



# Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

## Media Statement

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### **Parliament marks final sitting day for 2009 with inaugural Multi-Faith Service**

The Queensland Parliament has marked its final sitting day for 2009 with a Multi-Faith Service.

The service was hosted by Speaker John Mickel in the Parliament's Legislative Council Chamber before an audience of more than 100 people.

The service – the first of its kind to be held at the Parliament – was led by seven of Queensland's religious leaders who offered prayers representing each of their faiths.

Speaker Mickel said the Multi-Faith Service was in keeping with the Parliament's emphasis on an inclusive approach to its engagement with the Queensland community.

"I would like to thank each of the faith leaders and their supporters who participated today.

"It was a great honour for the Parliament to have this opportunity to bring together people of different faiths to celebrate the religious and cultural diversity of Queensland," Mr Mickel said.

The religious leaders who led the service were:

- Rabbi Moshe Serebryanski (representing the Jewish faith)
- Mr Surendra Prasad (representing the Hindu faith)
- Abbess Chueh Shan (representing the Buddhist faith)
- The Rev Canon Richard Tutin (representing the Christian faith)
- Imam Yusuf Peer (representing the Muslim faith)
- Mr Gianni Kuldeep Singh Ji (representing the Sikh faith)
- Mr Sage Perkins (representing the Baha'i faith).

In recognition of the difficult economic times experienced by Queenslanders over the last year, the theme for the service was "caring for our community".

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