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New York State Senator Steve Rhoads Hosts Interfaith Roundtable in East Meadow

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Senator Rhoads breaks bread with faith leaders at his first of three Interfaith Roundtable Breakfasts.

On Wednesday, August 9, 2023, Senator Steve Rhoads hosted his first of three Interfaith Roundtable Breakfasts that brought together many leaders of different faiths from Wantagh, Seaford, East Meadow, and Levittown. The event is part of the Senator's ongoing mission to bring together people of different faiths and backgrounds to promote

understanding and foster positive dialogue to better our community.

Senator Rhoads gathered these faith leaders at the Grand Stage Diner in East Meadow to discuss the importance of religious diversity and the intersections between religious practice and common everyday activities, such as parenting, mental health, and education. The faith leaders shared their perspectives and experiences, while finding a lot of common ground. Attendees were also encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas about how the different faith groups can work together to create a more fulfilled, understanding, and inclusive society. Topics discussed ranged from Senator Rhoads' anti-hate crime legislation to community safety, cashless bail, preserving the family unit, as well as the value of mentorship programs. Senator Rhoads also touched on the resources and partnership opportunities available to the faith groups through his office. Overall, the event was a great success and enabled attendees to more deeply understand the value of religious diversity and to recognize the commonalities that we all share.

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“I was happy to kick-off my Interfaith Roundtable series with a very successful breakfast in East Meadow. As a Youth Minister for over a decade, I was truly inspired by the conversations and ideas that were shared, and the level of understanding and respect that was shown by all the faith groups involved. It was a great opportunity to come together and bridge the gaps between different faiths and unite as a community. I look forward to hosting my next two Interfaith Roundtable events next week and I am whole-heartedly committed to continuing my mission of promoting understanding and uniting the community,” said Senator Steve Rhoads.