



Daughters of Abraham



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FROM OUR FOUNDER: Janice Harris Lord

Some of you may not know why we call ourselves "Daughters of Abraham." As one person said, "Our Holy Books don't say anything about Abraham having daughters!" My initial thought (internal only) was, "Well, lots of women didn't get mentioned...." However, my response (which I believe is a correct one) was that God promised Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars and sands and would bless all nations. That's a pretty tall order for an elderly man and woman! However, through his sons, Ishmael and Isaac, that includes us! History has called Judaism, Christianity, and Islam the Abrahamic faiths. We three faiths are also called "People of the Book" because we rely on Holy Books. So we are all descendants of Abraham. How sweet it is to love one another as not just friends, but as sisters! I can't wait to see you at the retreat! –Janice



NEWS: 2026 Retreat

Daughters of Abraham Spring Retreat, Nurturing Your Soul by Choosing Joy, will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are receiving this in time to register, the link is:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSceDwH1BIgC8Ev0011qaw1BMOFvXabYpR5pWRkAHmes8XjP6A/viewform>



Arlington/Fort Worth Morning Group

February Meeting

About 40 women, representing all three Abrahamic faiths, attended the February 25 meeting of the Arlington/Fort Worth group at First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth. The group was divided among four round tables with representatives of each faith at each table to discuss the topic, "How I Plan to Use Interfaith Experiences during the Next Year to Strengthen My Own



Faith." Julie Compton, from that congregation, facilitated the very meaningful discussion. Kathy Freid, Jewish representative of the morning group on the Leadership Team, encouraged all to attend the Daughters Spring Retreat for all three groups on Sunday, April 19. Janice Lord requested volunteers from all three faiths to serve on speaking panels coming up.



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March Meeting

Nearly 40 Arlington/Fort Worth Daughters met at the Fort Worth Mosque on March 25 to discuss "How going through our Holy Days (Passover, Lent/Easter, and Ramadan) helped us grow spiritually (especially if we participated in interfaith events during that time.)" The discussion, facilitated by Lydia Abdullah, focused on what we already know: that all three Abrahamic faiths use these set-aside times each year to become closer to the God of our understanding through similar practices such as fasting, more prayer (including hearing the Quran recited every day by Muslims), giving to charity, and remembering our heritage such the pilgrimage of Moses through the desert being key in Passover remembrances. In generations past, Christian Lent was primarily practiced by the Catholic Church, but now many Protestants engage in it as well. Lent historically has been 40 days of giving something up that could be distracting us from serving God, but it now can mean adding something during this time to grow spiritually. Cathy Freid, our Jewish representative on the Daughters Leadership Team and a member of the Daughters Retreat Committee encouraged all to participate in the retreat. Online registration is easy at daughtersofabraham-tx.org where the home page includes a link to the flyer and registration form.



Northeast Tarrant County Group

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March Outing

On Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 2pm, the Northeast Tarrant Daughters group provided a special outing to see the "Treasures from the Terra Sancta Museum, Jerusalem" at the Kimbell. Three of us were able to attend. The exhibit was a beautiful display of richly crafted vestments, monstrances, lamps, altar furnishings and other church objects which were donated to the church by European monarchs across the 16th to 19th centuries. Many of the objects were crafted of gold, silver, precious/semi-precious stones, and silken tapestry. They were expressions of art as well as objects for the practice of faith.



In the photo left to right: Vicky Dobbs, Patty Bandy, Barbara Wenzel



Dallas Group

February Meeting



Our Dallas DofA February meeting was hosted by St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas. Our topic was "How Are Scandals with Clergy Handled? What Are Our Expectations of Our Clergy?" We agreed upfront not to mention specific names or religious institutions, which opened up the group to lots of sharing about various abuses by clergy in all of three our faiths. Several had stories about how an offending clergyperson was merely fired with no charges filed, so the person was free to work at another religious institution—or in other cases, merely transferred to



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another organization in the same faith! We all agreed if the law has been broken, regardless of the person's status, the police should be brought into the matter to avoid having serial offenders. All were also in agreement that our clergy people are held to a higher standard. It was an interesting and thought-provoking discussion.

March Meeting

Since we were in the midst of the month of Ramadan, our March gathering was celebrating with an iftar hosted by the Dialogue Institute in Richardson. If you're not familiar with this wonderful group, you can read more about them at <https://www.dialoguedallas.org/about-us>. We met a week earlier than usual to allow our Muslim sisters to celebrate the Eid al-Fitr (the Muslim holiday celebrating the end of Ramadan) on our regular third Thursday meeting date.

The Dialogue Institute had six tables decorated beautifully with a long food table containing a variety of Mediterranean foods and delicacies on the side. Our hosts had received 70 RSVPs, with 55 people actually attending (many not staying for the picture). Some of the guests had never attended Daughters of Abraham before so we were happy to add them to our email list and hope to see them again.

The evening began with Nimet Karadag of the Dialogue Institute giving us a presentation on Ramadan. There were many questions following the presentation. In fact, although we had scheduled a topic for that evening on "Medical Ethics," we voted to table our topic to another meeting and just enjoy the fellowship.

What a wonderful night of sharing! We all left full—both bellies and spirits!

