

Interfaith Dialogue in Action and Religious Contribution During Covid-19

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Abstract: *During the time of COVID-19 different religions contributed so many services to the society. At a time when people suffered a lot viz financially, physically, emotionally, spiritually; various religions raised helping hand for them. Many organizations and individuals think various options to address the threats caused by COVID-19 and they follow interfaith and various religious principles. The role of interfaith dialogue in action and religious contribution are imperative in this context. They protected the life and dignity of the individual, also respected the rights and responsibility of each person, helping the poor and vulnerable sectors of the society. Following aspects promoted interreligious dialogue viz the dialogue of life, the dialogue of action, the dialogue of theological exchange and the dialogue of religious experience.*

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