



# JCMA

Jewish Christian Muslim  
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## APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE JEWISH CHRISTIAN MUSLIM ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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I wish to become a member of the Jewish Christian Muslim Association. If my application for membership of JCMA is approved, I agree to support the objectives and be bound by the Association rules for the time being in force and pay the membership fee.

*Please answer (or tick) the following questions:*

- I accept the Association rules: (<http://jcma.org.au/jcma-rules-of-association>)
- I accept JCMA's principles of dialogue (see page 2 or go to our website <http://jcma.org.au/principles-of-dialogue>)
- I have paid my membership fee  Direct Debit  Cheque  Cash  Online JCMA website  
[Click here to join on-line](#)
- I know the following existing members of JCMA: *Please list two names or write 'no-one'.*  
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- The faith group with which I personally identify is [Tick one]  
 Jewish  Christian  Muslim  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- I wish to join JCMA because: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please sign here: \_\_\_\_\_ [Signature] \_\_\_\_\_ [Date]

### Annual Individual Membership Fee is \$30

Cheques or money orders made out to: <b>Jewish Christian Muslim Association</b> Please post with membership form to: JCMA PO Box 146 East Melbourne VIC 8002	Direct Deposit may be made to: <b>Jewish Christian Muslim Association</b> <b>NAB Bank - BSB: 083-004 Account: 58-096-9036</b> Email receipt to: <a href="mailto:memberships@jcma.org.au">memberships@jcma.org.au</a>
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**Sponsoring Organisations:**

Jewish Community Council of Victoria  
 Victorian Council of Churches  
 Islamic Council of Victoria

# JCMA - PRINCIPLES for Interfaith Dialogue

## AIMS for Interfaith Dialogue

The Constitution of JCMA states that the principal purposes for which the Association is established are:

1. To promote the prevention or the control of behaviour that is harmful or abusive to human beings, arising from religious intolerance resulting in emotional, psychological, verbal and physical abuse.
2. To draw together members of the Abrahamic faiths in mutual respect, seeking to appreciate each other and to heal ancient wounds, pledging mutual support in times of stress and engaging in dialogue in all its aspects.

To achieve these principal purposes, the Association, among other things, organises conferences and other activities for the purpose of learning about each other's faith, of sharing personal experience, and of discussing issues of concern within their own faith communities and within the broader society.

## JCMA engages in Interfaith Dialogue in order to:

- provide participants with opportunities to interact with one another
- ensure a climate of respect and empathy with each other
- endeavour to hear and understand each other
- build personal relationships and develop friendships
- discover and recognise similarities as well as differences
- start or enhance an ongoing process of discovery
- better understand our own strengths and weaknesses
- provide opportunities for engagement in the Holy Texts of each faith group
- develop shared knowledge and experience among JCMA members

## EMPHASES when JCMA engages in Interfaith Dialogue:

- A JCMA interfaith dialogue event is about meeting people of our own religion and others
- We hope to understand other faiths (and our own) more deeply by starting to discover what they mean to other people who live them
- We wish to develop an awareness of what is true and good and beautiful in faiths other than our own

## GUIDELINES for JCMA Interfaith Dialogue:

- No one will seek to convert any other participant
- We seek to explain and demonstrate what we hold deeply and in reverence
- We speak of and through our own experience and understanding
- When generalisations are unavoidable, we seek to be honest and as accurate as possible
- We speak of our own faith, leaving others to speak of their
- We *respond* rather than *react* when we are disturbed by something we hear or read
- We encourage questions which aim to learn more about the faith of others
- We give each member faith group equal opportunity and exposure
- We try to make sure that any terminology used is clearly understood