

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ANNUAL REVIEW

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025

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

8:30 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

Registration

BYU CONFERENCE CENTER

9:00–9:15 A.M.

Opening

BYU CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOMS 2258–2260

Elizabeth A. Clark, Chair, Religious Freedom Annual Review; Associate Director, ICLRS, Brigham Young University

Brett G. Scharffs, Director, ICLRS; 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 A.M.

General Session

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Lawrence Edward Carter Sr., Professor and Founding Dean of the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College

Harold G. Koenig, Founding Codirector, Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health, Duke University Health System

Elder Marcus B. Nash, Member of the Presidency of the Seventy, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

10:30–10:45 A.M.

Break

10:45–11:45 A.M.

Breakout Sessions

(CHOICE OF THREE BREAKOUT SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY)

Legal Developments: *Current Supreme Court Religious Liberty Cases*

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Moderator: James C. Phillips, Constitutional Government Initiative Director and Associate Professor, Wheatley Institute, BYU

Panelists: Nicole Stelle Garnett, John P. Murphy Foundation Professor of Law, Notre Dame University Law School

R. Shawn Gunnarson, Shareholder, Kirton McConkie

Michael A. Helfand, Codirector, Nootbaar Institute for Law; 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, Professor of Religious Education (Retired), BYU

Panelists: Elder Matthew L. 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 Counter the Spiritual Crisis of Toxic Polarization*

BYU CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM 2265

Moderator: Paul W. Lambert, Religion Initiative Director, Wheatley Institute, BYU

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

Chandra DeNap Whetstine, CEO, 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 William P. Benac, Religious Freedom Alliance Council

Panelists: Peter H. Harris, President, Dallas-Fort Worth Alliance for Religious Freedom and Human Dignity

Robert Kime, Member, Freedom of Religion Roundtable

Matthew Latimer, Managing Director and General Counsel, ACT Capital Advisors

11:45 A.M.–NOON

Break

NOON–1:00 P.M.

Breakout Sessions

Legal Developments: *Parental Rights in Public Schools*

BYU CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOMS 2258–2260

Moderator: Erin Cranor, Associate University Counsel for the Division of Continuing Education, BYU

Panelists: Shannon Price Minter, Vice President of Legal, National Center for Lesbian 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, BYU Law; Distinguished Fellow, Wheatley Institute, BYU

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

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

Jenae Nelson, Assistant Professor of Psychology, BYU

Practical Peacemaking: *Interfaith Community Revitalization*

BYU CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM 2265

Moderator: William P. Benac, Religious Freedom Alliance Council

Almas Muscatwalla, Cofounder, Faith Forward Dallas; Board Member, Thanks-Giving Foundation

Kyle Ogden, President and CEO, Thanks-Giving Foundation

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

BYU CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM 2267

Moderator: Amy L. Andrus, Associate Director, ICLRS

Panelists: Gary B. Doxey, Associate Director, ICLRS

Douglas E. McAllister, Senior Fellow, ICLRS

Brett G. Scharffs, Director, ICLRS; Rex E. Lee Chair and Professor of Law, BYU Law

1:00–2:00 P.M.

Lunch Break

2:00–3:15 P.M.

General Session

Religion and Religious Freedom's Contributions to Social Flourishing

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Moderator: Shima Baradaran Baughman, Woodruff J. Deem Professor of Law, BYU Law; Distinguished Fellow, Wheatley Institute, BYU

Panelists: Shaylyn Romney Garrett, Coauthor, *The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again*

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

Matthew T. Lee, Professor of Social Sciences and Humanities, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University

3:15–4:15 P.M.

Breakout Sessions

Legal Developments: *Civility, Religious Liberty, and Nondiscrimination*

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Moderator: Elizabeth A. Clark, Chair, Religious Freedom Annual Review; Associate Director, ICLRS

Panelists: Tyler Deaton, Senior Advisor, American Unity Fund

Tim Schultz, President, 1st Amendment Partnership

Kevin J Worthen, Hugh W. Colton Professor of Law, BYU Law; Constitutional Law Fellow, Wheatley Institute, BYU

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

BYU CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM 2254

Moderator: Rebecca A. Glazier, Professor, School of Public Affairs, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Panelists: Rev. Patricia Lewis Matthews, Episcopal Priest; Executive Director, The Interfaith Center

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

Rev. Lindy Vogado, Associate Pastor for Belonging and Outreach, Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas

Practical Peacemaking: *Pluralism and Peacemaking on College Campuses*

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Moderator: Gary B. Doxey, Associate Director, ICLRS

Panelists: Shira Hoffer, Founder and Executive Director, Institute for Multipartisan Education

YuQing Jiang, President Emeritus, Stanford Political Union

Alex Keogh and Mirabella Archibald Keogh, Founders, Peacemaker Project, BYU

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

BYU CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM 2267

Moderator: Blythe Shupe, Communications Specialist, ICLRS

Panelists: Kelsey Dallas, Managing Editor, SCOTUSblog; Former Assistant Managing Editor, *Deseret News*

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

Angela Redding, Executive Director, Radiant Foundation

4:15–4:30 P.M.

Break

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Why Religious Freedom Matters to Me

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Moderator: Amy L. Andrus, Associate Director, ICLRS

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

4:45–5:50 P.M.

Peacemaking, Dignity, and Civility

BYU CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOMS 2258–2260

Moderator: Paul Kerry, Associate Director, ICLRS; Professor of History, BYU

Panelists: Steven T. Collis, Clinical Professor of Law, University of Texas at Austin; Founding Faculty Director of the Bech-Loughlin First Amendment Center

Tami Pyfer, Cocreator of the Dignity Index, Project UNITE, Inc.

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

5:50–6:00 P.M.

Closing Remarks

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