



### National Interfaith Conference 2021



Jointly organised by the Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group, Goodwill Committee Toowoomba and the Pure Land Learning College Association, this year's annual National Interfaith Conference was held on the 26th and 27th November. Over the two days, topics were centered around the theme of 'Interfaith Insights into the Global Pandemic', and many professionals across the medical sector, faith sector, as well as the Human Rights Commissioner of QLD came to present and share their knowledge and views on the current globally concerning issue. Spread out over the two days, the conference held plenary sessions which addressed and discussed issues such as Ethics of Research, Justice of Distribution, Resilience and Innovation, and Learning for the Future. An International panel was also included to allow for international perspective on the pandemic as well.

More exciting events will be coming in 2022, so make sure to follow our newsletter for the latest updates!



### Youth Conference 2021

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On the 27th of November, the Toowoomba Youth Peace Group held the annual conference, 'Connecting through Compassion'. The conference day was a huge success and around thirty young people attended to engage in compassion building activities and listen to inspiring guest speakers. Each speaker captivated the audience and helped them understand why being compassionate is so critical to ensuring a peaceful society. Some highlight speakers were Bomkey from E-Raced, Anni from Flourish Pick Your Own Community Gardens, Hannah from SONDER and Sue Ray from Deadly Ways USQ. The day continued with a delicious lunch supplied by the Pure Land Learning College Association and soon after activities were played which correlated with compassion. These activities taught us how we can practice to be a compassionate society that everyone enjoyed. The day then concluded with a fun game of Mafia that consolidated the strong friendships made between all young people who came. Overall, this conference was able to engage, connect and inspire the young people of the Toowoomba Region to enact positive change in our community through learning the importance of compassion in our actions.

*Rheanca Lincoln  
Member, Toowoomba Youth Peace Group*

### Introduction for Board of Advisors

The MFMCC office would like to proudly introduce our Board of Advisors! We have Professor Michael Cuthill from Australia, Professor Phyllis Chew from Singapore, Associate Professor Hoon Chang Yau from Brunei and IR Jamal Shamsudin from Malaysia. We thank them for their advice and support throughout this year!



Professor Phyllis Chew



Dr. Hoon Chang Yau

### Christmas and New Year wishes

Venerable Master Chin Kung, the Venerables, the Multi-faith Multicultural Centre and all staff and volunteers from the Pure Land Learning College Association wish every a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May everyone have a safe and wonderful holiday!



IR Jamal Shamsudin



Professor Michael Cuthill