

North American Interfaith Network (NAIN) Connect 2025

Our FEZANA Interfaith Activities Committee (IAC) has received an opportunity for our North American Zoroastrian Community to participate and present at an event this year in August.

Event: North American Interfaith Network (NAIN) Connect 2025

Theme: “**Mending our World Together: Interfaith responses to Social Justice Issues**”

Dates: 3rd to 7th August, 2025

Venue: Campus of Acadia University and throughout Wolfville and surrounding communities, Wolfville, NS B4P 2R6, Canada

Hosting Organization: The Wolfville Area Inter Church Council (WAICC)

Registration Fees & Other Costs: We do not know yet, but will inform you once we do.

The cost of lodging/boarding and traveling will have to be covered by the participants.

Depending on the amount of the registration fees, and the number of people presenting, the IAC will consider subsidizing the registration fees.

The host organization, **WAICC**, is requesting **Proposals** from all the faith organizations in NA:

<https://waicc.org/nain-proposal-form>

Nearly every year since 1988 the North American Interfaith Network (nain.org) has sponsored an in-person gathering called the Connect. A NAIN Connect is an opportunity for people who are interested or involved in interfaith work to interact with each other through sharing best practices, having opportunities to experience diverse expressions of meditation and prayer, to listen to speakers on significant subjects, to share meals and to enjoy one another's company, to make new acquaintances, and to learn about other interfaith ventures being undertaken across the continent. NAIN Connects are open and welcoming gatherings to which all interested persons are invited.

The WAICC Program Committee invites proposals for presentations on topics related to the theme, especially on topics like:

- **racism and reconciliation;**
- **economic justice;**
- **climate and environment; and**
- **peace and justice**

We encourage all Zoroastrians around North America, to think about this theme, and if you do interfaith work in your communities, we encourage you to put together a Proposal, on how does your work address one or more of the topics listed below, with a Panel you can form from your community or collaborate with individuals from other parts of our continent. As you begin thinking about/planning your proposal, think about the theme of this event: “**Mending our World**”, and how does our Zoroastrian Community hold hope in the face of increasing local and global disparity, conflict and despair? How is our community responding

to multiple challenges of injustice? What are the possibilities?

Presentations **may include cultural, artistic, political and community-engaged aspects of living**. Presentations about innovative and exemplary practices are sought and welcomed.

- Presentation formats include:
 - Paper:** Oral presentation (15 minutes each) of theory, research, and practice. Each session will include three papers on related themes, with time for questions and responses. Total 90 minutes.
 - **Panel:** Groups of 3 panelists (moderated) speaking on different aspects of the same theme/topic. Total 90 minutes.
 - **Interactive workshop:** Opportunities to engage participants in a hands-on process to gain understanding and responses to matters reviewed. Total 90 minutes.
 - Arts-based performance or workshop:** Drama, music, poetry, text, movement, visual art, or combinations that address the theme. Total 90 minutes.

To submit a proposal, use this form: <https://waicc.org/nain-proposal-form>

Date for Submissions, no later than March 1st, 2025. If you need the assistance of the Interfaith Activities Committee in submitting your proposals, we need you to contact us no later than Feb 12th at any one of the below emails, homidgandhi@gmail.com, bfdesai@aol.com, shirinbmehri@gmail.com. We will not submit the proposal for you, but guide/assist you to ensure a successful submission.

Notification of Acceptance March 15th, 2025. The WAICC NAIN Connect Program Committee will select presentations from those submitted to create a program with a variety of topics and presenters.

If you have questions about the proposal submission process, you can contact us on the above emails or directly contact NAIN at nain_connect@waicc.org

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