World Religion Day is held on the third Sunday in January each year. It is a day where our community is exposed to information about different faiths and encouraged to engage in interfaith dialogue. The day was established by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha’is of the United States in 1949. Since the first World Religion Day celebration in 1950, many organizations around the world hold events involving talks, presentations and displays to increase peoples knowledge of other faith traditions and beliefs.

OIE began celebrating World Religion Day every other year with poster displays in public areas and digital signage displays throughout campus. The very first celebration included student and staff representatives of various faiths sharing information and answering questions about their faith posters. This was an extremely successful event and led to an extension of the originally planned duration of the program.

Expansion of the program may include collaboration with student groups and/or individual community members to host presentations and lectures on topics related to the goals of this day to promote interfaith understanding and harmony.

** Desired Outcomes: **

As a result of the digital signage or passive poster display for World Religion day, students and the great Carnegie Mellon Qatar community will:
- Develop an awareness of basic information about various faith traditions
- Learn terms associated with the represented religions
- Consider and reflect on reasons why recognizing this day is important

As a result of engagement with the poster presentations for World Religion day, students and the great Carnegie Mellon Qatar community will:
- Be encouraged to participate in interfaith dialogue (CIVIC ENGAGEMENT)
- Express respectful curiosity (KNOWLEDGE ACQUISITION)
- Clarify understanding of information presented (INTRAPERSOINAL DEVELOPMENT)
- Consider the diversity within individual faith traditions (COGNITIVE COMPLEXITY)