

INTERFAITH FEDERATION OF GREATER BATON ROUGE



CONGREGATION-TO-CONGREGATION (CTC)

HISTORY of INTERFAITH FEDERATION of GREATER BATON ROUGE

- 1986 Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge formed
(Originally called the Greater Baton Rouge Federation of Churches and Synagogues)
Rev. Jeff Day hired as first Executive Director (1986-2006)
- 1987 Holy Grill, Annual Community Prayer Breakfast and other programs launched

KEY DATES with CTC

- 1992 Black-White Dialogues among clergy begun
- 1995 *Note: In response to the burning of 30 black churches (primarily in the South) during an 18-month period from 1995-1996, the Interfaith Federation of GBR launched:*
Sustained Dialogues for racial harmony (based on Kettering Foundation model) & Shared Meals (pairing of congregations across racial lines for meals, dialogue, etc.)
- 1996 Congregation-to-Congregation partnerships formed crossing race and denominational lines. Two of these partnerships continue today:
- Elm Grove Baptist Church & St. Paul Lutheran Church
 - Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church & Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge

1994 Community-Wide

*What Color is
Community?
A Citizen's Town Meeting*

*Followed by:
Going the Second Mile
Dialogue on Racism*

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What? Partnership between black and white congregations

Why? Response to the love of God which calls people together to tear down barriers and build bridges, bearing witness to a new community which is not defined nor limited by color

How? Build relationships, listen, learn, be blessed by each other, and bless others

When? Each Congregation-to-Congregation partnership chooses its own timeline

Guidelines? Models and resources are available to assist and encourage the process

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