



The Jewish-Christian Relations Initiative

Belmont University

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The Jewish-Christian Relations Initiative (JCRI) is dedicated to the creation of perspective, dialogue, support, and understanding between Christian and Jewish faith traditions. Specifically, through leadership development, curriculum creation, focused lectureships, Sacred Text studies, and travel opportunities, the JCRI will explore the intersection of these faith traditions and the ways in which these traditions can speak collectively to the challenges of both culture and community while offering meaningful encouragement and continual engagement.

Vision Statement

The Jewish-Christian Relations Initiative seeks to become THE leading faith-based institute in the nation providing mutual learning opportunities, dialogue, compassion, and meaningful relationships between a Christ-Centered University and members of the Jewish faith. More than merely a Jewish-studies program, the Initiative seeks to excel at the exploration of the vast intersection between these faith traditions.

Overarching Goals

- To provide engaging learning opportunities about the history, traditions, and heritage of the Jewish faith for both University students and members of the greater Nashville Community
- To provide undergraduate courses that focus on Judaism, the Holocaust, and modern Jewish history
- To provide exploration/discovery trips to both national and international destinations to create opportunities for individuals to experience and discover the rich history of Judaism and the Christian faith
- To provide meaningful dialogue and engagement between Christian and Jewish clergy, business leaders, and community members through yearly leadership retreats
- To provide seminars, lectures, and workshops that offer faith-filled perspectives for culturally relevant issues