

LIFE Meeting

World Religions

October 12, 2016

1. Opening Prayer

Becca

2. Small Groups (15 minutes each)

- Origin of religion
- Main characteristics/beliefs
- Holidays
- Relation to Catholicism
- Prayers that came from or are similar to Catholicism
- A Catholic prayer that was derived from that religion
- Other ceremonies that are similar to Catholicism
- For Becca.....what are the differences between the various Christian denominations

Anna (Hinduism)—Mrs. Matzen's Room

Kinley (Judaism)—Mrs. Sweetmon's Room

Nathan (Native American)—Media Center

Jesse (Islam)—Mrs. Novotny's

Becca (Other Christian Denominations)—Mrs.
McNamera's Room

3. Large Group: Closing Comments

4. Closing Prayer

Nathan

- **Next Meeting: November 16th**
- **Planning Meeting November 2nd**
 - **Food: Morgan, Jesse, Kinley, Sophia**
 - **Need to think about our Hope Totes!**

Opening Prayer

We are the world - Michael Jackson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxSFTUCjamc>

There comes a time when we heed a
certain call

When the world must come together as
one

There are people dying

And it's time to lend a hand to life

The greatest gift of all

We can't go on pretending day by day

That someone, somewhere will soon
make a change

We all are a part of God's great big
family

And the truth, you know,

Love is all we need

We are the world, we are the children

**We are the ones who make a brighter
day**

So let's start giving

There's a choice we're making

We're saving our own lives

It's true we'll make a better day

Just you and me

Send them your heart so they'll know
that someone cares

And their lives will be stronger and free

As God has shown us by turning stone to
bread

So we all must lend a helping hand

When you're down and out, there
seems no hope at all

But if you just believe there's no way we
can fall

Well...well...well

Let's realize that a change can only
come

When we stand together as one

Reflection

4,200. That is the estimated number of different religions practiced in the world today. With a number that large we can only begin to imagine the amount of differences between Catholicism and the other thousands of religions. While we have many differences we must find respect and understanding in why people believe in what they do. While the song that was just played has a message of world peace, there is a message about religions too. God is the center of peace and love. Without God there is not love and there is not peace. No matter what religion we practice, God calls all of us to be good people and to love each child of his. Today we will discuss the similarities and differences that we share in our ways of worship. Lord help us to be understanding and respectful as we learn about different religions. Help us to be open minded and to see you in different cultures. Most of all help us to grow in our own faith today and to understand the structure of our worship and beliefs. As your people let us joyfully proclaim, may the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Amen

Closing Prayer

How Great is Our God (World Edition) - Chris Tomlin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D58HbxSw5R4>

The splendor of the King

Clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice,

All the earth rejoice

Sidney Mohede (Indonesian):

Terang-Nya bersinar

Kegelapan t'lah sirna

Sujudlah pada-Nya

Sujudlah pada-Nya

Roma Kasevich (Russian):

Наш Бог так велик! (Nash Bog Tak Velik)

Пой со мной (Poi tso Mnoi)

Наш Бог так велик! (Nash Bog Tak Velik)

Пусть видят все (Pust vidyat vse)

Наш Бог, наш Бог так велик! (Nash Bog,
Nash Bog, Tak Velik)

Age to age he stands

And time is in His Hands

Beginning and the End,

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Marcos Witt (Spanish):

Los tres en uno son

La santa trinidad

Cordero y el león

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+With Fernandinho (Portuguese):

Cuan grande es mi Dios + Quão grande é
o meu Deus

cantemos + Cantarei

Cuan grande es mi Dios + Quão grande é
o meu Deus

Y todos lo verán + Todos hão de ver

Cuan grande es mi Dios + Quão grande é
o meu Deus

Jing Hui (Mandarin):

我神真偉大, (wo shen zhen wei da)

歌頌祢聖名, (ge song ni sheng ming)

真偉大, (zhen wei da)

全地都看見, (quan di dou kan jian)

我神真偉大。(wo shen zhen wei da)

Reflection:

This song reflects this meeting twofold. The first being that, as it is apparent from just listening to it once, this song is sung in multiple languages. The use of different languages, all in the same song, exemplifies that the world, although vast and diverse as can be, is unified under one God. It shows that Christianity spreads throughout the entire world. The other major aspect reflected in the song is that the entirety of the world is under God's reign and that is who humanity as a whole should be worshipping. It's astounding that languages, seemingly so different and unrelatable, are able to be joined to make music. The songs talks about how from the beginning and until the end our God will always be there and we should be aware of that. All Christians have different ways of worshipping so it is nice to all be able to have a song that tells us what we already know "How Great is our God!" As your people let us joyfully proclaim: May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Amen.