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This 5+ year report summarizes the trajectory of the Princeton University Religious Life Council since it was founded in 2001. Records of members, weekly meeting topics, retreats, and other activities have been compiled for all years for which there is data, from Jan 2002-Spring 2007. The body of the report summarizes these findings, while detailed information is provided in the attached appendices for future reference.

RLC History & Mission

In 1981, Dean Fred Borsch established a small student Interfaith Council when he became the Dean of the Chapel (later to be known as the Dean of Religious Life) at Princeton University. This informal group of students met at the Dean's house on campus for dinner discussions about facets of religious life that they called "Big Questions." In the early 1980s the "What Matters to Me & Why" speaker series was also initiated at Princeton. These experiences were the initiation of interfaith dialogue in the Princeton community.

In 2001, the interfaith movement on Princeton's campus was re-invigorated when Deans Joseph Williamson (former Dean of Religious Life), Deborah Blanks (Associate Dean of Religious Life), Sue Anne Morrow (former Associate Dean of Religious Life), and Rabbi David Leipziger (former Rabbi at the Center for Jewish Life) met with members of the Princeton community to formally establish the Religious Life Council (RLC), an interfaith student group drawing from members of the diverse faith communities at Princeton. While the RLC was founded due to the funding of an anonymous donor, it is now under the auspices of the Office of Religious Life.

The mission of the Religious Life Council was determined during the early meetings of the group in 2001, and has only been slightly modified in the intervening years:

- To deepen understanding and cultivate respect among all religious faiths.
- To weave connections between intellectual life and spiritual growth.
- To widen the conversation on critical moral and ethical issues of the day.
- To provide visibility for the strength and diversity of religious life on the Princeton campus

Through a combination of weekly meetings, retreats, and open discussions and programs for the university community, the RLC has sought to realize this mission on campus over the past seven years.

Leadership

Rev. Sue Anne Steffey Morrow (Associate Dean of Religious Life) initially led the Religious Life Council in conjunction with Rabbi David Leipziger and Dean Deborah Blanks. In the fall of 2003, Rev. Paul Raushenbush joined Princeton as the Associate Dean of Religious Life and became the RLC's main advisor. Three student co-conveners coordinate with the administrative advisor to lead the group. The co-conveners typically represent different faith traditions.

RLC Fellows (See Appendices 1 – 3)

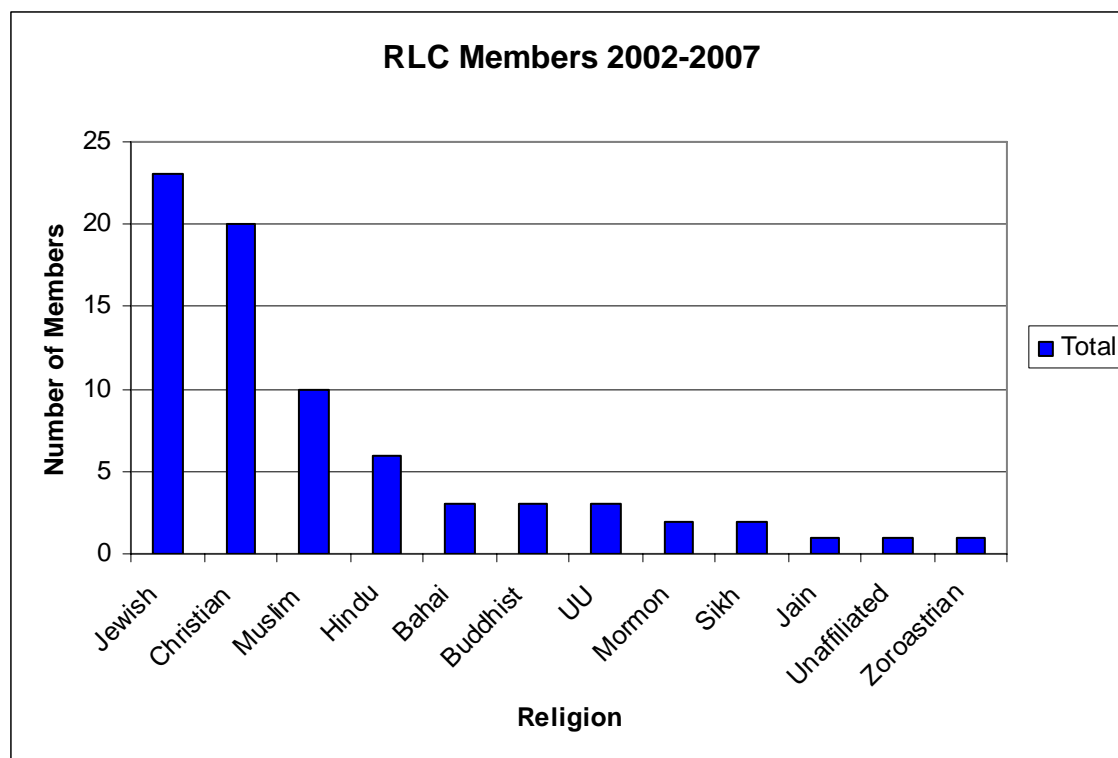
Members join the RLC through a fall application process, officially becoming members of the council for the week-long January intersession retreat. This process has become more formalized over the years – initially members joined at various points throughout the year, some joining in the fall. Students felt the need to maintain a more cohesive group however, so the RLC decided that new members should begin together. The council has grown over the years. Initially there were 18 members representing 8 faith traditions. The council had grown to 25 members in 2004 and today there are 33 members.

Religious Life Council Membership 2002-2007						
Year	Total	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	GS
2002	25	4	5	6	6	2
2003	28	3	10	6	8	1
2004	25	2	3	11	8	1
2005	31	5	8	5	11	1
2006	30	6	7	10	6	1
2007	33	4	10	8	9	2

Including current members, 75 students are either on the RLC or have graduated from the group. There are currently 51 RLC alumni including the class of 2007. During the first two years of the council, second-semester seniors were considered inactive members. In 2003-2004 there was one exceptionally motivated and enthusiastic senior who changed the trend. Since then seniors have been considered active members of the council, though many don't attend the retreat. Membership fluctuates over the course of the year; since new members join in January, the RLC is smaller during the fall semester. Over the years a few members have chosen to leave the council, so the list of members in any given year does not always reflect the students who graduated from the group.

Including current members, we have had the following representation on the council:

Baha'i (3), Buddhist (3), Christian (13 Protestant, 7 Catholic), Hindu (6), Jain (1), Jewish (23), Mormon (2), Muslim (10), Sikh (2), Unaffiliated (1), Unitarian Universalist (3), and Zoroastrian (1).



While members of the RLC reflect the demographics of the Princeton community – the majority of members have been Jewish or Christian – every year the RLC represents 7 – 8 faith traditions (See Appendix 3).

RLC Retreats (See Appendix 4)

The RLC Intersession Retreats have changed dramatically since 2001, from an optional 2-3 day retreat at the Kirkridge Retreat Center in the Poconos in 2001 and 2002 to a full week-long format beginning in 2003. The group now alternates between inward-focused rural retreats and urban excursions to visit places of worship. During the retreat, new members are integrated into the council and students share their Spiritual Autobiographies – a word, object, or experience that will help others understand their spiritual or religious background. Attendance at the retreats has grown from only eight students in 2002 to 26 students at the last retreat in Philadelphia in 2007. The retreat is required for new members and all freshman, sophomores and juniors, while returning seniors are welcome but not required to attend.

RLC Intersession Retreat Locations & Attendance 2002-2007			
Year	Location	Attendance	Percent Total¹
2002	Kirkridge Retreat Center, Bangor, PA	8	32%
2003	Toronto Zen Center, Toronto, Canada	16	57%
2004	The Pilgrimage Hostel, Washington, D.C.	16	64%
2005	Garrison Institute, Garrison, NY	26	84%
2006	Vermont Zen Center, Shelburne, VT	24	80%
2007	Chamounix Mansion Hostel, Philadelphia, PA	26	79%

¹Note: While percent total reflects the percent of all RLC members attending, seniors are welcome but not required to attend the retreat.

RLC Meetings (See Appendices 5 – 9)

Weekly Monday meetings form the core of the Religious Life Council (Appendix 5). Initially meetings were informal; during the first year (2001) the council met over lunch every two weeks. By January of 2002, the RLC had established Monday dinner meetings every 2 weeks in Murray Dodge Hall, the home of the campus Office of Religious Life. In the fall of 2002, the group began holding meetings more frequently and by January of 2003, the RLC had established a tradition of weekly Monday meetings from 5:30-7:00 pm. All meals served by the RLC are vegetarian.

The purpose and intent of the RLC meetings has changed over the years. Initially many meetings were used to plan for other events, especially when the RLC was new and trying to determine its role on campus. RLC fellows would also present on different aspects of their faith traditions (2002). There was a fairly equal balance of open programs (Appendix 7) and closed meetings (Appendix 8). Beginning in the fall of 2002, the RLC began focusing its weekly meetings around different discussion topics. Some discussions were open to the campus community – like a conversation about the death penalty with members of the Princeton Coalition Against Capital Punishment and the ACLU in the spring of 2003 – while other conversations about topics like Sexuality were held in closed meetings.

The following list summarizes many of the topics discussed by the RLC over the years:

Sin. Conversion. Truth. Peace. Conflict. Creation. Prayer. Worship. Gratitude. Modesty. Faith. Reason. Food. Service. Fasting. Angels. Invisible Beings. Skepticism. Hope. Death Penalty. Interfaith Relationships. Contemplative Practice. Prayer. Scripture & Literalism. Forgiveness. Salvation. Race. Sin. Death. Academics. Music. Sexuality.

Nature. Art. Abortion. Criticism. War. Evil. Punishment. Wellbeing. Personal Identity. Family.

In addition to focused discussions and planning, Monday meetings have also been a forum for a spectrum of open events for the campus community. The most visible of these programs is the *What Matters to Me & Why* speaker series (Appendix 6).

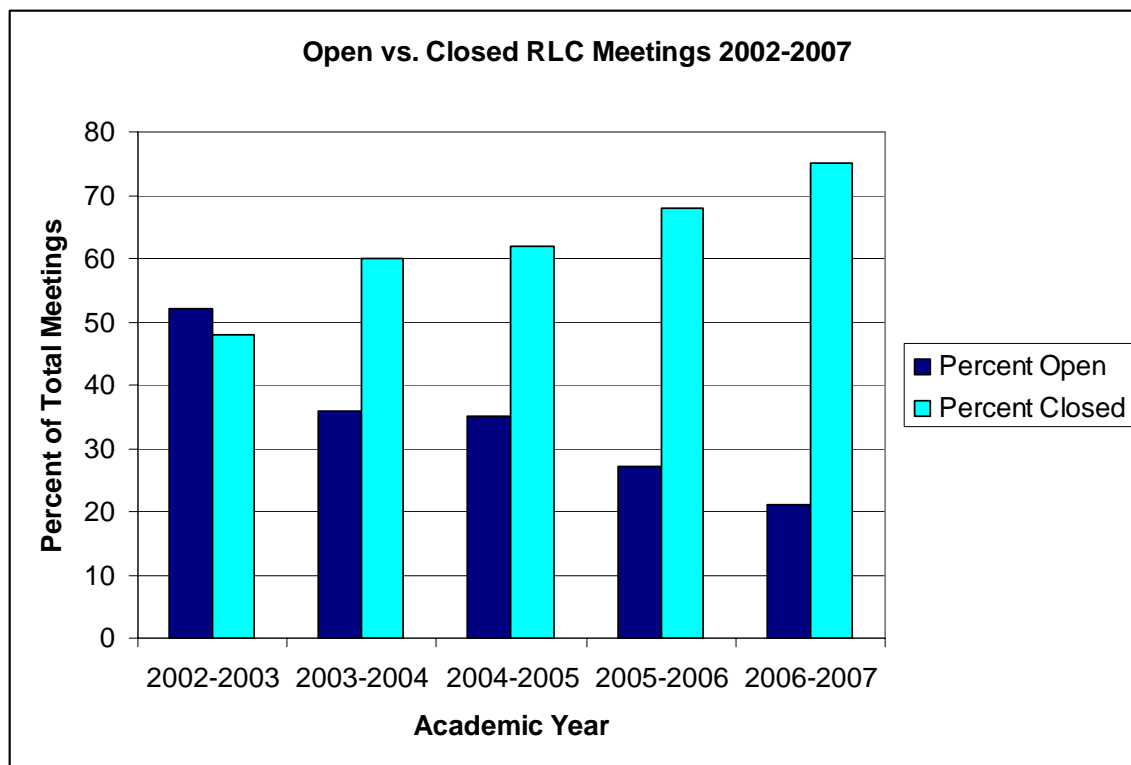
Professors, administrators, and staff members of the university community have all been invited to answer the question *What Matters to Me & Why*. Usually held in Murray Dodge, some of the recent guests have included Princeton President Shirley Tilghman, Molecular Biology Professor and Nobel Laureate Eric Wieschaus, English Professor John Fleming, and Dean of Admissions Janet Rapelye.

Other open programs for the university community have shifted over the years. In the spring of 2002 and 2003, the RLC held an Interfaith Seder (Appendix 9). Beginning in the fall of 2003, the RLC has held an enormously popular Interfaith Thanksgiving in which members share prayers and moments of gratitude. In December of 2003, the RLC also initiated a Student Religious Leaders Summit in which the leaders of all student religious groups on campus were invited to join the RLC for dinner and conversation.

In the winter of 2004, the RLC also began holding rotating open meetings in the undergraduate Residential Colleges on campus. Open discussions have been held in all five of the residential colleges on topics such as modesty, "The Role of Religion in the Public Sphere," and "Faith Versus Reason: Contradiction or Cooperation?"

Over the past five academic years, the percent of closed meetings has increased steadily from slightly less than 50% of meetings in 2002-2003 to 75% of meetings during the 2006-2007 academic year, while the percent of open meetings has decreased to approximately 20% of the annual meetings.

Trends in Religious Life Council Meetings 2002-2007						
Academic Year	Closed Meetings		Open Meetings		By Invitation	
	Number	% Total	Number	% Total	Number	% Total
2002-2003	12	48	13	52	0	NA
2003-2004	15	60	9	36	1	4
2004-2005	16	62	9	35	1	3
2005-2006	15	68	6	27	1	5
2006-2007	18	75	5	21	1	4



RLC Activities (See Appendices 10 – 12)

Beyond Monday meetings, the Religious Life Council has organized a diversity of programs for the campus community. Some activities have remained constant, while others have shifted throughout the years depending on student interest.

Formal Programs

In 2002, the RLC began a collaboration with the Frist Campus Center during their Winter Holiday Festival in December. Students provide religious artifacts and descriptions of winter holidays for prominent display cases on the main level of the student center; this has become an annual RLC activity. An Interfaith Day of Service in conjunction with the Interfaith Youth Core's National Interfaith Day of Service was initiated at Princeton in April of 2004. Students have cleaned parks in Trenton, NJ (2006-2007), planted a garden in (2005), and worked with the Princeton Young Achievers after school program (2004).

Several panels, special events, and speakers have been organized and co-sponsored by the RLC. For example, an Interfaith Vigil for the Tsunami Disaster was coordinated by the RLC in January of 2005. A panel was organized to discuss responses to "The Passion" in the spring of 2004. A Sunday afternoon program discussing "What does it mean to be religious" was organized by students in 2002.

The Festival of Faiths, a program featuring performances by religious musical groups “dedicated to bringing Princeton’s diverse faith communities together through song and dance,” was organized in 2002 and 2003 (Appendix 10). During the 2003-2004 year a Festival of Faiths concert series entitled “Sound and Spirit” also included performances by Bala Devi Chandrashekar, a classical Indian dancer, and The IllumiNations, a gospel ensemble. An RLC student organized a movie series in 2002-2003. Movies included the documentary “Who are the Sikhs,” “Kundun,” “Keeping the Faith,” and “The Day My God Died,” a documentary about sex trafficking in Nepal and India (Appendix 11).

Conferences

In July of 2004, nine RLC representatives attended the Parliament of the World’s Religions in Barcelona, Spain. At the conference, a panel of RLC members wrote and presented a talk entitled “Inter-religious engagement in higher education.”

Members of the Religious Life Council organized the Coming Together Conference, a National Summit of Interfaith Councils, which was held from February 17-20, 2005. This was first national gathering of college multi-faith councils, attended by representatives from 30 universities including Princeton. In addition to the 27 hosting members of the RLC, 68 students attended the conference. The conference included workshops, conversations, and opportunities to join campus religious groups during their prayer services and meditations (Appendix 12). Coming Together has become an annual conference hosted by different universities; RLC co-conveners have attended Coming Together 2 at Johns Hopkins (2006), and Coming Together 3 in 2007 at USC. In 2007, the three RLC co-conveners led a workshop asking “What’s the Point of Interfaith Dialogue?”

Also as a result of the first Coming Together conference, the interfaith, intercollegiate journal *Coming Together* was initiated. One volume was published in February of 2006.

Ongoing Education

Members of the Religious Life Council were recruited to train incoming Residential College Advisors (RCAs) about interfaith awareness in August 2003 and August 2004. In the winter of 2005, RLC members collaborated to write the “Religious Basics” booklet, a brief introduction to each of the religions represented on the council. These booklets are now distributed to each new RCA. In the beginning of the 2006-2007 year, the Religious Life Council also sent letters to all RCAs offering to organize programs about religion in the residential colleges. This is how a panel entitled “Being Religious at Princeton” was coordinated in March 2007. “Food & Faith Traditions,” a resource guide for RCAs, was also put together by RLC members in 2004.

Informal Initiatives

Beginning in January 2004, the RLC has hosted annual Interfaith Study Breaks as an informal way to bring students together on campus. Beginning in January of 2004, the RLC has hosted an interfaith winter hot chocolate study break in front of a fire in Murray Dodge during Reading Period, and a study break with vegan Bent Spoon ice cream was hosted in May of 2007. Students have also visited places of worship both on and off campus. Following discussions about war in the spring of 2003, RLC members contributed quotes about peace to create an Interfaith Prayer for Peace.

Assistance to the Office of Religious Life

RLC Fellows have also become an important resource for the Office of Religious Life, often participating in University-wide events such as the rededication of the chapel, Alumni Day memorial services, and Baccalaureate, and programming in the residential colleges.

RLC Fellowships & Funding

Financial support for the Religious Life Council originally came from an anonymous donor; part of this funding allowed all RLC Fellows to apply for an annual \$1000 fellowship to pursue any activities that would further their spiritual growth. The Office of Religious Life has now assumed financial support of the Religious Life Council, and students are currently eligible to apply for one \$1000 fellowship during their time on the council. Students have used their fellowships for a tremendous diversity of activities, including a one-week trip to Rome with the Aquinas Institute; a visit to Baha'i holy places in Haifa, Israel and Christian holy places in Jerusalem and Bethlehem; a pilgrimage to Zen Buddhist temples in Japan; a visit with the Presbytery of the Northern Plains to a sister Presbytery in Kenya; and a placement with the Faculty for Israeli Palestinian Peace with the Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy.

Interfaith Prayer Room

In the spring of 2002, the Religious Life Council established a quiet Reading Room on the third floor of Murray Dodge. Initially, the Reading Room was kept locked as a private space for reflection and prayer. The room was changed to the second floor of Murray Dodge in 2004, and became known as the Interfaith Prayer Room. For many years the room has been kept open as a resource for the campus community. This room has been the home of minority religious groups on campus. The Princeton Buddhist Student's Group holds bi-weekly meditations and discussions, and the Hindu Student's Group holds its weekly meetings in the prayer room as well. A variety of Christian

groups on campus also use the room for prayer groups and bible studies. A recent member of the RLC has also organized several interfaith small prayer gatherings.

Conclusions

While the Religious Life Council's mission has remained consistent over the past seven years, the specific activities and dynamics of the group shift according to yearly membership. The group has grown from 18 members in 2001-2002 to 33 members in 2006-2007, and seniors are now considered active members of the group. The Intersession Retreat has become an essential part of the Religious Life Council experience, allowing fellows to spend time with one another beyond the confines of planned discussions and providing energy and enthusiasm throughout the spring. While the *What Matters to Me and Why* series is held less frequently, it continues to be a visible RLC-sponsored program. The model of three student co-conveners is still used for student leadership, but to encourage group participation all fellows are now expected to initiate and participate in an interfaith project during the course of the year.

Finding a balance of open & closed discussions, encouraging broad group participation, and maintaining the energy of meetings throughout the course of the year – especially during the fall semester when seniors have graduated – remain challenges. Furthermore, the group has found in the past that over-planning, while it may stem from high enthusiasm, can be detrimental as students have limited time.

The focus of Religious Life Council meetings has moved from a roughly equal mix of closed planning meetings and open discussions or events to a more inward-focused schedule emphasizing private discussions interspersed with open special events. While the number of open RLC meetings has decreased substantially, the RLC now has a stronger focus on bringing discussions to other locations on campus such as the residential colleges, and new activities have been added like the Interfaith Day of Service. Furthermore, RLC members' participation in the Parliament of the World's Religions and their initiation of the Coming Together conferences illustrates the Council's heightened role in promoting interfaith dialogue at a national and international level, serving as a model for many other interfaith groups.

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Future recommendations

In the future I recommend keeping records and summarizing the RLC's activities (Monday meeting dates & topics, open events/other programs, and retreat information) at the end of each academic year. It would also be interesting to keep records of applicant statistics for each year to see how many people are applying to the council & how many join. I also recommend maintaining a file of all press about the RLC, and a file of all event posters.

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Appendix 1: Religious Life Council Alumni		
Name	Religion	Year
Class of 2002		
Stacia Birdsall	Christian	2002
Tziviah Rachel Friedman	Jewish	2002
Shoshanah Zahavah Haberman	Jewish	2002
James Jen	LDS	2002
Marc Melzer	Jewish	2002
Andrea Dale Oliver	Christian	2002
Class of 2003		
Ira Bedzow	Jewish	2003
Niraj Bhatt	Hindu	2003
Josephine Decker	Christian	2003
Savraj Singh Dhanjal	Sikh	2003
Annie Gaines	Christian	2003
Rebecca Hylander	Christian	2003
Wynne Mancini	Roman Catholic	2003
Rachel Smith	Jewish	2003
Class of 2004		
Rabia Ali	Muslim	2004
Ryan Anderson	Catholic	2004
Minda Arrow	Jewish	2004
Michelle Hemmat	Baha'i	2004
Ari Herman	Jewish	2004
Ellen Horrow	Jewish	2004
Orly Lieberman	Jewish	2004
Steven Kamara	Jewish	2004
Class of 2005		
Sean Cameron	Muslim	2005
Shoum Chakravarti	Hindu	2005
Dana Graef	Buddhist	2005
Millie Harris	Christian	2005
Nitti Minsker Herman	Jewish	2005
Janine Jaffe	Jewish	2005
Nick Kessides	Catholic	2005
Rena Lauer	Jewish	2005
Kelsey Mayo	Christian	2005
Joseph Skloot	Jewish	2005
Emily Woodman-Maynard	Unitarian Universalist	2005

Appendix 1: Religious Life Council Alumni Continued		
Class of 2006		
Neal Chatterjee	Hindu	2006
Zakiyyah Finney	Muslim	2006
Nathanial Fintz	Jewish	2006
Kathryn Hampton	Christian	2006
Elizabeth Landau	Jewish	2006
James Williams	Zoroastrian	2006
Class of 2007		
Ben Amster	Jewish	2007
Alice Byowitz	Jewish	2007
Cassandra DeBenedetto	Roman Catholic	2007
Daniel Hawkins	Seeker	2007
Nene Kalu	Catholic	2007
Ritu Kamal	Hindu	2007
Blair Moorhead	Christian	2007
Jonah Perlin	Jewish	2007
Joshua Williams	Buddhist	2007
Graduate Students		
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Appendix 2f: Religious Life Council Fellows 2006-2007 (Jan. 2007)

Name & Year	Religion
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Breger, Esther '10	Orthodox Jew
Bumb, Nikhil '08	Jain
Burgett, Bettina '09	Presbyterian
Byowitz, Alice '07	Reform Jew
Byowitz, David '09	Reform Jew
Chima, Ranjit Singh '08	Sikh
Dajani, Sarah '09	Muslim
DeBenedetto, Cassandra '07	Roman Catholic
Fallon, Katherine '09	UU/Catholic
Fletcher, Owen '08 *	Buddhist
Gandomi, Jon GS	Baha'i
Hawkins, Daniel '07	Unaffiliated
Herzberg, Ben '10	Jewish
Hopper, Briallen GS	Christian
Iyer, Deepa '09 *	Hindu
Javed, Umar '09	Muslim
Jemison, Elizabeth '08 *	Evangelical Christian
Kalu, Nene '07	Roman Catholic
Kamal, Ritu '07	Hindu
Lalwani, Manav '09	Hindu
Malik, Lubna '08	Muslim
Montoya, Jessica '09	Roman Catholic
Moore, Scott '08	Unitarian Universalist
Moorhead, Blair '07	Presbyterian
Nava, Francisco '09	Mormon
Perlin, Jonah '07	Reform Jew
Pocalyko, Kathryn '10	Lutheran
Qasim, Maha '08	Muslim
Shonnar, Saed '08	Muslim
Smith, Zvi '09	Jewish
Williams, Joshua '07	Buddhist
Advisor:	
Raushenbush, Paul	American Baptist

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Appendix 3

Number of Religious Life Council Members Representing Each Religion						
Religion	Year					
	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Jewish	7	8	8	8	6	8
Christian (Catholic + Protestant)	9 (3 + 6)	10 (4 + 6)	6 (3 + 3)	9 (3 + 6)	8 (4 + 4)	8 (3 + 5)
Muslim	4	2	2	3	5	5
Hindu	1	1	3	3	4	3
Baha'i	2	2	2	1	1	1
Buddhist	1	1	1	3	2	2
Unitarian Universalist	0	1	1	2	1	2
Mormon	1	0	1	0	0	1
Sikh	0	1	0	1	1	1
Unaffiliated	0	1	0	0	1	1
Zoroastrian	0	1	1	1	1	0
Jain	0	0	0	0	0	1

Appendix 4a: Religious Life Council Retreat 2002
Kirkridge Retreat Center, Bangor, PA
Monday January 28, 2002-Wednesday, January 30, 2002
Attendance: 8 students

Monday, January 28

11:00 Depart Princeton
1:00 Arrive Kirkridge
2:00 Settle into the mountain top
2:30 Gather
3-5 Spiritual Autobiographies
5-7:30 Rest relax walk sled sit by the fire dinner, chat
7:30-9:30 More spiritual autobiographies
9:30- Cocoa, stories, sleep

Tuesday, January 29

8:00 Breakfast
9-11 Time led by Dean Tom Breidenthal, Princeton's Dean of Religious Life
11-2 Rest play hike explore lunch laugh read skate ski booknest
2-4:30 Time led by Dean Breidenthal
4:30 More rest play enjoy share dinner
7:30 Movie night, popcorn, fun by the fire

Wednesday, January 30

8:00 Breakfast
9-11 Brainstorming and imagining for RLC 2002
11-1 Pack up and lunch and return to Princeton

Appendix 4b: RLC Intercession Retreat 2003
Toronto Zen Center, Toronto, Canada
Sunday, January 26 – Friday, January 31
Attendance: 16 students

Sunday, January 26

8 am Gather for an early breakfast
9:00 Depart Princeton for Newark International Airport (EWR)
10:00 Arrive at EWR, check-in
12 pm Continental Flight 2092 departs Newark
1:30 Arrive Toronto, go to the Toronto Zen Center (TZC)
6:00 Dinner at Toronto Zen Center
7:30 Spiritual Autobiographies

Monday, January 27

8:30 Wake up
9:00 Breakfast at TZC
10-12 Introduction to Buddhism by Sensei Sunyana Graef
12:30 Lunch
2:00 Conversation about religious dialogue with David Noback from the University of Toronto
6:00 Dinner out
9:00 Daily Reflections at TZC, Hot Chocolate

Tuesday, January 28

8:30 Wake up
9:00 Breakfast
10-12 Visit Anshei Minsk Synagogue and Russian Orthodox Church
12:00 Lunch
1-4:00 Return to TZC for discussion time. Possible subjects: the use of icons and religious symbols in your religion; prayer; the role of texts; children's stories.
4:00 Go to Sikh Gurudwara (temple) in Scarborough
5:15 Attend Rehras Sahib, Langar
7:30 Dinner at the Gurudwara
8:45 Return to TZC
9:00 Daily Reflections and Hot Chocolate

Appendix 4b: Toronto Retreat Schedule Cont'd

Wednesday, January 29

- 8:30 Wake up
- 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:30 Discussion Time
- 11:30 Free time: fellows choose an option, responsible for their own lunch. Options include the Art Gallery of Ontario, the CN Tower, the Chinese Section of Toronto. Possibility of a Public Art Tour with Karen Mills, the Director of Public Arts Management for Toronto
- 5:00 Return to TZC
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Discussion on Illness, Healing, and Religion with Jim Bedard. Reading from his book, *Lotus in the Fire*.
- 9:00 Daily Reflections

Thursday, January 30

- 8:30 Wake up
- 9:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Brainstorming about next year's activities, write thank you letters.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Visit a Muslim Mosque
- 2:00 Prayers at Mosque
- 3:00 Discussion about Islam with members of Muslim Students Association at U. of Toronto
- 6:00 Dinner out
- 8:00 Movie/fun

Friday, January 31

- 9:30 Continental Flight 1996 departs from Toronto
- 10:55 Flight arrives in Newark

Appendix 4c: Religious Life Council Intersession Retreat 2004
The Pilgrimage Hostel, Washington, D.C.
Sunday, January 25- Friday, January 30
Attendance: 16 students

Sunday, January 25

10:00 am Depart from Murray Dodge (Bring Lunch)

Group Discussions – Car Ride

1 :00 pm Arrive in DC, Settle into The Pilgrimage

3:00 – 5:00 pm Retreat Opening, Begin Spiritual Autobiographies

5:00 – 8:00 pm Cook Dinner Together

8:00 – 10:00 pm Conclude Spiritual Autobiographies

Daily Reflections

Monday, January 26

Breakfast

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Vedanta Hindu Center

Meeting with Swami: Introduction to Hinduism, Role in America, etc

RLC Contact: Neal

12:00 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Freer Gallery:

Buddhist Art, Observation and Discussion: Kannon, Compassion

5:30 pm Dinner at Ethiopian Restaurant

7:00 pm Baha'i Center:

Introductory presentation on Baha'i Faith

Daily Reflections

Tuesday, January 27

Breakfast

10:30 am – 1 pm: Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC)

Rabbi David Saperstein – brief meeting

Discussion: What is the religious imperative to pursue political activism?

Rabbi Michael Namath, Program Director of RAC and David Segal '03

Free Afternoon (Lunch, Ice Skating, Museums...)

5:00 pm –7:00 pm St. Anselm's Abey

Discussion about Benedictine Tradition and Vespers service

Dinner at Kosher Restaurant

Daily Reflections

Appendix 4c: Washington, D.C. Retreat Schedule Cont'd

Wednesday, January 28

Breakfast

10:00 Mormon Temple Visit:

Visitor's Center, Video

Lunch

2:00 pm Meeting with Senate Chaplain

5:00 pm Meeting with Congressman Rush Holt

Discussion: religion at a personal and political level

Dinner, Fun

Daily Reflections

Thursday, January 29

Breakfast

10:00 am-12:00 pm Mosque Visit

Tour, Refreshments, Info and Questions

Conversation: Women and Jihad

Lunch

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Free time

4:00 - 7:30 pm Service Activity: Homeless Shelter for Women

Retreat Closing Activities

Daily Reflections

Friday, January 30

Breakfast, Pack

Return to Princeton

Appendix 4d: Religious Life Council Retreat 2005
Garrison Institute, Garrison, New York
Sunday, January 23-Friday, January 28
Attendance: 26 students

Sunday, January 23

1:00 PM Depart Princeton
Discussion questions during the drive
3:00 Arrive at Garrison Institute
Settle in, walk around
4:30 Re-convene
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Orientation to Garrison Insitute
8:00 Spiritual Autobiographies
Daily Reflections

Monday, January 24

8:15 AM Breakfast
9:00 Morning chores
10:00 Planning: The Gathering of Multi-Faith Councils with Dean Paul
Break
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 Hike or More Spiritual Autobiographies
4:00 Return to Garrison
Break
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Spiritual autobiographies, cont.
Daily reflections

Tuesday, January 25

8:15 AM Breakfast
9:00 Morning chores
10:00 Tu B'shvat Seder: Religion, Nature, and Ecology
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 Panel: The Dilemma of Truth with Associate Pastor from Westerly Road Church (Evangelical Christian), Rabbi Uri Cohen (Orthodox Jewish) and Mona Hassan (Muslim)
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Spiritual autobiographies, cont
An evening of children's stories, songs and games
Daily Reflections

Appendix 4d: Garrison Retreat Schedule Cont'd

Wednesday, January 26

8:15 AM Breakfast
9:00 Morning chores
10:00 Break-out discussion: Gender and Religion
12:00 PM Lunch
1:30 Afternoon hike or Spiritual autobiographies, contd
Break
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Sharing session: Our Sacred Teachings
Break
9:00 Daily Reflections
9:45 Movie Night~
With popcorn & hot chocolate

Thursday, January 27

8:15 AM Breakfast
9:00 Morning chores
10:00 Brainstorming: RLC 2005 and beyond!
12:00 PM Lunch
Free afternoon
4:00 Depart for the Greystone Foundation
Presentation, dinner, service project
9:30 Return to Garrison
10:00 Evening snack
10:30 Closing reflections, thank yous

Friday, January 28

8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 Pack up and clear
10:30 Wrap up
11:00 Depart Garrison

Appendix 4e: Religious Life Council Intersession Retreat 2006
Vermont Zen Center, Shelburne, VT
Sunday, January 29 –Friday, February 3
Attendance: 24 students

Sunday, January 29

10:00AM Meet at Murray-Dodge
 Discussion questions during the drive.
6:30 PM Arrive at Vermont Zen Center
 Dinner, Settle in
8:30 Re-convene
 Report back on car discussions
 Ice breakers and introductions

Monday, January 30

8:15 AM Breakfast
9:00 Free time
10:00 Orientation to Buddhism and the Zen Center
 Break
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 Spiritual autobiographies
3:30 Break
4:00 Performance workshop
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Spiritual autobiographies, cont.
9:00 Daily reflections

Tuesday, January 31

8:15 AM Breakfast
9:00 Spiritual autobiographies, cont.
11:15 Discussion: *Nationality and Religion*
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 Taiko Drumming Workshop
5:00 Dinner
6:30 Quiet time for prayer and meditation
8:30 Spiritual autobiographies, cont.
10:00 Daily Reflections

Appendix 4e: Vermont Retreat Schedule Cont'd

Wednesday, February 1

8:15 AM	Breakfast
9:00	Conflict Resolution workshop
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:30	Free time: Can hike or go into Burlington
4:30	Performance workshop, cont.
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Daily Reflections
8:00	Movie Night: <i>Witness</i>

Thursday, February 2

8:15 AM	Breakfast
	Service Activities
9:00	Rockpoint group leaves
10:00	Spectrum group leaves
1:00 PM	Rockpoint group returns
2:00	Spectrum group returns
2:30	Discussion: <i>Service and Faith</i>
3:00	Brainstorming: RLC 2006
5:00	Dinner
6:30	Quiet time for meditation or prayer
8:30	Performance for VZC Sangha
	Closing reflections, thank yous.

Friday, February 3

6:00 AM	First cars depart Zen Center
8:00	Remaining cars depart

Appendix 4f: Religious Life Council Retreat 2007
Chamounix Mansion International Hostel in Fairmount Park
Philadelphia, PA
Sunday, January 28 – Friday, February 2
Attendance: 26 students

Sunday, January 28

- 1 PM Meet at Murray-Dodge
Introductions, ice breakers
- 3:00 Leave Princeton
Car seating based (roughly) on cooking groups
On the way to Philly, each car buys food they want to cook
- 5:00 Arrive, unpack, relax
- 6:30 Dinner
- 8:00 Report on car discussions
Spiritual Autobiographies

Monday, January 29

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:30 Performance Workshop
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Visit Mennonite Church
- 6:30 Dinner
- 7:30 Spiritual autobiographies--continued!
- 9:30 Daily Reflections

Tuesday, January 30

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:30 Visit Interfaith Center of Philadelphia
- 12:00 Free afternoon to explore Philly
- 6:30 Dinner
- 7:30 Spiritual autobiographies, continued, or:
Discussion: How is religious belief different from non-religious belief?
- 9:30 Daily Reflections

Appendix 4f: Philadelphia Retreat Schedule Cont'd

Wednesday, January 31

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 10:00 Performance Workshop
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Law & Religion: Talk by Sarah Barringer Gordon, Professor of Constitutional Law & History at Penn
- 3:00 Prepare for Talent Night
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Daily Reflections
- 8:00 Movie Night

Thursday, February 1

- 7:45 Breakfast
- 8:30 Leave for service project
- 2:00 Discussion: What is the Soul?
- 3:30 RLC Planning: 2007 Plus!
- 6:30 Dinner
- 7:30 Daily Reflections
- 8:30: Talent night

Friday, February 2

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 10:00 Check out of hostel
Return to Princeton

Appendix 5a: RLC Monday Meeting Schedule Spring 2002		
Date	Topic	Comment
2/11/02	Event Planning, Learn about the Baha'i Faith with Michelle Hemmat '04	Closed
2/21/02 (Thurs.)	What Matters to Me & Why: President Shirley Tilghman	Closed, Lowie House
2/25/02	Learn about Christianity with Katie Hampton '05, Talk by Dean Flores-Mills about RLC & Residential Education Program	Closed
3/7/02 (Thurs.)	What Matters to Me and Why: Professor Daniel Kahneman, Psychology & Woodrow Wilson School	Open, MD
3/11/02	Presentation on Purim by Rachel Smith, Planning	Closed
3/25/02	Interfaith Passover Seder	Open, MD
4/8/02	Presentation on the Buddha's Birthday and Jukai, Dana Graef '05, Planning	Closed
4/29/02	"I'm spiritual by not religious" Professor Bob Greg	Open, MD
5/20/02	Final Meeting: Seniors' What Matters to Me & Why	Closed, 69 Alexander

Appendix 5b: RLC Monday Meetings 2002-2003 Academic Year		
Date	Topic	Category
Fall Semester 2002		
9/16/02	Introductions and working meeting for the Festival of Faiths	Closed
9/23/02	Discussion of Summer Fellowship Experiences	Closed
9/30/02	Jewish Holy Days: Under the Sukkot Tent at the CJL	Open, CJL
10/7/02	Interfaith dinner discussion on Creation: Its interpretations, meanings and implications	Open, MD
10/14/02	Interfaith dinner discussion: Peace Making in Our Faith Traditions	Closed
10/21/02	Introduction to the Sikh Faith	Open, MD
11/4/02	"A Schema for Grappling with Reality" led by Rabbinic Intern Jonathan Crane	Closed
11/11/02	RLC Meeting and discussion of application process	Closed
11/18/02	What Matters to Me and Why: Susannah Heschel of the Religion Department	Open, MD
11/25/02	What Matters to Me & Why? Eugene Rogers of the Religion Department	Open, MD
12/2/02	Reflection on past year, discussion about Winter Holidays	Closed
12/9/02	What Matters to Me and Why: Professor Eddie Glaude	Open, MD
1/6/03	Interfaith Discussion on Prayer & Worship in our faith traditions	Open, MD
1/12/03	Training and preparation for Intercession trip to Toronto	Closed
Spring Semester 2003		
2/10/03	Welcome to the Spring Term	Closed
2/24/03	What does it mean to be Zoroastrian? Led by James Williams '06 and More Spiritual Autobiographies	Closed
3/3/03	Discussion with Rumi on Frist Exhibition	Open, MD
3/10/03	Interfaith discussion on Sexuality & Spirituality: its interpretations, implications, and meaning	Closed
3/24/03	Interfaith discussion on the intersection of religious faith and Social Action, Led by Joe Skloot '05	Open, MD
3/31/03	What Matters to Me & Why: Professor Robert George of the Politics Department	Open, MD
4/7/03	RLC working meeting; Discussion of Peace & Conflict	Closed
4/14/03	Shalom Interfaith Seder, Led by Joe Skloot '05	Open, MD
4/21/03	What Matters to Me & Why: Sue Anne Steffey Morrow	Open, MD
4/28/03	Interfaith Perspectives on the Death Penalty: Open Discussion with Princeton Coalition Against Capital Punishment & ACLU	Open
5/5/03	Final Dinner: Seniors' What Matters to Me & Why	Closed, 69 Alexander

Appendix 5c: RLC Monday Meetings 2003-2004 Academic Year		
Date	Topic	Category
Fall Semester 2003		
9/15/03	Introductions and Future of RLC	Closed
9/22/03	Discussion of Sin in our Faith Traditions	Closed
9/29/03	Discussion: Conversion	Open, MD
10/6/03	Planning and application process	Closed
10/13/03	Open House	Open, MD
10/20/03	Planning meeting	Closed
11/3/03	Discussion: Fasting as a Spiritual Discipline	Closed
11/10/03	Discussion: Ghosts, Angels, Spirits & Invisible Beings	Closed
11/17/03	Songs and Singing in our Faith Traditions	Closed
11/24/03	Interfaith Thanksgiving, Prayers of Gratitude	Open, MD
12/2/03	Meeting new members, World AIDS Day	Closed
12/9/03	Meeting of Student Religious Leaders	By Invitation
1/12/04	Retreat preparation for Intersession trip to DC	Closed
Spring Semester 2004		
2/9/04	God and "The Street:" Being Religious on Campus	Open, Rocky Dining Hall
2/16/04	Introduction to Zoroastrianism by James Williams '04, Continued Spiritual Autobiographies	Closed
2/23/04	What Matters to Me & Why: Rabbi James Diamond	Open, MD
3/1/04	Responses to "The Passion" and negative portrayals of our religions	Closed
3/8/04	The Role of Religion in the Public Sphere	Open, Forbes Dining Hall
3/22/04	Death and the Afterlife	Closed
3/29/04	What Matters to Me & Why: Charles Jones, PUDS	Open, Butler College Wu Dining Hall
4/5/04	Truth & how we view other religions	Closed
4/19/04	Salvation	Closed
4/26/04	Modesty	Open, Mathey College Dining Hall
5/4/04 (Tues.)	What Matters to Me & Why: Janet Rapelye, Dean of Admissions	Open, CJK
5/12/04 (Wed.)	Seniors' What Matters to Me & Why	Closed

Appendix 5d: RLC Monday Meetings 2004-2005		
Date	Topic	Category
Fall Semester 2004		
9/13/04	First meeting, discussion of summer fellowship experiences	Closed
9/20/04	Forgiveness	Closed
9/27/04	Faith Versus Reason: Contradiction or Cooperation?	Open, Wilson College Special Dining Room
10/4/04	Open House	Open, MD
10/11/04	Eboo Patel, Director of Inter-Faith Youth Core	Open, MD
10/18/04	Finding Peace Through our Religions in Times of Stress	Closed
11/1/04	Our personal religion & our public politics	Closed
11/8/04	What Matters to Me & Why: Father Tom Mullelly	Open, Butler College Wu Dining Hall
11/15/04	Skepticism	Closed
11/22/04	RLC Interfaith Thanksgiving	Open, MD
11/29/04	Religious hope in times of despair	Closed
12/6/04	Student Religious Leaders Summit	By Invitation
1/5/05	Retreat meeting for Intersession trip to Garrison	Closed, CJL
Spring Semester 2005		
1/31/05	Why are we on the RLC	Closed
2/7/05	Religion & the Street, Continued Spiritual Autobiographies	Closed
2/14/05	Planning for the Multi-Faith Gathering (Coming Together)	Closed
2/21/05	Interfaith Relationships	Closed
2/28/05	Food, Religion, and the Residential Colleges Guests: Stu Orefice, Director of Dining Services, and Chad Klaus, General Manager of Facilities	Open, Wilson College Wilcox Special Dining Room
3/7/05	Contemplative Practice & Prayer	Closed
3/31/05	Conversions	Closed
3/28/05	What Matters to Me & Why: Professor John Fleming, Department of English	Open, MD
4/4/05	Service & Religion	Open, MD
4/11/05	Race & Religion	Closed
4/18/05	Scripture & Literalism	Closed
4/25/05	What Matters to Me & Why: Camilo Azcarate, Ombudsman	Open, MD
5/3/05 (Tues)	Seniors' What Matters to Me & Why	Closed, MD

Appendix 5e: RLC Monday Meetings 2005-2006		
Date	Topic	Category
Fall Semester 2005		
9/19/05	Check-Ins and Katrina	Closed
9/26/05	RLC Activity Planning	Closed
10/3/05	Religion, Family, and Personal Identity	Closed
10/10/05	Religious Leaders Gathering	By Invitation
10/17/05	RLC Open House/Fellowships Reporting	Open, MD
10/24/05	Religion & Wellbeing	Closed
11/7/05	Dinner with Tulane Students	Closed
11/14/05	No record	
11/21/05	Gratitude: RLC Thanksgiving	Open, MD
11/28/05	Religion, Art & Representation	Closed
12/5/05	Abortion	Closed
12/12/05	Religion & War	Open, MD
Spring Semester 2006		
2/13/06	Religion, Punishment & Forgiveness	Closed
2/20/06	Religious Conflicts	Closed
2/27/06	Religious Criticism	Closed
3/6/06	Conversion and the Creation of Religious Groups	Closed
3/13/06	Informal Midterms Study Break	Closed
3/27/06	Prof. Kwame Anthony Appiah Talk about Cosmopolitanism & Religion	Open
4/3/06	Murray Dodge lobby decoration planning meeting	Closed
4/10/06	Talk by Prof. Danspeckruber: The role of religion in diplomacy	Open, Mathey College
4/17/06	Liberation and its personal meaning (Easter/Passover discussion)	Closed
4/24/06	Service (Discussion following the Interfaith Day of Service)	Open
5/3/06	Farewell to seniors: Seniors What Matters to Me & Why and Skit	Closed

Appendix 5f: RLC Monday Meetings 2006-2007		
Date	Topic	Category
Fall Semester 2006		
9/18/06	Summer Check-ins	Closed
9/25/06	Meeting with Princeton Affiliated Chaplains	Closed
10/2/06	Religion & Music	Closed
10/9/06	Religion & Nature: Outdoor Spirituality	Open, CJL
10/16/06	No record	
10/23/06	Student Religious Leaders Summit	By Invitation
11/6/06	Ballots & Belief	Closed
11/13/06	Belief & Practice	Closed
11/20/06	RLC Thanksgiving Dinner with Prof. Raboteau	Open, MD
11/27/06	What Matters to Me & Why: President Shirley Tilghman	Open, MD
12/4	Religion & Moral Responsibility	Closed
12/11	Religion in the Media	Closed
Spring Semester 2007		
2/5/07	Senior Spiritual Autobiographies for those who missed the retreat	Closed
2/12/07	Co-conveners led meeting discussing the point of the RLC in preparation for our trip to USC	Closed
2/19/07	Religion and Death	Closed
2/26/07	Sexuality	Closed
3/4/07	RLC's role on campus, planning events this semester	Closed
3/11/07	Midterm week - brief meeting in which Deepa led meditation techniques	Closed
3/25/07	Evil in religion	Closed
4/2/07	Religion and academics	Closed
4/9/07	Passing religion down through families / instructing kids in religion	Closed
4/16/07	What Matters to Me & Why with Molecular Biology Professor Eric Wieschaus, Nobel Laureate	Open, MD
4/23/07	Service discussion after Interfaith Day of Service	Open, MD
4/30/07	Religion and music	Closed
5/7/07	Senior Farewell	Closed

Appendix 6: What Matters to Me & Why RLC Speaker Series 2002-2007		
Date	Speaker	Location
2/21/02	What Matters to Me & Why: President Shirley Tilghman	Closed, Lowie House
3/7/02	What Matters to Me and Why: Professor Daniel Kahneman, Psychology & Woodrow Wilson School	Open, MD
11/18/02	What Matters to Me and Why: Susannah Heschel of the Religion Department	Open, MD
11/25/02	What Matters to Me & Why? Eugene Rogers of the Religion Department	Open, MD
12/9/02	What Matters to Me and Why: Professor Eddie Glaude	Open, MD
3/31/03	What Matters to Me & Why: Professor Robert George of the Politics Department	Open, MD
4/21/03	What Matters to Me & Why: Rev. Sue Anne Steffey Morrow	Open, MD
2/23/04	What Matters to Me & Why: Rabbi James Diamond	Open, MD
3/29/04	What Matters to Me & Why: Charles Jones, PUDS	Open, Butler College Wu Dining Hall
5/4/04	What Matters to Me & Why: Janet Rapelye, Dean of Admissions	Open, CJL
11/8/04	What Matters to Me & Why: Father Tom Mullelly	Open, Butler College Wu Dining Hall
3/28/05	What Matters to Me & Why: Professor John Fleming, Department of English	Open, MD
4/25/05	What Matters to Me & Why: Camilo Azcarate, Ombudsman	Open, MD
11/27/06	What Matters to Me & Why: President Shirley Tilghman	Open, MD
4/16/07	What Matters to Me & Why with Molecular Biology Professor Eric Wieschaus, Nobel Laureate	Open, MD

Appendix 7: RLC Open Meetings, 2002- Spring 2004		
Date	Topic	Description & Location
3/25/02	Interfaith Passover Seder	Open Special Program, MD
4/29/02	"I'm spiritual by not religious" Professor Bob Greg	Open Talk, MD
9/30/02	Jewish Holy Days: Under the Sukkot Tent at the CJL	Open Discussion, CJL
10/7/02	Interfaith dinner discussion on Creation: Its interpretations, meanings and implications	Open Discussion, MD
10/21/02	Introduction to the Sikh Faith	Open Discussion, MD
1/6/03	Interfaith Discussion on Prayer & Worship in our faith traditions	Open Discussion, MD
3/3/03	Discussion with Rumi on Frist Exhibition	Joint Collaboration, MD
3/24/03	Interfaith discussion on the intersection of religious faith and Social Action, Led by Joe Skloot '05	Open Discussion, MD
4/14/03	Shalom Interfaith Seder	Open Special Program, MD
4/28/03	Interfaith Perspectives on the Death Penalty: Open Discussion with Princeton Coalition Against Capital Punishment & ACLU	Open Discussion, MD
9/29/03	Discussion: Conversion	Open Discussion, MD
10/13/03	Open House	Open Special Program, MD
11/24/03	Interfaith Thanksgiving, Prayers of Gratitude	Open Special Program, MD
12/9/03	Meeting of Student Religious Leaders	By Invitation Special Program
2/9/04	God and "The Street:" Being Religious on Campus	Open Discussion, Rocky Dining Hall
3/8/04	The Role of Religion in the Public Sphere	Open Discussion, Forbes Dining Hall
4/26/04	Modesty	Open Discussion, Mathey College Dining Hall

Appendix 7: RLC Open Meetings Continued, Fall 2004- Spring 2007		
Date	Topic	Description & Location
9/27/04	Faith Versus Reason: Contradiction or Cooperation?	Open Discussion, Wilson College Special Dining Room
10/4/04	Open House	Open Special Program, MD
10/11/04	Eboo Patel, Director of Inter-Faith Youth Core	Open Talk, MD
11/22/04	RLC Interfaith Thanksgiving	Open Special Program, MD
12/6/04	Student Religious Leaders Summit	By Invitation Special Program
2/28/05	Food in the New Residential Colleges	Open Discussion, Wilson College Special Dining Room
4/4/05	Discussion on Service & Religion	Open Discussion, MD
10/10/05	Religious Leaders Gathering	By Invitation
10/17/05	RLC Open House/Fellowships Reporting	Open Special Program, MD
11/21/05	Gratitude: RLC Thanksgiving	Open Special Program, MD
12/12/05	Religion & War	Open Discussion, MD
3/27/06	Prof. Kwame Anthony Appiah Talk about Cosmopolitanism & Religion	Open Talk, MD
4/10/06	Talk by Prof. Danspeckruber: The role of religion in diplomacy	Open Talk, Mathey College
4/24/06	Service (Discussion following the Interfaith Day of Service)	Open Discussion, MD
10/9/06	Religion & Nature: Outdoor Spirituality	Open Discussion, CJL
10/23/06	Student Religious Leaders Summit	By Invitation
11/20/06	RLC Thanksgiving Dinner with Prof. Raboteau	Open Special Program, MD
4/23/07	Service discussion after Interfaith Day of Service	Open Discussion, MD

Appendix 8: RLC Closed Meeting Discussion Topics 2002-2005		
Date	Topic	Category
10/14/02	Peace Making in Our Faith Traditions	Closed
11/4/02	"A Schema for Grappling with Reality" led by Rabbinic Intern Jonathan Crane	Closed
2/24/03	What does it mean to be Zoroastrian? Led by James Williams '06 and More Spiritual Autobiographies	Closed
3/10/03	Sexuality & Spirituality: its interpretations, implications, and meaning	Closed
4/7/03	Discussion of Peace & Conflict	Closed
5/5/03	Final Dinner: Seniors' What Matters to Me & Why	Closed
9/22/03	Sin in our Faith Traditions	Closed
11/3/03	Fasting as a Spiritual Discipline	Closed
11/10/03	Ghosts, Angels, Spirits & Invisible Beings	Closed
11/17/03	Songs and Singing in our Faith Traditions	Closed
2/16/04	Introduction to Zoroastrianism by James Williams '04	Closed
3/1/04	Responses to "The Passion" and negative portrayals of our religions	Closed
3/22/04	Death and the Afterlife	Closed
4/5/04	Truth & how we view other religions	Closed
4/19/04	Salvation	Closed
5/12/04	Seniors' What Matters to Me & Why	Closed
9/20/04	Forgiveness	Closed
10/18/04	Finding Peace Through our Religions in Times of Stress	Closed
11/1/04	Our personal religion & our public politics	Closed
11/15/04	Skepticism	Closed
11/29/04	Religious hope in times of despair	Closed
1/31/05	Why are we on the RLC	Closed
2/7/05	Religion & the Street	Closed
2/21/05	Interfaith Relationships	Closed
3/7/05	Contemplative Practice & Prayer	Closed
3/31/05	Conversions	Closed
4/11/05	Race & Religion	Closed
4/18/05	Scripture & Literalism	Closed
5/3/05	Seniors' What Matters to Me & Why	Closed
10/3/05	Religion, Family, and Personal Identity	Closed
10/24/05	Religion & Wellbeing	Closed
11/28/05	Religion, Art & Representation	Closed
12/5/05	Abortion	Closed

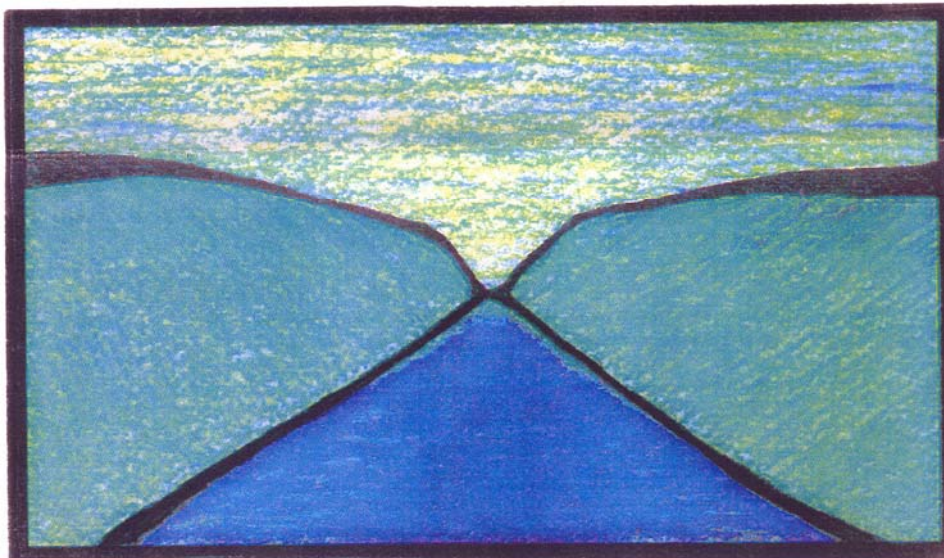
Appendix 8: RLC Closed Meeting Discussion Topics Continued, 2006-2007		
Date	Topic	Category
2/16/06	Religion, Punishment & Forgiveness	Closed
2/23/06	Religious Conflicts	Closed
3/2/06	Religious Criticism	Closed
3/6/06	Conversion and the Creation of Religious Groups	Closed
4/17/06	Liberation and its personal meaning (Easter/Passover discussion)	Closed
5/3/06	Farewell to seniors: Seniors What Matters to Me & Why and Skit	Closed
9/18/06	Summer Check-ins	Closed
9/25/06	Meeting with Princeton Affiliated Chaplains	Closed
10/2/06	Religion & Music	Closed
11/6/06	Ballots & Belief	Closed
11/13/06	Belief & Practice	Closed
2/12/07	The point of the RLC	Closed
2/19/07	Religion and Death	Closed
2/26/07	Sexuality	Closed
3/4/07	RLC's role on campus	Closed
3/25/07	Evil in religion	Closed
4/2/07	Religion and academics	Closed
4/9/07	Passing religion down through families / instructing kids in religion	Closed
4/30/07	Religion and music	Closed
5/7/07	Senior Farewell	Closed

Appendix 9: Shalom Interfaith Seder Poster, April 2003

סדר שלום
Shalom Seder

An Interfaith Passover Celebration of
Exodus

You are cordially invited
to a creative observance of Passover,
to explore the meaning of community,
and what it is to be free. Please join us...



Monday, April 14, 2003

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Murray-Dodge Hall
Princeton University

All Are Welcome

Dinner will be served

Sponsored by the Religious Life Council, the Office of Religious Life, and the Center for Jewish Life

Appendix 10a: Festival of Faiths Posters, Fall 2003

The Festival of Faiths
presents...

SOUND & SPIRIT

A PERFORMANCE CELEBRATING
PRINCETON'S SPIRITUAL COMMUNITIES

Thursday, September 18, 2003
7:30 PM - McCosh Courtyard

with
The University Chapel Choir, Jon Arrucci,
Koleinu, PUGE, Klezmocrats,
Baha'i Club, Muslim Students Association
and much, much more!

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!

Sponsored by the Religious Life Council, Frist Campus Center, Office of Religious Life,
Center for Jewish Life, VP for Campus Life, International Center and Princeton Packet

Appendix 10b: Festival of Faiths Posters, Fall 2003

*The Festival of Faiths Concert Series
presents...*

**SACRED DANCE
& SACRED THOUGHT**

An Indian Classical Dance Recital

Featuring

Bala Devi Chandrashekar



**Sunday, September 21st
7:30 pm
Frist Campus Center
Theater**

Tickets at the Frist Center Box Office:
\$15 for adults, \$6 for children under 12, free
for PIUD holders.

Sponsored by the Religious Life Council, Frist Campus Center, Office of Religious Life, Center for Jewish Life, VP for Campus Life, International Center and Princeton Packet

Appendix 10c: Festival of Faiths Posters, Fall 2003

Princeton University's Religious Life Council, Frist Campus Center, Office of Religious Life, Center for Jewish Life, VP for Campus Life and International Center present...

A Thanksgiving Gospel Celebration with

The IllumiNations

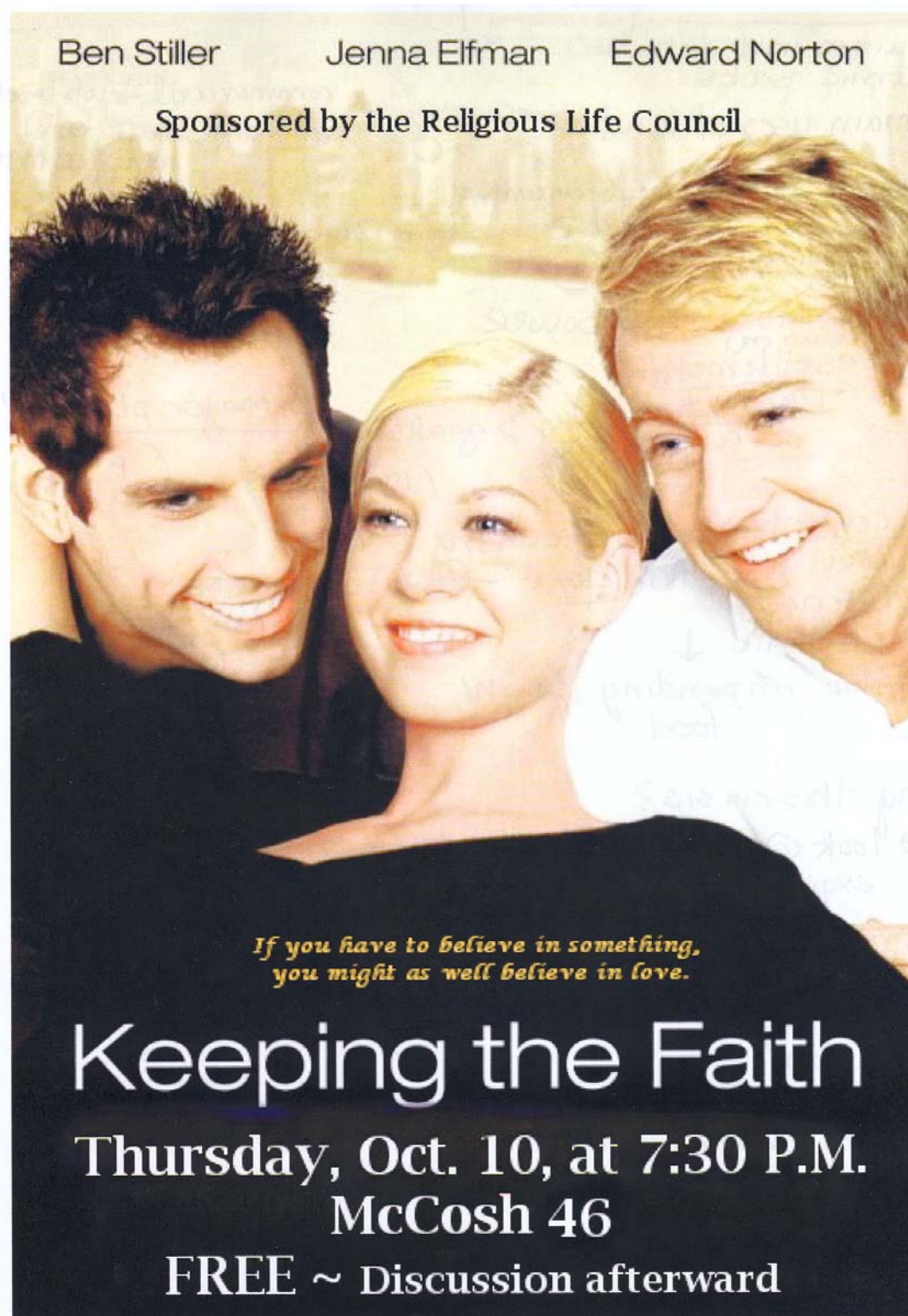
A 50-member strong assembly of some of the most phenomenal gospel singers in the metro New York area, the IllumiNations represent the cultural, ethnic, and sociological diversity of New York. Their ministry of song reaches across the lines of difference to light the way to love, healing, and liberation, and to share the message of God's unconditional love.



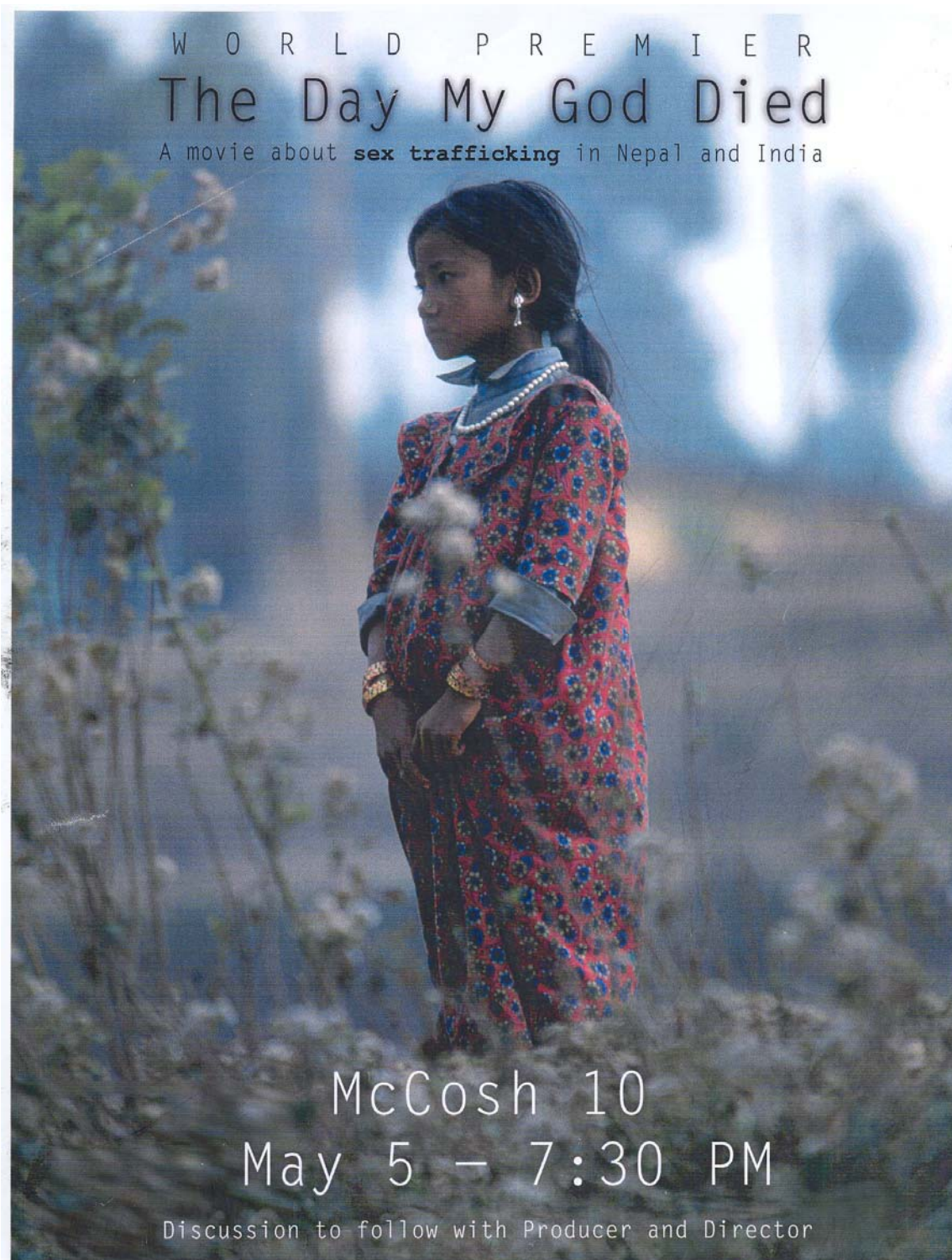
Sunday, November 23 -- 7:00 PM
Murray-Dodge Hall

This concert is the third in the Festival of Faiths series, dedicated to bringing Princeton's diverse faith-communities together through song and dance.

Appendix 11a: *Keeping the Faith* Movie Series Poster, October 2002



Appendix 11b: *The Day My God Died* Movie Series Poster, May 2003



Appendix 12: 2005 Coming Together Summit Schedule of Events

Thursday, February 17

- 3:00 to 5:00 PM **Registration**
Murray-Dodge Hall
- 5:00 to 6:00 PM **Buddhist Meditation**
Interfaith Prayer Room
3rd Floor Murray-Dodge Hall
- 6:30 PM **Opening Dinner Reception**
Whig Hall, Senate Chambers, 2nd FL
- Welcome & Introductions
- Opening Addresses:
Dean Thomas Breidenthal, Princeton University
Chaplain William Gipson, University of Pennsylvania
Steve Waldman, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Beliefnet.com
- 10:00 PM **Open Discussion "Being a Religious Person at College"**
Murray-Dodge Hall
- How do our beliefs and religious background affect our college experience? Do religious students approach issues differently than non-religious students? Join a group of students in an engaging, informal discussion of the ways our religion informs our college life, particularly in the areas of academics, social life, and relationships.
- 10:00 PM **Advance screening of "Millions" film by Danny Boyle**
Garden Theater, 160 Nassau Street, across from the University Library

Friday, February 18

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast and Morning Session**
Frist Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (Lower Level)
- 9:00 AM -12 PM **Multi-faith Councils 101**
- An opportunity to ask questions and get answers you need to structure your council, sharing effective programming ideas, and discussing your council's role on campus.
- 12:00 – 2:00 PM **Lunch**
Murray-Dodge Hall Café (lower level)
- Lunch will be set up for two hours for people to eat when they wish.
- 12:00 – 2:00PM **Religious Services** - All are welcome at any religious service.
- 12:00 – 12:30 PM **Catholic Service, University Chapel**
- 12:30 – 1:00 PM **Baha'i Service, Interfaith Prayer Room, 3rd Floor Murray-Dodge Hall**

Friday, February 18, Cont'd

1:00 – 1:30 PM **Hindu Service**, Interfaith Prayer Room, 3rd Floor Murray-Dodge Hall

1:00 PM **Jum'a Prayer (Muslim)**, West Room, Murray-Dodge Hall

2:00 – 4:00 PM **Interfaith Prayer Service Workshop** Murray-Dodge Hall

This will be a hands-on workshop. We will discuss the dynamics and possibilities of interfaith prayer: how to do it, what works, and what doesn't. Following the principles we develop in our discussion, we will create our own interfaith prayer service which we will lead for the whole gathering on Saturday evening. Come with prayers in-hand and creative ideas to share!

5:30 PM **Shabbat Services and Dinner** Center for Jewish Life

7:30 PM **Princeton Evangelical Fellowship**, Murray Dodge Hall

8:00 PM **Evening Programs**, Center for Jewish Life

- Text Study on War and Peace: Is it acceptable to start a war? When?

Have you ever wondered what different religions have to say about entering a war? This inter-faith study of religious texts will give you a glimpse of when various world religions find it acceptable for nations and people to rise against each other. The study will include quotes from some sacred texts. We will split into small groups of 10-15 people, and read and interpret quotes.

- Media & Religion

What makes religion newsworthy? How should the media report problems, controversies and celebrations in our religious communities? Should religion factor more into mainstream news? Less? How can we use the media to get our views out there? These are just some sample questions for this workshop on religion and media.

8:00 PM **Catholic Stations of the Cross**, University Chapel

Saturday, February 19, 2005

8:00 AM – 12:00 **Breakfast and Morning Sessions**
Murray-Dodge Hall

The Challenges of Creating Sacred Spaces in the University Setting

The session will explore the Hopkins Model of building sacred spaces with a focus on how to overcome the challenges of creating sacred spaces in the college environment.

The Importance of Service in Interfaith Work

The talk will encourage student leaders to incorporate an action component into their existing interfaith work using the National Day of Interfaith Youth Service as an example.

Noon **Lunch**, Murray-Dodge Hall Cafe

Saturday, February 19, Cont'd

2:00 – 4:30 PM

Planning for the Future

Murray-Dodge Hall

- Presentation and Brainstorming Session: An Intercollegiate Journal of Religious Life

- Next Steps Planning

This will be an open forum to discuss ideas for permanent contact between interfaith councils in the future. Three students from different schools have thought of some examples for sustained relationship between councils and will use this as a starting place for brainstorming ideas about what form such contact would take in order to fulfill the individual and group goals of the various councils represented. By the end of the session we hope to define the purpose of initiating discussions between schools and how to best address that need.

6:30 – 9:00 PM

Closing Dinner

Friend Center, Convocation Room

Keynote Professor Jeffrey Stout

Princeton University Department of Religion, Author of the award-winning book "Democracy and Tradition" (2004)

Interfaith Prayer Service

8:45 PM

Manna Christian Fellowship, *Murray-Dodge Hall*

10:00 PM

Conversation and Snacks, *Murray-Dodge Café*

Sunday, February 20, 2005

9:00 AM

Breakfast

Murray-Dodge Cafe

11:00 AM

University Chapel Service

Sermon by Dean Paul Raushenbush and music by The Princeton University Chapel Choir, comprised of 80 students will participate in the service.