

Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge
Service of Blessing and Installation
February 8, 2009

Introductions Willie Johnson

Welcome Rabbi Thomas Gardner

Call to Worship "Go Light Your World"
Liturgical Dance
St. Paul Lutheran & Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
Leader: Federation Board Member Nancy Heck

Interfaith Blessing Margaret Johnson

Blessings & Lighting of Candles
Islam Jane Aslam
Director of Disaster Response Services
Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) Relief USA

Judaism Celia Vine
B'nai Israel and Beth Shalom Synagogues

Christianity Rev. Belinda Washington
8th District African Methodist Episcopal (AME)
Disaster Relief Center
Louisiana Regional Director

Buddhism Dr. John Pickering
Tam Bao Temple

Hinduism Dr. Madhurendu Kamar
Hindu Samaj

Special Music

"This Little Light of Mine"
Vivian Walker

Blessing & Installation

Rev. Clint Mitchell
President

Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge

One: From many lands and many traditions, we come together to sing a new song.

All: *In many tongues, we will sing a new song to the one we know by many names.*

One: We sing of joy and promise

All: *A new song of thanksgiving and hope.*

One: We sing of blessing for our new Executive Director

All: *A new song of gratitude for new leaders and new life.*

One: We sing of unity

All: *A new song to come together, overcoming old divisions and mistrust.*

One: We sing of justice

All: *A new song to lift every voice and life, a new song of compassion for all in our community.*

One: We sing of peace.

All: *A new song of love for every sister and brother, a new song of welcome and generosity for all.*

One: How long will we sing this song?

All: *We will sing this new song together until all children can walk together in celebration, until all people are recognized with dignity and respect, until all nations live in harmony with one another.*

One: Robin McCullough-Bade you are now installed as Executive Director of the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge. May God bless you.

