

During the University's 2007 Diversity Awareness Week, the annual Multi Faith Banquet was held at St Peter's House. The banquet brought together a number of people from a variety of faiths. These included faith advisors and community representatives. It was at this event representatives from numerous faith groups signed up to their joint statement of intent.

### **The Declaration**

As representatives of our faith communities involved in and concerned for the pastoral and spiritual support of the students and staff of The University of Manchester, the Manchester Metropolitan University and the Royal Northern College of Music, we the undersigned commit ourselves to:

- recognising, respecting and valuing our different faiths and beliefs and the practices of our religions
- creating opportunities for interaction and dialogue between our faiths in order to promote knowledge, understanding and an awareness of the equality of all people
- co-operating to promote racial, cultural and religious harmony and to fight intolerance
- working together for the common goals of peaceful co-existence, justice for all peoples and the flourishing of the whole of humanity
- sharing and encouraging these views and values in our work with the students and staff on the Manchester Higher Education campuses

Further it is understood that the mutual trust between us requires that we will not encourage or sanction any attempt, approach or event designed to induce someone to change their religious affiliation.

Dr Tim Anglin **Bahai Community**

Dr Mukti Bhattacharyya **Hindu Community**

Revd Dr Terry Biddington **Anglican Chaplain**

Revd Shou-Hui Chung **Mandarin Chaplain**

Revd Clare Dowding **Anglican Chaplain**

Revd Nathan Eddy **Free Church Chaplain**

Fr Gregory Hallam **Orthodox Christian Chaplain**

Mr Khan Moghal **Muslim Faith Advisor**

Venerable P Piyatissa **Buddhist Chaplain**

Mr John Probhudan **Chaplain to International Students**

Rabbi YY Rubenstein **Orthodox Jewish Chaplain**

Rabbi Dr Reuven Silverman **Progressive Jewish Chaplain**

Dr William West **Society of Friends (Quaker) Chaplain**

Mr Mo Yu-in **Bahai Community**

Dated: Tuesday, 04 December 2007

In the presence of a representative of the University of Manchester:  
Aneez Esmail, Associate Vice-President & Professor of General Practice