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## *Building Bridges Among Faith Traditions – Making Sense of Sandy Christian and Buddhist Responses to Natural Disasters*

*Wednesday, February 20, 2013*

*University of Utah Neale Nelson Memorial Lecture*

This was the first in a series of annual lectures honoring Dr. Nelson, a former pastor of Salt Lake's Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. It was delivered by Dr. Beverly N. Foulks McGuire, Professor of Religion and Philosophy, University of North Carolina in Wilmington.

Dr. McGuire told the audience that during times of natural disaster; believers of both Buddhist and Christian faith traditions tend to help those in need rather than speculate about the theological implications of faith. "In times of suffering you want to rely on our religious community for

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## *Friday-Night Lenten Service*

*Friday, February 22, 2013*

*Stations of the Cross at Saint Catherine of Siena/Newman Center*

This is was the parish's regular Lenten Friday-night activities, which began with Vespers and was followed by the Stations of the Cross, a soup supper, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Taize, a meditative song prayer.

During Adoration, a rosary was recited for the intention of the Holy Spirit's guidance of the College of Cardinals as they prepared to elect the next pope.

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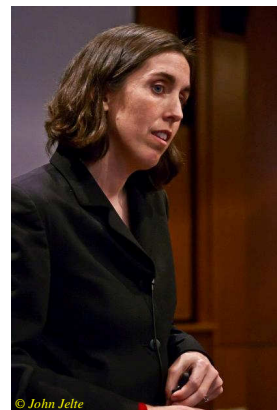
Dr. Beverly N. Foulks McGuire, Professor of Religion and Philosophy, University of North Carolina in Wilmington



support. ...We find strength with each other."

The lecture was in the university's J. Willard Marriott Library Gould Auditorium in co-sponsorship with the school's Special Collections Religion Archives and Religious Studies Program, and the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

University of Utah  
J. Willard Marriott Library  
Gould Auditorium  
295 South 1500 East, SLC



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Roundtable Board Member The Rev. Canon Carolyn Marsh of St. Mark's Episcopal Church told Intermountain Catholic newspaper that by attending different events she gains a better understanding of other faith perspectives. "Probably the most important thing that we've all discovered is that at heart we are all very similar."

Fr. Carl Schlichte speaks with a reporter from the Intermountain Catholic newspaper

St. Catherine of Siena Newman Center,  
170 So. University Street, SLC





# India Cultural Center of Utah

Monday, February 11, 2013  
Evening Prayer and Question Time



Saturday, February 23, 2013  
Visit and Fire Sacrifice Ceremony

Vidya Anand of the India Cultural Center “thanks the Interfaith Team for giving us the opportunity to share our religion and culture. On both the occasions, February 11 and February 23, we found the group to be very enthusiastic and open-minded about learning a new religion and culture.”

According to Vidya, the questions asked during the meetings were very well thought out, engaging, and varied. “It was a learning experience to us as well, as it helped us understand different perspectives held by people from different cultures. ... we appreciate

the time and effort the team took, to visit us. It was exciting to be able to meet the group – a very knowledgeable, fun, and friendly group of people.

“We look forward to more of these meetings in future.”

Sri Ganesha Hindu Temple  
India Cultural Center of Utah  
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South Jordan  
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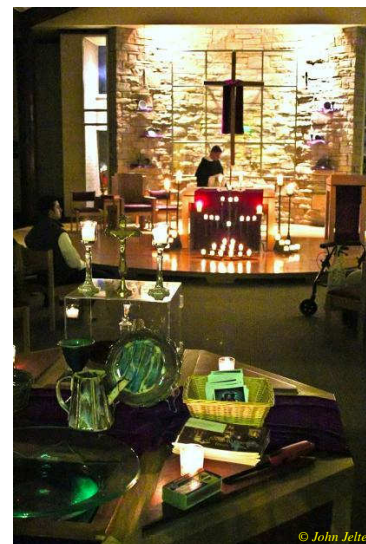
# Annual Heritage Musical

Sunday, February 24, 2013

Calvary Baptist Church celebrates with  
"divinely inspired music and praise"

Calvary Baptist congregants and other members of the community joined in a lively evening of clapping, cheering, singing, and praising. According to Calvary's Rev. France A. Davis, it was a commemoration of "the history of our people." He centered his evening message not only on overcoming, but on salvation: how black Africans brought to America as slaves learned to trust in the Lord. "What we sing about is salvation. ...Christ has stood by us through all of trials and temptations." Performers included the Young Adult Choir, the Angel Choir, and the Pearl of Praise dancers, in addition to nine soloists.

Calvary Baptist Church  
1090 South State Street, SLC  
[www.calvaryslc.com](http://www.calvaryslc.com)



## Candlelight Mass

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Catherine of Siena/Newman Center

## A Climate For Change

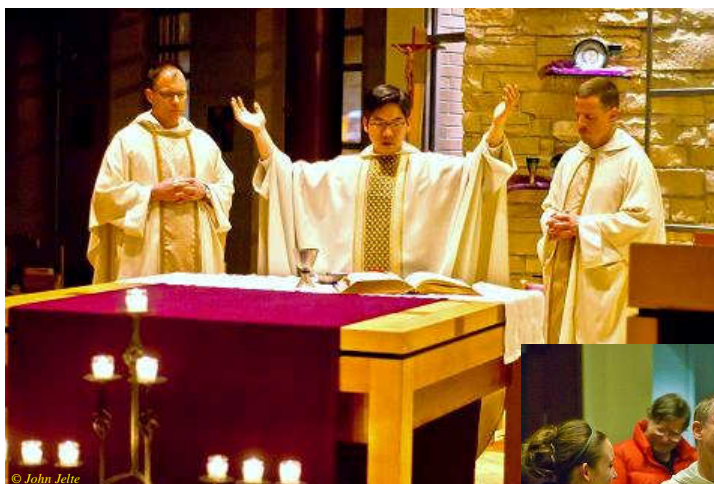
Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Utah Interfaith Power & Light's "A Climate For Change" community conversation about climate change and real solutions

Members of a variety of faith communities participated in this open discussion about real solutions to climate change. According to the UIP&L, faith communities are integral to finding solutions to the very real threat of climate change. "Sincere and meaningful conversations can move us past political divisions and into solutions to the crisis."

The community discussion was held at Park City's St. Luke's Episcopal Church. In addition, there were short presentations by Rev. Charles Robinson, Pastor Jeffrey Loudon, and Park City Mayor Dana Williams. A dynamic group discussion about what individuals can do to impact the climate crisis followed.

[www.utahipl.org](http://www.utahipl.org)



Members of the Salt Lake interfaith community participated in this evening candlelight service that celebrated the central form of worship in the Catholic Church and was followed by a brief social.

St. Catherine of Siena Newman Center  
170 So. University Street, SLC





# "The Meaning of Sacred Space and Symbolism for the Latino Community"

Friday, March 1, 2013

St. Stephen/San Esteban Episcopal Church

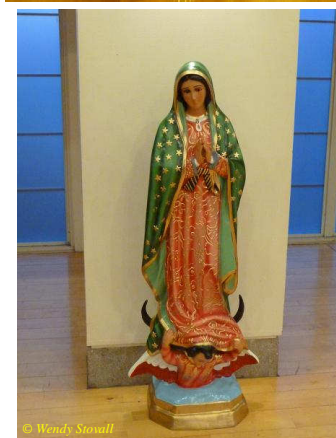
The Rev. Canon Pablo Ramos, who ministers the San Esteban Episcopal Hispanic Community, led this fascinating program. According to Josie Stone, Interfaith Month Chair, "A small group attended (the event), but the information was so extremely interesting and informative it is worthy to be offered to a wider audience in the future."

Father Ramos began the evening by showing some wonderful examples of church art and architecture found in Mexico. He described the history of the country's Catholic and Episcopal Churches, including how they were established in Mexico and ultimately absorbed into the indigenous communities. These communities adopted many of both churches' traditions, which have influenced the symbolism seen today in both faith traditions.

Fr. Ramos also spoke of the historic origin of the importance of processions. He also talked about how blood is identified as "life giving," and that it is frequently seen in Mexico's art, statuary, adornments, and many other examples of historic interest.

The evening concluded with a tour of the sanctuary.

St. Stephen/San Esteban Episcopal Church  
4615 West 3200 South, WVC



The Rev. Canon Pablo Ramos



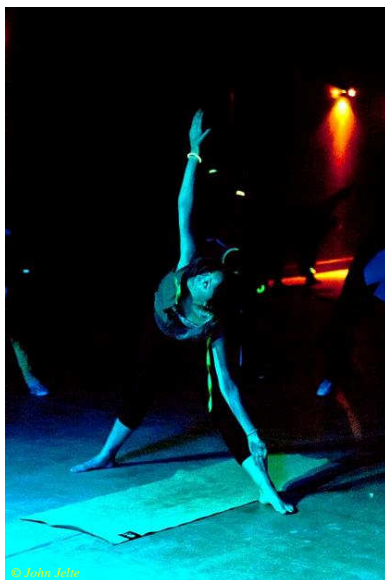
## Utah Yoga Rave

Saturday, March 9, 2013

"Spirituality Through Movement and Meditation,"  
presented by The Art of Living Utah chapter

Described as a party like none other in the world, the rave is a new concept in fun that is healthy and balanced: a fusion of Yoga, meditation, and music for "joy lovers of all ages." Participants included people interested in learning more about the world; others who meditate or are attracted to meditation; and those who lead healthy lifestyles and love to feel good. It was held at The Complex facility in downtown Salt Lake.

The Art of Living Foundation is the world's-largest volunteer-based educational and humanitarian organization and is active in over 157 countries. The foundation is dedicated to empowering the individual to live life to its fullest potential through meditation, Yoga, spiritual wisdom, and unique breathing exercises.



[www.artofliving.org/us-en/saltlakecity](http://www.artofliving.org/us-en/saltlakecity)

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# Evening Prayer and Kirtan

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Chanting Service at the Sikh Temple of Utah

The Salt Lake Sikh community held this evening service especially for Interfaith Month. A very diverse group of members from Christian, Jewish, and other faith communities attended, including a group of Young women from an area church.

Temple President and Roundtable Board Member J.B. Singh welcomed attendees and introduced Roundtable Board Chair Alan Bachman, Brian Farr, and Josie Stone, Interfaith Month Committee Chair. Each spoke from the heart on how very important it is for all of us to work at increasing understanding among persons of all faith traditions and cultures.

The evening began with a light snack before the service, followed by a full dinner afterwards.

Sikh Temple of Utah

4897 South Redwood Road, Taylorsville





# Congregation Kol Ami Hosts Roundtable Luncheon

Wednesday, March 13 2013

As Roundtable Board Chair Alan Bachman said, "The food was a 12, on a scale from 1 to 10." In fact, Jewish food was flown in from other states just for the event, the first time Congregation Kol Ami has hosted a Roundtable luncheon.

Kol Ami Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman spoke on Judaism to an audience of Christians, Muslims, Jews, and members of other faiths and community organizations. They also had the chance to hear her wonderful singing voice as she sang a prayer offering.

Rabbi Schwartzman described the three categories Jews most often use to define themselves: orthodox, conservative, and reform, and said that not all Jews fit neatly

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Kol Ami Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman

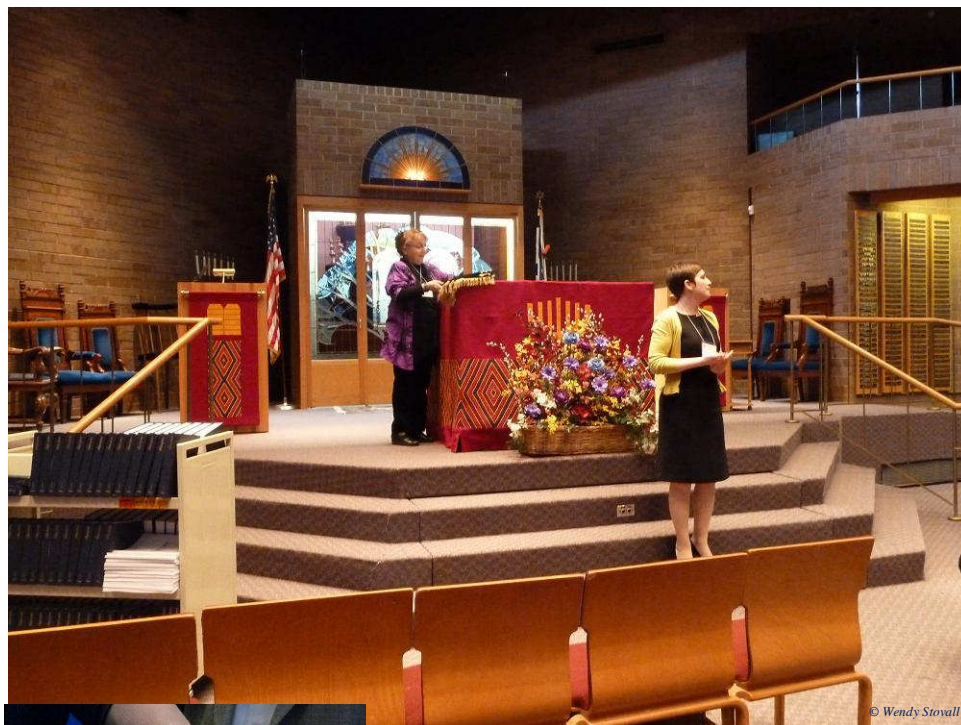
into any one of them. She added that the same situation could apply to other faiths: that all of a congregation's members might not practice in the same manner; however, the congregation still unquestioningly accepts them all as members.

During a question and answer session, she related the history of Utah's Jewish synagogues that together eventually became Kol Ami. She then led a short tour of the building, which gave Roundtable members the opportunity to see many displayed historical photos and documents narrating the history of Utah Judaism.

The tour concluded in the sanctuary where Rabbi Schwartzman took a Torah scroll (containing the five books of Moses) from the ark and rolled it open for everyone to see. She spent several minutes providing details about the scroll, while using a silver "yad," (figuratively, "hand") a Jewish ritual pointer. Using the yad ensures that she will not accidentally touch the parchment, something that would render it ritually impure or cause damage. She also explained the kosher requirements for a person performing the extensive handwriting in the scroll.

The Roundtable thanks Congregation Kol Ami, luncheon co-chairs Sue Prottas and Betty Yanowitz, and their committee: Peter Litvack, Susan Litvack, Bonnie Rokeach, Mimi Turner, Linda Vigor, Nancy White, and Debra Winkler.

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