

## **BYU Religious Freedom Review 2018**

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[00:00:12] Michael P. Moreland: It's important for people to be informed about these issues, especially people who are themselves religious, [00:00:18] or are participants in religious institutions, care about the place of religious freedom in the United States and around the world today. [00:00:25] And this is a great forum in which to learn what the emerging issues are. [00:00:29]

Katrina Lantos Swett: I think what I've been impressed by so far with the conference is [00:00:32] that it is tackling some kind of big and complicated topics but doing it in the way that's accessible to everybody. [00:00:38]

John Iler: When people talk about religious freedom, especially here at the conference when I've heard people say religious freedom, they are speaking in a context of [00:00:48] we are working together despite our differences, despite anything because [00:00:53] really we're better off that way anyways. [00:00:55]

Asma Uddin: There's a tendency to politicize Religious Freedom, [00:00:58] or to kind of think of it as something that's relevant but only for one's own group, [00:01:02] and I think what's really important, especially in today's time with everything that's going on, [00:01:07] to sort of emphasize it as an essential human right for people of all faiths. [00:01:13] And no faith, as well. [00:01:15]

Patrick Reilly: I think everyone is threatened, whether they are in private business, or whether they are homemakers trying to protect their children. [00:01:22] These issues of religious freedom are affecting all of us in every way. [00:01:27] And so it is important to hear from the experts. [00:01:30]

Allen B.: I think the thing that I've found refreshing here is that they've had people from various religious backgrounds; [00:01:33] it wasn't just an LDS background. [00:01:35] And to hear them speak on those issues and come with a gathering and setting aside where there are some differences I think has been refreshing. [00:01:41]

Kathryn Paxman: I think we need to find common ground, [00:01:44] we need to be able to show love to each other, [00:01:47] and we need to be able to understand each other, to talk to people as people. [00:01:52]

Elizabeth Darger: If we can find those parts that we agree upon, where no one's core values are compromised, [00:02:00] then that's an environment where we can truly look for ways to make progress. [00:02:05]

Reverend Nathan Walker: I think people are looking for a way beyond the zero-sum game, [00:02:08] where one person's rights are pitted against another person's rights. [00:02:13] R-I-G-H-T-S versus R-I-T-E-S. [00:02:17] I think we're trying to move beyond that, [00:02:19] and as a result, people are genuinely curious. [00:02:22] They want solutions, [00:02:24] and they want to be able to live with one another with our deepest differences. [00:02:29]

Helen Easterling-Williams: This conference, legally based, gives us a lot of information about what's happening in our world [00:02:39] politically, legally, [00:02:43] so that empowers us to be more effective [00:02:47] on the front line [00:02:49] as we help others to understand how to engage conversation around this. [00:02:56]