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Dear Religious Educator,

Peace and All Good!

Faith Fest Owensboro 2023 will begin on Friday, 4 November and run through the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, 19 November. This is our thirteenth year and it is an exciting opportunity to get to know about the world's enduring religions right here at home!

Many faith homes are opening their doors to visitors—and they all welcome questions about their Traditions. Please invite your students and their families to visit as many as possible.

This year we have several new events—and many communities involved. Full details are on the printed brochure and are available in an electronic edition in the packet that has been distributed to your community. A single-sided edition of the brochure is also available in the electronic resource if you want to distribute it to your students. Of course, all materials are always available at www.FaithFest.org

Another file is available as a reference guide that breaks the events into three categories: Educational Opportunities, Prayer Experiences, and Fellowship Events. Classes and study groups are welcome at all of them!

I would ask you to notice that one event requires you to make a reservation in advance and participants must be at least 18 years old. That is the Faith In Action event: Mental Health First Aid on Saturday, 18 Nov, from 8 am- 4:30 pm @1UU (corner of Cedar & Parrish, side entrance.) It is a fast-paced, practical workshop that would be especially useful for your religion teachers, youth group moderators, and organizational volunteers—anyone who might have said, "I didn't know what to say to them..." It will teach you skills to be more effective when helping a friend, family member, student, or neighbor in distress. It is a nationally certified program being offered to the faith community through a special grant by River Valley Behavioral Health and cosponsored by Owensboro Health. All materials (book, handouts, pick-up breakfast, lunch, and snacks) are provided free. Two trainers will be onsite all day. Please use the QR code or link to register by 11 Nov.

To register: https://forms.office.com/r/gv9YZqsRXw

TO REGISTER for Mental Health First Aid

Please call me if I can help facilitate your participation in any way, Claudia

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