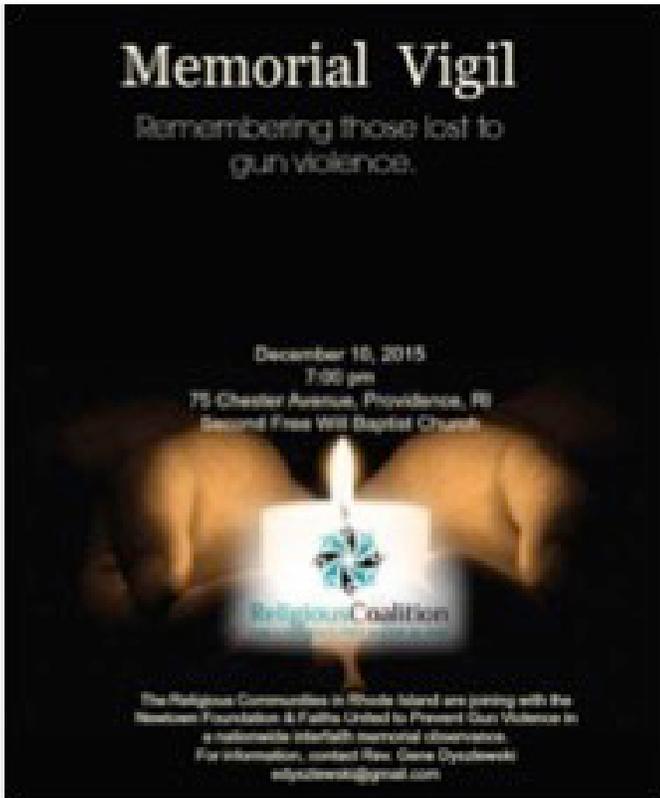


MEMORIAL VIGIL FOR GUN VICTIMS: On the 3rd Anniversary of Sandy Hook

The Religious Coalition for a Violence-Free Rhode Island; the Baptist Peace Fellowship of Rhode Island & numerous Coalition Partners held an Interfaith Memorial Vigil for gun victims on the 3rd anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings. The event was held at 2nd Free Will Baptist Church in Providence. Rev. Gene serves as the Chairperson of the Religious Coalition.



Gordon School Handbell Choir performed at the vigil. The children escorted the Rhode Island Memorial Quilt into the Sanctuary.



Rabbi Howard Voss-Altman, Sr. Rabbi at Temple Beth-El, led the lighting of the Menorah on the Fifth Day of Hanukkah as a symbol of hope.



Clergy and participants at Memorial Vigil standing in solidarity behind the Rhode Island Memorial Quilt.

Inaugural Meeting of the Rhode Island Sangha

A group of Rhode Island contemplatives who are students of Dzogchen Tibetan Buddhist spiritual practice gathered for the first time at Rev. Gene's house, a few days after Christmas. The group will meet there regularly for monthly meditation sessions. The irony of a Christmas Tree in the scene is not lost. Contemplative practice is ubiquitous among the world's religions. The group's practice is mainly rooted in Nyingma and Bon Indo-Tibetan lineage but follows the Rimé philosophy of openness to other traditions.

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The Tibetan characters for Rimé, literally translated as 'unbiased.'

The name is derived from two Tibetan words: Ris (bias, side) and Med (lack), which combined expresses the idea of openness to other traditions. Rime means to be without borders, without people taking up the flags of "spiritual nationality."



INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

A guest clergy person will join us for Pizza and Piety on Tuesday January 26 at 6:15 PM. Imam Farid Ansari will teach us about islam. Imam Ansari is no stranger to Lime Rock and is pleased to return, this time for a quiet evening of discussion. Please help me welcome him and bring with you all your questions. What we know about Islam should be more than what we might see in the media.

