline Grantees** from around the country and a wide range of health fields—including public health, mental health, and medical education. Grantees are integrating interfaith competencies into health-related education and practice by designing new courses that explore faith as a social determinant of health, developing resources available to field leaders around the country, and creating programming that engage the broader community – including local faith leaders and health professionals.



Spotlight: UNC Gillings

As a **2025 Faith & Health Pipeline Grantee** and **2025 – 2027 Campus Grantee**, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health continues to leverage IA's Faith & Health resources and national network to build far-reaching and self-sustaining communities of practice, institutionalizing the intersection faith and health on campus. For example, as a 2025 Pipeline Grantee, the school convened 30+ leaders from faith communities, public health, academia, and community organizations for the [Faith & Public Health Collaborative Convening](#) in September 2025. The gathering brought students, educators, faith leaders, community members, and public health practitioners together to explore faith-based approaches to health equity.

They are now further institutionalizing this work as a 2025 – 2027 Faith and Health Campus Grantee. Through this grant they are continuing course development with the goal of creating a certificate program, building partnerships with faith leaders and health organizations, storytelling through multimedia dissemination on campus, and have already established a dedicated Field Experience Fund to support student immersion at the intersection of faith and health.

Articles for Workplace:

- [How to Build Successful Interfaith ERGs in the Workplace - Interfaith America](#)
- [How Summit Presenters Think About Faith at Work - Interfaith America](#)
- [Empathy Meets Efficiency: How Shakti Leadership is Revolutionizing Healthcare](#)
- [Faith and Health Fellows Carry Forward the Legacy of Jimmy Carter](#)



Watch: Religious Inclusion in the Workplace - Interfaith America

Impact #s for Workplace

- **\$656,100** awarded in Faith & Health grants
- Nine customized corporate trainings for companies with global reach
- Launch only two years ago, the Faith & Health Network already spans 28 states and Washington, DC

Expanded Learning Resources

In 2025, Interfaith America significantly expanded and strengthened its learning resources to support leaders across sectors. IA updated **167 resources** in our Courses, Curricula, and Tools library and created **eight new externally-facing resources**.

- IA's new [Pluralism Playbook](#) is an actionable resource that equips senior campus leaders to foster inclusive campus cultures and uplifts pluralism as a social norm. The Playbook distills over 20 years of research and experiential learnings into a guide for institutional change by outlining four key practices for transformation: institutional leadership, capacity building, curriculum and scholarship, and co-curricular engagement.
- American Revolution Toolkit: Interfaith America partnered with WETA-TV to create [Faith & Freedom in America](#) for THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION Engagement Resource Center—a dynamic online hub designed to support public media stations, community organizations, educators, and individuals around the upcoming PBS documentary, THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.



- IA expanded its [Faith & Health Toolkit](#), which features resources that can help unlock the positive potential of religious diversity in health-related settings. IA also created the [Teaching Tools: Engaging Religious Diversity in Health Fields](#). These modules, produced by Cagn Cochrane in collaboration with Research and Advisory Fellows, were launched on IA's website, featured at the 2025 Summit, and shared across the Faith & Health network. Modules are designed for academic courses, cocurricular programs, and community-based instructional settings.



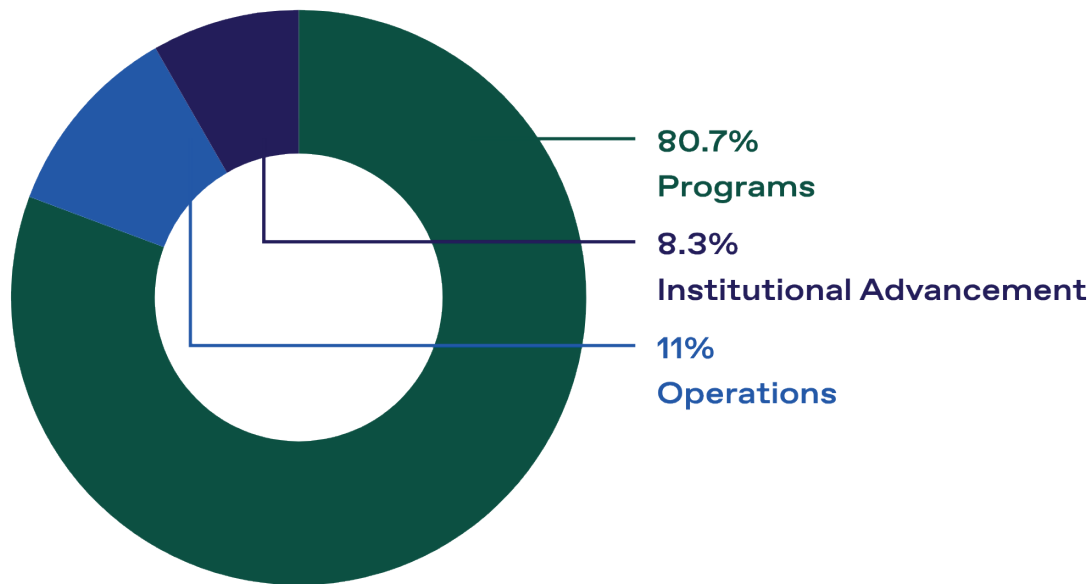
**The Learning
& Action Bridge**

Use our Learning & Action Bridge to discover your next steps. The LAB offers you high-impact interfaith opportunities and resources based on your role and goals.

How We Spend Your Money

Interfaith America is recognized as tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Accounts independently audited by Plante Moran. For more details on Interfaith America's financial position, our FY25 Audit is available to the public [here](#). We are grateful to the donors, partners, and supporters who advance our mission-delivery efforts and strengthen our financial position.



Impact Metrics

- Largest organizational budget to date – **\$22.5MM**
- **More than \$2.75MM** in granting across sectors
- **750+** individuals engaged through the Interfaith Leadership Summit
- **More than 2.8 billion** impressions across platforms on IA's "Shared Table" PSA with Ad Council
- **32 programs** launched
- **205 articles** published in Interfaith America Magazine
- **647+ substantively engaged campuses** since FY21
- **2,300+ learners engaged** with online courses
- **258,000 average daily viewers** of IA's public pluralism ad in Times Square (April 10, 2025–June 30, 2025) and **250,000+ related views** across social media platforms
- **38 affiliate sites** received grants, training, and resources to design and carry out local bridgebuilding projects through the second Team Up cohort
- **6 episodes** of Best of America Series