

Navigating Religious Diversity (2.5 hours)

Overview: Religious diversity is a reality in 21st Century America. This course will examine diverse faith traditions exploring how they are similar to and different from Reformed Christianity within the PC(USA). Understanding diverse religions within one's community can help local congregations build bridges of understanding and peace, as well as initiate opportunities to work together for the common good of a community.

Suggested Topics

- Explore the origin, understanding of God, religious texts, historical context, and major tenants of diverse faiths
- Explore how these diverse faiths are similar or dissimilar to Reformed Christianity
- Explore what one can learn from these diverse faiths as it applies to living more faithfully as a Christian
- Potential list of diverse faiths based on claimed faith of the world's population: Christianity (33%), Islam (20%), Hinduism (14%), Buddhism (5%), and Jewish (0.2%)
- Other options based on interest of participants in their specific community: Unitarian, Latter Day Saints (Mormon), Christian Science, Jehovah Witness, Scientology, Sikh, etc.
- How to begin an interfaith dialogue to address a common issue within a community