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Welcome to the 2011-12 Season!

Hello Everyone. Welcome to the 2011-2012 Interfaith Season. We are jam packed with activities and events. While we have had a major focus on Interfaith Week and the Musical Tribute in the past, new things are happening. Interfaith Week has been expanded to Interfaith Month. This actually started in 2010. Also, education seminars are increasing in importance. We are co-hosting an education event at the Salt Lake City Library downtown the weekend of September 9-11. Having Rev. Ivan Cendese as Executive Director, along with the assistance of Wendy and Mike Stovall and Leslie Dorius-Jones, has been a blessing to help accomplish these education goals. Of course, the newsletter itself is new.

And speaking of new, check out the new logo on the newsletter. Our local indigenous friends are being honored by an eagle feather being placed on our logo. Special thanks to Lacey Harris, Northern Ute/Northern Piute, one of our newest Board

members, for his assistance. Our other new Board members are Wendy Stovall representing the Unification Church and Aden Batar representing the Islamic Society of Greater Salt Lake. We express our appreciation for the great service of Noor Ul-Hasan in representing the Islamic Society of Greater Salt Lake and we all wish her the best in her endeavors. We would also like to welcome Colleen Scott (Christian Science) as the Media Chair.

This year, I hope to launch a major campaign to assist the Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church in Downtown SLC. I actually found out about this problem from my work at the State of Utah. While I could not help them in that capacity, I am doing what I can to help them as Chair. I have discussed this matter with our Board, which has endorsed our pursuing this cause. The Church has significant water damage and is in need of all of our help. Pastor Nurjhan Govan is wonderful, and the congregation is

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*NAIN Connect 2011
The Golden Rule*

The North American Interfaith Network met this year in Phoenix, Arizona, July 24-26, under the theme of "Many People, Many Faiths, One Common Principle – The Golden Rule." *NAIN Connect 2011* was sponsored by the Arizona Interfaith Movement. Rev. Dr. Canon W. Ivan Cendese, SLIR Executive Director, and Mr. Brian Farr, SLIR Peace Initiative Chair, attended the conference which was held at the spacious Embassy Suites in Tempe, Az. The facilities and the hospitality were out-

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an important and unique aspect to life in SLC. It is also the first "Black" Church in the State of Utah, with the property acquisition for construction in 1907. (That's right, over 100 years old!)

The Interfaith movement is evolving. As we seek to learn about other faiths and find pathways of peace, each person must be stronger in following the tenets of their own faith. This is the only way that the Interfaith movement can succeed in the future. Our goals include the participation of faiths that have not been involved in the past with our Roundtable. In order to do this, we must reach out to them, explain what we are and what we are not, and hopefully carry a message that we are all better off working together than separately. And may we all honor the major tenets of our faiths, which universally includes the love of other people, including strangers and guests. How can we fulfill these commandments or good deeds, if we are not among strangers and guests? So we are here to help provide this opportunity. It does not take long to recognize through our activities and events that there is a common thread that brings us together.

May this new Interfaith Season be one of joy, health and prosperity to all of you, your friends and family.

In Kindness,

Alan Scott Bachman
Chair, Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable



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Religious Holidays

July

- 1st Sacred Heart of Jesus (*Catholic*)
- 9th Martyrdom of the Bab (*Baha'i*)
- 11th St Benedict Day (*Christian*)
- 13th-16th UlamBana (*Japanese Buddhist*)
- 15th Lailat Al Bara'ah (*Islam*)
St James the Great (*Orthodox Christian*)
- 23rd Birthday of Emperor Haili Sellassi 1st (*Rastafarian*)
- 24th Pioneer Day (Days of 47) (*Mormon Christian*)
- 31st 21st 7.1 Jeol (Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing) (*Unificationism*) (7-1 Lunar)

August

- 1st Fast of Holy Mother Mary (*Orthodox Christian*)
Lammas (*Christian*)
Ramadan begins (*Islam*)
- 2nd Lughnasa (*North hemisphere Wiccan*)
Imbolc (*Southern hemisphere Wiccan*)
- 6th Transfiguration of Jesus (*Orthodox Christian*)
15th 7.8 Jeol (Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the True Parents of Heaven and Earth) (*Unificationism*) (7-7 Lunar)
- 7th Laylat Al Kadr (*Islam*)
- 9th Tisha B'Av (*Jewish*)
- 13th Raksha Bandhan (*Hindu*)
- 13th-15th Obon (*Shinto*)
- 15th Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (*Catholic*)
Domination of the Theotokos (*Orthodox Christian*)
- 22nd Krishna Janmashtami (*Hindu*)
- 26th Lailat Al Kadr (*Islam*)
- 29th Beheading of John the Baptist (*Christian*)
- 31st Eid Al Fitr (*Islam*)

September

- 1st Ganesha Chaturthi (*Hindu*)
- 2nd-10th Paryushana Parva (*Jain*)
- 8th Nativity of Virgin Mary (*Christian*)
- 14th Holy Cross Day (*Christian*)
- 23rd Autumn Equinox (Mabon - northern hemisphere)
(Oestra - southern Hemisphere) (*Wiccan*)
- 27th Meskel (*Islam*)
- 28th-Oct 5th Navaratri (*Hindu*)
- 29th-30th Rosh Hashana (*Jewish*)
- 29th St Michael & all angels (*Christian*)

October

- 4th St Francis Day (*Catholic*)
- 5th Waqf al Arafa - Hajj Day (*Islam*)
- 6th Dussehra (*Hindu*)
- 8th Yom Kippur (*Jewish*)
- 10th Thanksgiving - Interfaith - Canada
- 13th-19th Sukkot (*Jewish*)
- 20th Birth of the Bab (*Baha'i*)
Shemini Atzeret (*Jewish*)
Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth (*Sikh*)
- 21st Simchat Torah (*Jewish*)
- 22nd New Year (*Jain*)
- 24th-28th Deepavali (*Hindu*)
- 26th Diwali (*Jain - Hindu - Sikh*)
- 27th 52nd True Children's Day (*Unificationist*) (10-1 Lunar)
- 28th Milvian Bridge Day (*Christian*)
- 29th 24th Kae-Cheon Jeol (Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven & Earth) (*Unificationist*) (10-3 Lunar)
- 30th Reformation Day (*Protestant Christian*)
- 31st All Hallows Eve (*Christian*)

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standing, which made staying indoors a welcome respite from the excessive heat.

The conference was organized around many different aspects of the “Golden Rule”, highlighting the dedication of the Arizona Interfaith Movement to promoting the “Golden Rule” in the State of Arizona.

The keynote speaker was Ambassador Mussie Hailu, an Ethiopian peace, interfaith, and Golden Rule activist, who spoke of the role of the “Golden Rule” in promoting peace and reconciliation in Africa and in conflict areas throughout the world.

Workshops on different aspects of applying the “Golden Rule” to such topics as Ethics, Reasoning, Racism, and Prejudice were presented.

Visits to the Sikh Gurdwara Temple, the Hindu Temple, and the LDS Institute were interspersed during the three-day conference.

The conference was an opportunity to come together with members of the various interfaith groups throughout North America and to share ideas and renew personal friendships.

The Arizona Interfaith Movement and its staff under the direction of its Executive Director, Dr. Paul Eppinger, did an outstanding job in presenting this conference.

Submitted by
Rev. Dr. Canon W. Ivan Cendese



Ambassador Mussie Hailu



Welfare Square Tour

On August 31st, a group of faith leaders and instructors from all over the valley were invited to take a guided tour of the Welfare Square facilities and were treated to a wonderful luncheon afterwards. Located at 751 W. 700 South in Salt Lake City, it serves as a place to process and package food and to provide clothing and other items to assist the needy. The tour started with a short video of

the history of and purposes behind the Welfare Square and Bishop's storehouse. We then proceeded to the Dairy, Clothing, Baking and Canning divisions where we viewed the machinery and what went into making or providing the various items. In the case of the Clothing or "DI" (Deseret Industries) store, the main emphasis was on job training with the side benefit of being able to purchase clothing and household goods. We

ended with a small Q&A session and a gift of some honey. The site of Welfare Square is approximately 13 acres of land with other states hosting graineries, soap making, cattle and poultry ranches and produce fields. It is an impressive humanitarian undertaking on behalf of the LDS Church.

Submitted by
Leslie Dorius-Jones



The Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable Meet the Board Members

~ JB Singh

I was born in India and at an early age I ventured into starting my own business in Bombay, India.

I moved to Iran in 1975-1979 and started an import-export business.

In the time frame of 1980-1986, I settled in Kuwait. In 1986 I migrated to the United States. I lived in Los Angeles until 1995 and moved to Utah that same year. This is where I started my real estate career. I own my brokerage company in Utah and have been doing mostly commercial real estate since that time.

I am happily married to my wife since 1979, from which we have three wonderful daughters. My two elder daughters are happily married and my youngest daughter is currently studying at University of Utah, and planning to go into the field of medicine. I have two son-in-laws, one is a pulmonologist and other is a businessman. I have four great and energetic grand children as well.

I have been proudly serving as one of the members of the Board of Trustees for the Sikh Temple of Utah. I have been a loyal member of the Sikh Congregation since 1995.

I joined the Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable in 2009, with the friendly approach of Mr. Brian Farr, Mr. Alan S. Bachman, and Rev. W. Ivan Cendese. I feel proud to be the member of the Roundtable Interfaith of Salt Lake City, Utah, where members from different religions and communities come together to help better understand each others' religions and collaborate on mutual interfaith goals.

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