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A Newsletter of the Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable



## Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable Receives 2012 Continuum of Caring Award

*Friends of St. Joseph Villa Foundation for Charity Care*

The Roundtable is this year's recipient of the annual Continuum of Caring Award from the Friends of St. Joseph Villa Foundation for Charity Care, Salt Lake City.

The award recognizes the accomplishments of community leaders who have demonstrated strong support of the senior population in caring for the elderly and their related issues, needs, and causes. Past recipients include Norma Matheson, Jon and Karen Huntsman, and Pamela Atkinson.

In her letter notifying Roundtable Board Chair Alan Bachman of the award, Foundation President Beth Ehrhardt wrote that, "The Friends of the Foundation felt this year's event would be a wonderful opportunity to recognize the work of the Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable with the Continuum of Caring award. The missions of the two organizations intersect when considering the faith communities' activities that arise from our shared compassion for the elderly."

Alan accepted the award on behalf of the Roundtable's membership at the Foundation's annual Hope Benefit dinner and auction, Wednesday, August 22, at Little America Hotel.



*Roundtable board members gather for photo at St. Joseph Villa Foundation Hope Benefit*

Susan Northway, Roundtable board member and Diocese of Salt Lake Office of Religious Education Director, told the audience that, "Charitable works arise from a common belief held by the St. Joseph Villa Foundation and the Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable. This belief is that we were all created in the likeness and image of the

Divine and, because of that, we reach out in works of charity and hospitality. Showing hospitality to the stranger is something that we practice in the Interfaith (Roundtable)."

Alan said that, like the St. Joseph Villa Foundation, the Roundtable is also about faith cooperation and the result is each faith

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## 2012 Continuum of Caring Award / *Continued*

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*Pamela Atkinson emceed the awards banquet*

comes out stronger by meeting other faiths. “Wisdom is understanding plus knowledge. The understanding of other people requires getting to know them to break down the bodies of fear. All of the faiths that are represented in the Roundtable have major parts that are devoted to charity. You have to be active in the world; if your neighbor is hurting, you can’t hide under your bed.”

He added that, in Judaism, there are three pillars: Teshuvah, connecting to a



*A silent auction helped to raise funds for the Friends of St. Joseph Villa Foundation for Charity Care*

divine source; Tefillah, praying for good things to happen; and Tzedakah, charity, — “the active component and the end result of the other two.”

Alan adds, that, “The Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable is very grateful for receiving this annual award from the St. Joseph Villa Foundation. “We hope that as a result

of this special occasion that the mission of the Foundation and the Roundtable will be strengthened; that there will be an increasing understanding of our diverse community; and that the quality of life will be enhanced for seniors of all faiths.”

Additional information can be found at <http://www.stjosephvilla.com/>.

## *Pluralism Project Recognizes SLIR Secretary*

### *Roundtable Secretary Elaine Emmi Honored for Her Work on “America’s Interfaith Infrastructure: An Emerging Landscape”*

In conjunction with the launch of its website, “America’s Interfaith Infrastructure: An Emerging Landscape” (<http://www.pluralism.org/interfaith>), the Harvard University Pluralism Project (HPP) has recognized Roundtable Secretary Elaine Emmi for the time and energy she has spent working with the HPP on this project.

In her letter to Elaine, HPP’s Whitney Barth said that, “We greatly appreciate your willingness to share with us about your work and your local context. ...we wanted you to be among the first to know about the website launch since without you this resource would not have been possible. ...best wishes as you continue to build a culture of religious pluralism in your community.”

The website features a “share your story” portal ([www.pluralism.org/interfaith/](http://www.pluralism.org/interfaith/)

share) and an “add an interfaith organization” function as ways for active “interfaithers” to continue the dialogue, and keep their finger on the pulse of the interfaith movement ([www.pluralism.org/interfaith/add](http://www.pluralism.org/interfaith/add)).

According to the HPP website, the Pluralism Project has followed the development of America’s fast-changing religious landscape for twenty years, including studying new forms of civic and interfaith relationships. “The events of 9/11 demonstrated the importance of interfaith groups already formed; in the ensuing decade we have witnessed the growth of hundreds of new interfaith initiatives.”

In 2011, the HPP embarked on a pilot study to look closely at interfaith efforts in twenty cities across the United States, including Salt Lake City ([www.pluralism.org/](http://www.pluralism.org/)



*Roundtable Secretary Elaine Emmi*

[interfaith/salt\\_lake\\_city](http://www.pluralism.org/interfaith/salt_lake_city)). “Although it is a selective portrait, it is the HPP’s first step towards a larger goal of documenting and resourcing America’s interfaith movement.”



# National Consumers League Honors Roundtable Member

## Linda Hilton Receives the Florence Kelley Consumer Leadership Award

The National Consumers League (NCL), the nation's oldest consumer advocacy organization, has honored Linda Hilton, Director of Community Outreach and the Coalition of Religious Communities (CORC) at Crossroads Urban Center, with the Florence Kelley Consumer Leadership Award, named for NCL's early leader and awarded to grassroots consumer advocates. The award was presented at NCL's annual Trumpeter Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C., October 4, by Susie Johnson, Executive Secretary for Public Policy for the United Methodist Women.

Linda is being honored by NCL for her work on the funding of critical needs for low-income and homeless residents of Utah, the reduction of Utah's grocery tax, and increased regulation of the payday loan industry, including scrutiny of short-term loan products offered through credit unions nationwide. She speaks frequently to community and religious groups about the struggles



Roundtable member Linda Hilton

of low-income and homeless families; she trains students and members of faith communities to advocate for low-income citizens; and she conducts community workshops on the need for increased wages for the working poor and adequate benefits for those who are unable to work.

"Linda Hilton's advocacy for low-income and underserved communities is remarkable, and she has personally had a

measurable impact on the lives of people in her community—both those for whom she advocates, and the students and community members she trains to become their own advocates at the grassroots level," said NCL Executive Director Sally Greenberg.

Linda has been on staff at Crossroads for over 14 years, and was an active volunteer with Crossroads for many years before that. She is well known for her advocacy work through CORC, particularly at the Utah Legislature, where she has helped people from a variety of religious traditions express their concern for the poor and oppressed by engaging in the political process. "The Board and staff of Crossroads Urban Center are very proud of our colleague Linda Hilton," said Crossroads Executive Director Glenn Bailey. "She has worked long and hard to improve the lives of low income Utahns and it's gratifying to see her work recognized with such a prestigious award."

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## Roundtable Executive Director Rev. Dr. W. Ivan Cendese Named Director Emeritus



Rev. Dr. W. Ivan Cendese

In March, Ivan accepted a two-year appointment as priest-in-charge of St. David's Episcopal Church in Page, AZ.

Because of his new responsibilities and the fact that Page is some distance from Salt Lake, he decided it was in the best interest of the Roundtable to resign his position of executive director.

In consideration of his many years of commitment to the Roundtable and espe-

cially the Salt Lake community, the Roundtable board decided to honor him with the title of Director Emeritus, which denotes his perpetual status of an individual who has moved the Roundtable to new heights.

"How else can you begin to properly thank someone who's been there from day one and has invested as much in the Roundtable's success as Ivan?," says Board Chair Alan Bachman.

The Board appointed Ivan as Executive Director in October 2010. He was a founding member of the original Olympic Winter Games Interfaith Roundtable in 1999, and the Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable in 2002.

He was received as a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1989, while serving as principal of Salt Lake's Highland High School. After 32 years in education, he began full-time ministry as Canon to the Ordinary under Bishop Carolyn Tanner Irish in 1995, and retired in 2003.

He came out of retirement to serve part-time at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Moab as priest-in-charge, and as assistant priest at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Clearfield.

Ivan says he accepted the call to Page because "he was moved by the commitment and dedication of the parishioners of St. David's, not only to the church, but also to the outreach work done through The Circle of Page." He also likes the outdoor activity in the area.

Ivan was born in Niagara Falls, Canada, and received degrees from Bishop Duffy High School, Catholic University of America (Washington, D.C.), Utah State University, and The University of Utah.

### Did you know?

Thanks to our Webmaster Andalin Bachman, you can now access regularly updated links to print and broadcast coverage of Roundtable activities at our new [www.interfaithroundtable.org/media.htm](http://www.interfaithroundtable.org/media.htm) page.

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## Beauty and Belief: Crossing Bridges with the Arts of Islamic Culture

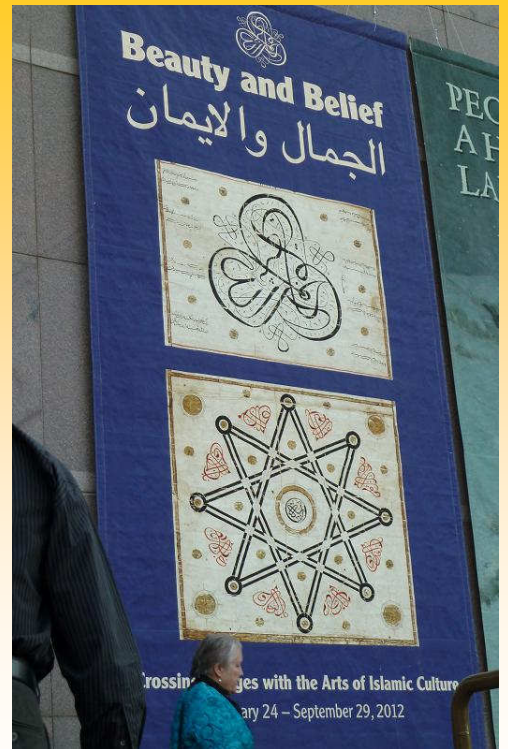
LDS Public Affairs hosts the Roundtable and Utah Valley Ministerial Association at BYU Museum of Art "Beauty and Belief" exhibit

On May 24, after dinner in the Hinckley Alumni Center, members were taken on a tour of the exhibit, where they learned more about Muslim culture. They also wrote notes on the wishing tree and put together pieces of Islamic puzzles.

"Beauty and Belief" is the largest traveling survey exhibition of Islamic art ever assembled in the United States, and features more than 250 objects from 10 countries. "Here is a religious community that is actually inviting and accepting a different way to see the world," said exhibit director Dr. Sabiha Al Khemir in a press release.

Dr. Stephen Jones, Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communications said in a press release, "It is our hope that these works of art and the meaning and spirit they convey will enable our students, the Utah Mormon and Muslim communities and people all across the nation to develop a greater understanding and shared sense of purpose and affinity one with another."

<http://moa.byu.edu/>



## Interfaith Culture and Art: Creativity, Compassion & Community

*NAIN Connect 2012 Conference in Atlanta*



Former Roundtable Board Chair, Brian Farr

Former Roundtable Board Chair Brian Farr joined Atlanta Rabbi Pamela Jay Gottfried on Monday, July 16, as they lead a conversation on "Interfaith Culture and Art: Creativity, Compassion & Community,"

Brian shared his experience with interfaith music, dance, glass sculpture, and BYU's Beauty and Belief exhibit of Islamic art. Rabbi Gottfried, a potter and writer, talked about the importance of tactile creativity as an avenue to a deeper connection with ourselves, others, and life. Together, they discussed how the appreciation of artistic expression can provide a new lens through which we see the beauty and unity of life.

Brian is on the board of the North American Interfaith Network. He is past chair of the Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy, and is current Chair for Conflict Resolution and Peace for the Utah District of Rotary International. In addition, he serves on the University of Utah's advisory

boards for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the International Center, and the Norman and Barbara Tanner Center for Non-Violent Human Rights Advocacy. He is a member of the Salt Lake Area Public Affairs Council for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Rabbi Gottfried is a teacher, author and New York City native who moved to Atlanta in 1999. She is a fellow at Clal's "Rabbis Without Borders," and serves as the Interim Rabbi at Congregation Sha'arey Israel in Macon, Georgia. She is also managing editor of the popular Interfaith blog, "She Answers Abraham," and is a featured blogger at Tiferet Journal.

This year's NAIN (North American Interfaith Network) conference was held July 15-18, at the Renaissance Concourse Atlanta Airport Hotel. The 2013 NAIN conference will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. <http://www.nain.org>

# One Family Under God

## Reverend Sun Myung Moon's Lasting Legacy

Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, the international religious leader and founder of the Unification Church and the Universal Peace Federation was laid to rest on September 15th, 2012, in a series of moving ceremonies held in the mountainous countryside just outside Seoul, South Korea, that Father Moon loved so much in life. He was 92.

Rev. Moon passed away on September 3, at 1:54 a.m. local time from complications of pneumonia, surrounded by family, friends, and followers.

Unificationist and Roundtable Board member Wendy Stovall, with her husband Mike, Pastor of the Salt Lake Unification Church, attended the memorial. They traveled to the town of Cheongpyeong for the viewing and funeral, joining over 35,000 mourners gathered at the Cheongshim World Peace Stadium.

The Seonghwa Address was delivered by Rev. Hyung Jin Moon, the Moons' youngest son and the International President of the Unification Church. Frequently pausing to wipe away tears, he called on all present to join together to realize his father's vision of a kingdom of peace. "It is only today that we realize the meaning of his words," he said. "As he asked us to do, let us offer everything for the ideal world of freedom that God and True Parents envisioned for this earth."

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, True Mother and wife of Rev. Moon, remains the spiritual

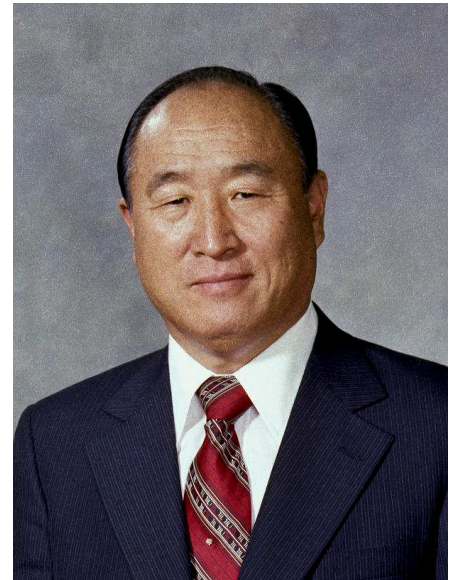
*"We human beings, who were born from the spirit world, eventually return to that world. In Korea, we commonly use an interesting idiom in reference to death. When someone dies, we say, "he has returned." To where does he return? It is not to a cemetery. We mean that we return to the point of life's origin. We return across the vast expanses of history. In the process, we shed our nationality. We return to the world that brought forth the human ancestors. If a Creator exists, then we are returning to the world of the Creator. That is where we originated, so it is there that we finally return."* - Rev. Sun Myung Moon (12/18/98)

heart and head of the Unification movement.

"According to Unification tradition," Wendy explained, "death marks the period in which one's spirit ascends to the spiritual realm, and one's body returns to the earth. Due to this belief, followers of the Unification tradition do not practice cremation as it prevents the body from returning to its original source."

"A Unification funeral, known as the Seonghwa Ceremony (성화 예식)," Mike added, "marks a celebration of the deceased's life beginning in the spiritual world." As such, the ceremony is one of beauty, enlightenment, and joy.

The traditions of the Seonghwa Ceremony requires the people to wear white



Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon

instead of black. The life of their loved one is celebrated with smiles, instead of shedding tears.

In the Unification faith, the Seonghwa ceremony has three basic phases: (1) Gihwan, meaning "returning to joy," which is the farewell greeting that the immediate family, trinity members, and close friends share with the elevated spirit; (2) Seonghwa, meaning "ascension and harmony" or "joyful ascension," which is the service held for the elevated spirit by family and friends and is similar to a memorial service; (3) Wonjeon, meaning "returning home to the palace," which is the ceremony at the burial site. For more information visit [www.upf.org](http://www.upf.org).

## Sikh Community Interfaith Candlelight Vigil

As part of a nationwide gathering, over 100 people of different faiths met at the Gurdwara Sahib Sikh Temple of Utah, Wednesday, August 8, to remember and pray for those who lost their lives at the Wisconsin Sikh Temple, Sunday, August 5.

In a press release, the Roundtable asked members of all faiths to offer their support to the Sikh community by attending the prayer service and conveying their condolences.

The evening program began with *kirtan* (chanting), followed by *ardas* (prayers) and the candlelight vigil.

According to a Salt Lake Tribune article, "The message was one of peace, love and acceptance of all religious beliefs. ...Organizers said the community will not

*"This tragic incident is a cause of great concern. Our Sikh friends are about equality and love of all people. Perhaps few people in the U.S. know about the Sikh faith. Part of our role as the Interfaith Roundtable is to help promote a better understanding of the various faiths and belief systems. By people getting involved with interfaith activities, prejudices, misconceptions, and stereotypes will disappear and the world will be a better place."* – Roundtable Board Chair Alan Bachman

allow hate to divide it. ...hope emerges in great tragedy, and religious freedom continues to prevail across the country."

J.B. Singh, a temple board member and its state secretary, thanked everyone for their prayers and gestures of love. "[This] violence has not shattered the community, but in fact made us stronger."

Roundtable Board Chair Alan Bachman said he hopes the Sikh faith will flourish in

Utah. "While we have to be very sad about the persecution that did occur, we are alive and we have a lot to be thankful for."

The more than 1,000 members of the Sikh faith in the Intermountain West are served by the Taylorsville temple, located at 4897 South Redwood Road. ([www.sikhtempleofutah.com](http://www.sikhtempleofutah.com))



# Islam and Peace

*Dr. Muhammad Tahir Ul Qadri  
at the University of Utah*

In an interview with the Salt Lake Tribune a few days before his visit, Dr. Qadri stated that, "There is no place for extremism in Islam, no place for radical attitudes, extremist attitudes... Islamic religion and Islamic theology stand for peaceful coexistence."

The Roundtable, Al-Mustafa Foundation of Utah, and the Peace and Integration Council of North America (PICNA), welcomed Muslim scholar, Shaykh-Ul-Islam Dr. Muhammad Tahir ul Qadri Saturday afternoon, June 16, in the U's Orson Spencer Hall Auditorium.

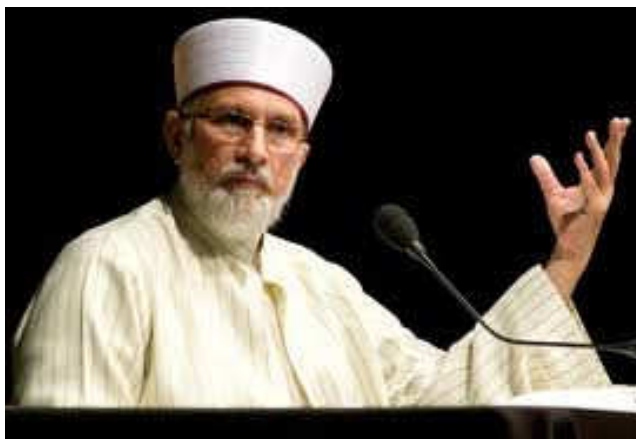
On March 2, 2010, Dr. Qadri issued a comprehensive 600-page 'Fatwa' (religious ruling) explaining the Islamic stance on terrorism and suicide bombings: one of the most comprehensive condemnations of terrorism to date by any leading Islamic authority.

He was introduced by Roundtable Board Chair Alan Bachman, a Utah assistant attorney general who referred to the length of the religious ruling, saying "(t)hat might come from the lawyer in him," but admonished the audience to take the scholar's message to heart. Dr. Qadri earned a doctorate in law from the University of Punjab in Lahore, Pakistan.

In his talk, Dr. Qadri clarified the key concepts of peace and jihad in Islam. He opened with an Arabic recitation of the first words revealed to Muhammad, beginning with "Iqra!," or "Read!," one of Islam's most crucial messages, he said, because it admonishes Muslims to seek knowledge, wherever found.

It is through knowledge that peace and understanding are found, he told the audience. He related how Muhammad founded the world's first Islamic society in 7th-century Medina in the Arabian Peninsula, arranging a peaceful compact with non-Muslims and Jews founded on justice, rule of law, religious tolerance, and the dignity of all people.

He said that non-Muslims who base their opinions of Islamic teachings on media accounts are not likely to know the reality of what Islam stands for. He added in the same context that the misguided elements who commit acts of terrorism do so because of their narrow and literalist understanding of



*Dr. Muhammad Tahir Ul Qadri*



*Roundtable Board Chair Alan Bachman greets Dr. Muhammad Tahir Ul Qadri*

Islam. He quoted at length both from the Quran and Hadith.

His audience included non-Muslims and Muslims who were glad to hear their faith portrayed accurately by a respected scholar of international standing. "This means a lot," said Shazia Faizi, events director of the Al-Mustafa Foundation of Utah. "Through him we're able to express our real feelings to the community."

The program was streamed live over the Internet to several countries.

In addition to appearances on CNN, BBC News, and Al Jazeera, Dr. Qadri spoke at last year's World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, and was hosted by the United States Institute of Peace. Educated at a Catholic mission school as a child, he began his religious education at age 12.

Sources for this article: Lisa Schencker, "Scholar to emphasize Islam as religion of peace during Utah visit," June 8, 2012; and Ben Fulton, "Islam is a religion of peace as exemplified by its founder, Islamic scholar says," June 16, 2012. Minhaj ul-Quran International ([www.minhaj.org](http://www.minhaj.org)): "Shaykh-ul-Islam addresses a peace conference in USA," June 20, 2012.

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## Islamic Society Dinner

*Salt Lake City Mayor  
Guest of Honor*

The Islamic Society of Greater Salt Lake welcomed Sheikh Karim Abuzaid at its June 9 dinner, where he spoke on the theme of this year's event, "Good Muslim, Good Citizen," and what Muslims' roles should be in America in order to succeed. He is Imam at the Colorado Muslim Society.

In an interview, society president Iqbal Hossain said being a good citizen is compatible with being a good Muslim. Referring to the dinner, he said, "It's a good opportunity for both the Muslim and non-Muslim community to get to know each other a little better. There is no better way to kind of break down some of the mistrust and hostility we see in America regarding Muslims in this country."

The evening's guest of honor was Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker.

Visit [www.utahmuslims.com](http://www.utahmuslims.com) for more information.

# Obon Festival

## Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Hosts Annual Celebration

The Salt Lake Buddhist Temple hosted this annual celebration throughout the afternoon and evening of July 10; a cultural festival filled with authentic food, craft booths, and entertainment that included the popular Taiko drummers.

Obon is the traditional Japanese Buddhist commemoration and honoring of deceased family members. Among the elements of this commemoration is bon odori, or dancing to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of those who have gone before. Traditionally costumed dancers performed on the street outside the temple at 211 W. 100 South, and visitors were invited to participate.

According to the temple's website, the first Obon is said to have been held in China in 538 CE. As Buddhism traveled from China to Korea, from Korea to Japan, and now into the United States, the meaning and type of Obon festivities have evolved depending on the culture of the country.

"...our Obon Festival is a time when a wide variety of individuals come together to celebrate along with us. The entire weekend is a memorial service for the dead and an acknowledgment and celebration of the continuing influence of our deceased relatives upon our present lives. Thus a celebration of we the living at this moment in time. For we are profoundly molded and influ-

enced by the past actions in thought, speech and the physical acts of our ancestors. Those past actions continue to affect who and what we are at this moment. We in turn affect the future, as a result of the actions we create. It is a revolving cycle of birth and death from moment to moment. This awareness speaks to us at the deepest levels that we are not alone. Our Obon Festival and Obon and Hatsubon service is a wonderful opportunity to remember those who have died, accepting and forgiving in our continuing relationship with them. ...let us not forget all those that have come before us, to allow us this wonderful celebration." ([www.slbuddhist.org](http://www.slbuddhist.org))

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# A Surprising Amount of Religious Diversity

## Colorado's Silverton School's World Religions Class Visits Salt Lake City

Eight students from Silverton School in Silverton, CO culminated a year-long study of world religions and world history with visits to several Utah faith communities, March 25-29.

Silverton is a small, public Expeditionary Learning School. Because of its remote location, students do not have the opportunities to experience diversity that students in larger settings do.

"We feel that it's really important for kids to travel and expand their view of the world," said Kelly Habecker, teacher of the world religions class. "The main purpose of the trip is to help students connect what we've learned in the classroom to the real world. It also gives students a chance to

meet diverse groups of people and helps them learn to see past stereotypes...Salt Lake has a surprising amount of religious diversity..."

She hoped that by meeting others who are working on interfaith initiatives, her students would be able to see some examples of religion helping to build peace.

The students' itinerary included Spanish Fork's Krishna Temple, Kadeeja Mosque and Islamic Center in West Valley, Kol Ami Synagogue, Kanzeon Zen Center, and St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. On Tuesday, March 27, they met with professors in the University of Utah's Middle East Studies and political science departments to address

historical and political content.

According to a Daily Utah Chronicle newspaper article, Middle East Center (MEC) academic advisor June Marvel stressed to the students "that tolerance comes through education...the (MEC) is a place for that kind of culture education..."

Kelly has taught at Silverton for six years. "The thing I enjoy most about this class is how compelling it is for the students — from the very beginning they are hooked. It gives them a good context for understanding the historical and current events we study. It also helps them build compassion and tolerance for other people."

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# "The Drop"

## International Interfaith Service Project at Westminster College

People from communities all over the Salt Lake area voiced their values, engaged with others, and acted together for good, during the Saturday, April 21 afternoon event, sponsored by Westminster College's Office of Spiritual Life.

Participants worked on making recycled crayon animals and friendship bracelets for

students to take on international summer service projects; a flower project for senior centers; and a food bank box project. They also packed hygiene kits for local and global distribution.

The event was a collaboration of Westminster College's Office of Spiritual Life, and these campus clubs and organizations:

G3SLC, LDSSA, Catholic Club, Rotaract, Circle K Hillel, Pierced, Eco Club, Hockey Club, MCSYG – Muslim Community Service Youth Group, ACWC, and Economics Club. ([www.westminster.edu/spiritlife/](http://www.westminster.edu/spiritlife/))

## The Intersection of Poverty and the Environment

### Cathedral Church of St. Mark's Earth Day Forum

A panel of experts from across the country met Saturday morning, April 21, at Salt Lake's St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral to take an in-depth look at how poverty and the environment overlap. Joining them was Kim Lawton of PBS's "Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly" television program.

The panel included George Handley of Utah Interfaith Power and Light. In addition, panelists discussed Salt Lake City's role as an environmental justice pilot city.

For those unable to attend in person, the program was webcast live at [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org). Both attendees and viewers personally participated in the discussion by submitting questions to panelists during the forum and webcast.

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

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## Saint John's Bible on View at October 4 Interfaith Service

### Cathedral Church of St. Mark's

The Saint John's Bible brings together the ancient techniques of calligraphy and illumination. It is the only handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Monastery since the advent of the printing press over 500 years ago. The name refers to St. John's Benedictine Abbey in Minnesota, whose members embraced the vision for this project: a culmination of a 15-year commitment to revive a monastic tradition in the modern world.

The short evening service began at 7 p.m., and included readings, meditation, music, and the opportunity to hear about the production of the Saint John's Bible. For background information about the Saint John's Bible project, visit [www.saintjohnsbible.org/see/](http://www.saintjohnsbible.org/see/).



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in our Communities**

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## DIALOGUE IN NIGERIA: Muslims & Christians Creating Their Future A Special Free DVD Offer for Roundtable Members

As a project of the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue Group of San Mateo County, CA, this 2012 documentary gives voices and faces to 200 young Muslim and Christian women and men who unite successfully in Jos, central Nigeria.

Refusing to be enemies, they are together during days and evenings of the 2010 International Conference on Youth and Interfaith Communication, crossing lines of religion, economics, tribe, and gender. Together they realize that "an enemy is one whose story we have not

heard," while listening-to-learn and thus dignifying themselves and "others."

More information is available at <http://traubman.igc.org/vidnigeria.htm>, including links to the 65-minute film and nine-minute trailer.

To request the free DVD (air mailed without charge), email a description of your intended use and full contact information, including name, organization, address, phone, and email, to [LTraubman@igc.org](mailto:LTraubman@igc.org), or send to Dialogue, 1448 Cedarwood Drive, San Mateo, CA 94403