

2025 Religious Freedom Annual Review

“Religion, Peace, and Human Flourishing:
Understanding the Whys of Religious Freedom”

June 17, 2025

8:30 A.M. – 5:00 PM **REGISTRATION**
BYU Conference Center

9:00 – 9:15 AM **OPENING**
BYU Conference Center, Rooms 2258 – 2260
Moderator: **Elizabeth A. Clark**, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University and Chair, Religious Freedom Annual Review

WELCOMES

Brett G. Scharffs, Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, and Rex E. Lee Chair and Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

C. Shane Reese, President, Brigham Young University

9:15 – 10:30 AM **OPENING SESSION:**
Lawrence Edward Carter Sr., Professor and Founding Dean of the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College
Harold G. Koenig, Co-Founding Director, Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health, Duke University Health System
Elder Marcus B. Nash, General Authority Seventy, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Member, Presidency of the Seventy

10:30 – 10:45 AM **BREAK**

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (*Choice of Three Breakout Sessions during the day*)

Legal Developments: Current Supreme Court Religious Liberty Cases

BYU Conference Center, Room 2258 – 2260

Moderator: **James Phillips**, Constitutional Government Initiative Director and an Associate Professor, Wheatley Institute, Brigham Young University

Panelists:

Nicole Stelle Garnett, Professor, Notre Dame University Law School

R. Shawn Gunnarson, Shareholder, Kirton McConkie

Michael A. Helfand, Professor of Law, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law

Religion's Impact in Our Communities: Contributions of Chaplains

BYU Conference Center, Room 2254

Moderator: **Robert Freeman**, Religious Education, Brigham Young University

Panelists:

Elder Matthew Carpenter, General Authority Seventy, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Father Greg McBrayer, Chief Flight Controller and Chaplain, American Airlines

Rev. Laura Reyes, Pastor, United Baptist Church

Practical Peacemaking: The Power of Religious Institutions to Engage across Differences

BYU Conference Center, Room 2265

Moderator: **Paul W. Lambert**, Religion Initiative Director at Wheatley Institute, Brigham Young University

Panelists:

Nanette Antwi-Donkor, Vice President of Programs, One America Movement

Chandra DeNap Whetstine, Chief Operating Officer, One America Movement

How Can I Make a Difference?: Regional Activities of the Religious Freedom Alliance Council

BYU Conference Center, Room 2267

Moderators: **Allyson Egbert** and **Bill Benac**, Religious Freedom Alliance Council

Panelists:

Peter H. Harris, President, DFW Alliance for Religious Freedom and Human Dignity

Robert Kime, Member, The Freedom of Religion Roundtable

Matthew Latimer, General Counsel, ACT Capital Advisors

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM BREAK

12:00 – 1:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS (*Choice of Three Breakout Sessions during the day*)

Legal Developments: Parental Rights in Public Schools

BYU Conference Center, Room 2258 – 2260

Moderator: **Erin Cranor**, Associate University Counsel for the Division of Continuing Education, Brigham Young University

Panelists:

Shannon Price Minter, Vice President of Legal, National Center for LGBTQ Rights

Gene Schaerr, Managing Partner, Schaerr Jaffe LLP

Religion's Impact in Our Communities: Forgiveness in the Public Square

BYU Conference Center, Room 2254

Moderator: **Shima Baradaran Baughman**, Woodruff J. Deem Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School; Distinguished Fellow, Wheatley Institute, Brigham Young University

Panelists:

Elder Don R. Clarke, General Authority Seventy Emeritus, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Corinna Barrett Lain, S. D. Roberts & Sandra Moore Professor of Law, University of Richmond School of Law

Jenae Nelson, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Brigham Young University

Practical Peacemaking: Interfaith Community Revitalization

BYU Conference Center, Room 2265

Moderator: **Bill Benac**, Religious Freedom Alliance Council

Panelists:

G.S. "Mack" McCarter III, Founder and Coordinator, Community Renewal International

Almas Muscatwalla, Co-founder, FaithForward Dallas, Thanks-Giving Foundation

Kyle Ogden, President and CEO, The Thanks-Giving Foundation

How Can I Make a Difference? Tools for Awareness and Conversations

BYU Conference Center, Room 2267

Moderator: **Amy Andrus**, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University

Panelists:

Gary Doxey, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University

Doug McAllister, Regional Counsel, Office of General Counsel, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Brett G. Scharffs, Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies and Rex E. Lee Professor of Law, Brigham Young University

1:00 – 2:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

2:00 – 3:15 PM

RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIAL FLOURISHING

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Moderator: **Shima Baradaran Baughman**, Woodruff J. Deem Professor of Law, J.

Reuben Clark Law School; Distinguished Fellow, Wheatley Institute, Brigham Young University

Panelists:

Shaylyn Romney Garrett, Author

Rev. Dr. David Latimore, Director, Betsey Stockton Center for Black Church Studies, Black Theology and Leadership Institute, Princeton Theological Seminary

Matthew T. Lee, Professor, Baylor University

3:15 – 4:15 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (*Choice of Three Breakout Sessions during the day*)

Legal Developments: Civility, Religious Liberty, and Nondiscrimination

BYU Conference Center, Room 2258 – 2260

Moderator: **Elizabeth A. Clark**, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University

Speaker:

Tyler Deaton, Senior Advisor, American Unity Fund

Tim Schultz, President, First Amendment Partnership

Kevin Worthen, Hugh W. Colton Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University; Constitutional Law Fellow, Wheatley Institution

Religion's Impact in Our Communities: Interfaith Service's Impact on Religious Believers

BYU Conference Center, Room 2254

Moderator: **Rebecca Glazier**, Professor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Panelists:

Rev. Patricia Lewis Matthews, Episcopal Priest and Executive Director, The Interfaith Center

Pastor Earnest Thomas, Pastor of Discipleship, Saint Mark Baptist Church

Rev. Lindy Vogado, Associate Pastor for Belonging and Outreach at Second Presbyterian Church

Practical Peacemaking: Pluralism and Peacemaking on College Campuses

BYU Conference Center, Room 2265

Moderator: **Gary Doxey**, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University

Panelists:

Shira Hoffer, Executive Director, Institute for Multipartisan Education

Alex Keogh and **Mirabella Archibald Keogh**, Founders, Peacemaker Project, Brigham Young University

How Can I Make a Difference?: Responding to Portrayals of Religion in Media

BYU Conference Center, Room 2267

Moderator: **Blythe Shupe**, Communications Specialist, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University

Panelists:

Kelsey Dallas, Assistant Managing Editor, Deseret News

Josh Good, Director, Religion and Society Program, The Aspen Institute

Angela Redding, Executive Director, Radiant Foundation

4:15 – 4:30 PM

BREAK

4:30 – 5:40 PM

PEACEMAKING, DIGNITY, AND CIVILITY

BYU Conference Center, Rooms 2258 – 2260

Moderator: **Paul Kerry**, Professor of History and Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University

Panelists:

Steven T. Collis, Clinical Professor of Law, University of Texas at Austin; Founding Faculty Director of the Bech-Loughlin First Amendment Center and its Law & Religion Clinic

Tami Pyfer, Co-Creator of the Dignity Index, Project UNITE, Inc.

Talmage Boston, Partner, Shackelford, McKinley & Norton, LLP, author, *How the Best Did It*

5:40 – 6:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

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Moderator: **Paul S. Edwards**, Director, Wheatley Institute, Brigham Young University

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