

Guidelines For Inter-religious Understanding

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The world religions bear witness to the experience of Ultimate Reality to which they give various names: Brahman, Allah, (the) Absolute, God, Great Spirit.

Two

Ultimate Reality cannot be limited by any name or concept.

Three

Ultimate Reality is the ground of infinite potentiality and actualization.

Four

Faith is opening, accepting, and responding to Ultimate Reality. Faith in this sense precedes every belief system.

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The potential for human wholeness—or in other frames of

reference, enlightenment, salvation, transformation, blessedness, *nirvana*—is present in every human person.

Six

Ultimate Reality may be experienced not only through religious practices but also through nature, art, human relationships, and service of others.

Seven

As long as the human condition is experienced as separate from Ultimate Reality, it is subject to ignorance, illusion, weakness and suffering.

Eight

Disciplined practice is essential to the spiritual life; yet spiritual attainment is not the result of one's own efforts, but the experience of oneness (unity) with Ultimate Reality.