

LILLY ENDOWMENT MAKES \$6M GRANT TO INTERFAITH YOUTH CORE FOR INTERFAITH COOPERATION AND LEADERSHIP

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Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC) is pleased to announce the launch of a new initiative funded through a \$6 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

The initiative, ***Interfaith Cooperation Through and Beyond Higher Education: Leadership Pathways and the Public Understanding of Religion***, will expand IFYC's efforts on college campuses nationwide.

America's colleges and universities act as micro civil societies and offer unparalleled opportunity to reach young adults developing their leadership in religiously diverse contexts. In 20 years, IFYC has engaged with close to 600 U.S. campuses to develop appreciation across religious difference and to advance interfaith leadership. IFYC has made an impact on the lives of thousands of undergraduates and increased public understanding of religion through the ranks of 1,500 alumni interfaith leaders.

With Lilly Endowment funding, IFYC will spend the next three years expanding interfaith opportunities in student leadership, campus environments, higher education networks, and young alumni leaders. Through this effort, IFYC will seek to increase the public understanding of religion both on and off campuses. Further, IFYC will engage student and alumni leaders to deepen personal lifelong commitments to bridging religious divides, while serving their broader communities.

Dr. Eboo Patel, Founder and President of Interfaith Youth Core writes, "As IFYC works toward an interfaith America, and honors the rich uniqueness that each of us brings, we deeply value our ongoing partnership with Lilly Endowment and are grateful for their continued trust in the impact of Interfaith Youth Core."



Interfaith Youth Core

Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC) is a national non-profit organization working towards an America where people of different faiths, worldviews, and traditions can bridge differences and find common values to build a shared life together. To realize this vision, IFYC partners with colleges and universities and other higher education stakeholders across the country. The organization trains young people to become the kind of interfaith leaders who can turn religious diversity into interfaith cooperation that strengthens our democratic society. Since its founding in Chicago in 2002, IFYC has trained thousands of students in interfaith leadership and engaged with close to 600 campuses across the United States. IFYC also offers a range of opportunities to guide young interfaith leaders as they map pathways from undergraduate education to professional life and civic leadership. Learn more at IFYC.org.

Lilly Endowment Inc.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by J. K. Lilly and his sons, Eli and J.K. Jr., through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. While those gifts remain the financial bedrock of the Endowment, the Endowment is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. In keeping with its founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education, and religion. The principal aim of grantmaking in religion is to deepen and enrich the lives of American Christians, primarily by supporting efforts that enhance the vitality of congregations and strengthen the pastoral and lay leadership of Christian communities. The Endowment also seeks to improve public understanding of diverse religious traditions by supporting fair and accurate portrayals of the role religion plays in the United States and across the globe.

