



Joppa: Core Values and Aims

We believe:

- God creates humanity in all its rich diversity
- Christ breaks down the barriers that divide us
- the Spirit empowers us to find truth wherever it may be

Therefore **we aim** to enable Baptist Christians to:

- hold together our convictions about religious freedom for all and for the proclamation of the Gospel
- face the realities of living in a multi-faith society
- reflect on mission, evangelism, dialogue and service in a pluralist society

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Introducing



Joppa

Baptist Inter-faith Network

**Christian Witness in
a Multi-faith Society**

'There will be no peace in the world until there is peace between the faiths; and there will be no peace between the faiths until there is dialogue'

Hans Kung

To join *Joppa*
email: joppa.webmaster@ntlworld.com



What *Joppa* can offer you

Joppa was where Peter was brought face-to-face with his prejudice against people of another religion. Confronted by God with the integrity of Cornelius' faith, Peter's response proved a turning point in the Church's mission in a multi-faith society.

Since 1985, *Joppa* has taken inspiration from the story in Acts 10.

Joppa is intended to be a place where Baptist Christians concerned with and active in inter-faith work can explore issues of common interest and concern: a place where we can think creatively together.

Most people in the UK already have contact or involvement with people of other faiths: in shops ... workplaces ... schools and colleges ... leisure activities ... or as neighbours.

These contacts are occasions for enrichment, but also for questions, perhaps even misunderstanding:

- How will your words and actions be read by others?
- How will your contacts affect how you understand and live the Gospel?

Joppa is the network specifically helping Baptist Christians reflect on issues in our multi-faith society, linking people in similar situations.

Membership of the network is free. To join sign up to the *Joppa* email list.

As a member you will receive periodic emails and hear about meetings and conferences that could help you, and be in touch with other Baptists active in similar work.

Joppa also hosts a seminar at the annual Baptist Assembly, on a subject relating to inter-faith issues.

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Benefits of membership:

- **Occasional emails** (not normally more than one or two a month) giving details of events, courses or relevant articles.
- **Appeals for help or advice** from other *Joppa* members.
- **A source of advice** - you can email the same address to ask for a request for advice to be circulated to other *Joppa* members.

Membership enables *Joppa* members to network more effectively - providing mutual support and encouragement.

If you ask for advice through *Joppa*, your email address will be given to other Joppa members so they can reply to you. Otherwise, your address will not be disclosed to anyone (including other recipients of Joppa emails), except to the Joppa committee for administration purposes.