n September 8, 2019, this 8'x12'
mural, designed by local artist Lizzy
DuQuette, was painted by nearly
100 attendees of the 2nd Annual Cincinnati Festival of Faiths. Painting by numbers,
these "collaborative artists" of all ages were
among the 30 faith communities representing 13
world religions to participate in the festival that
day. Attended by more than 2,000 people, the

Festival of Faiths was the most inclusive gathering of faith traditions ever assembled in our region's history. It was an amazing celebration of the

community's religious diversity.

The festival's theme was "Compassion through Action: Becoming a Beloved Community." It was chosen in recognition of the 400th anniversary of the first African slaves arriving on

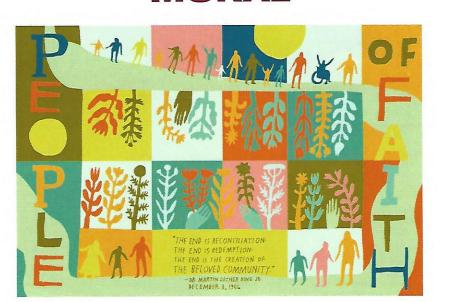
American soil and of the remaining work to be done by all of us, working together, to attain the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of a Beloved Community. A community in which people of all differences accept and honor their shared humanity.

The mural's imagery depicts the Beloved Community as a thriving garden. It shows the journey required of all members of the human family. Its colors reflect the vibrancy and complementarity of our human differences. And the mural, itself, represents a faith-inspired pledge: a commitment by Cincinnati's interfaith community to pursue inclusion, equity, compassion, peace and justice for everyone. It's all there in this inter-religiously produced work of public art.

The festival was organized and the mural com-

missioned by the Bridges of Faith Trialogue (now Equa-Sion.) For more information about the Cincinnati Festival of Faiths, visit www.cincifes-

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