



# THE 2020 INTERFAITH FORUM SERIES

SINCE 1988

*"What We Believe: A Step Toward Understanding"*

Via ZOOM: Registration is required.

Sunday, 7:00 PM, November 1, 2020

## THE PANDEMIC: Spiritual Guidance, Lessons Learned and Practical Responses

*Essential spiritual messages and coping mechanisms faiths are sharing with their congregations in order to help them deal with pandemic related stresses and losses; how worship practices may have changed, and special actions congregations are taking to serve during the pandemic.*

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### JUDAISM

**Rabbi Sanford Akselrad**  
Congregation  
Ner Tamid  
1988-present

Boards: ADL, Jewish NV, Jewish Family Services, Inter-faith Council of So NV. Envisioned Project Ezra, a partnership between the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas, the Board of Rabbis, & Jewish Family Service Agency, helping people of all faiths secure employment during economic climate of late 2000s. Helped form Gov.'s Council on Holocaust Ed. Ordained: Hebrew Union College-Jewish Inst. of Religion, 1984.



### ZEN BUDDHISM

**Zen Master Ji Haeng**  
Zen Center  
of Las Vegas

Received "Inka" from the famous Korean Zen Master Seung Sahn in 2002. He leads retreats globally and is Guiding Teacher of communities in Las Vegas, Madison, and Topeka.



### SIKH

**Upinder Singh, MD**

Is a physician and practicing Sikh. As a healthcare physician leader, he is at the forefront of helping patients recover from Covid -19; developing policies in making sure staff is safe while providing care. As a Sikh and Vegas Community member he is serving the unprecedented varied needs of those affected by the pandemic.



### THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

**Elder Todd Larkin**  
Area Seventy

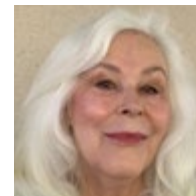
Retired real estate developer. Active in Las Vegas community and in his Church. Former bishop & stake president. Served as president of WA Seattle mission. Currently serves as an Area Seventy supervising Church activities in SW Area (parts of New Mexico, Utah, & Colorado.) Serves on Church's Native American comm. Served as missionary in the Japan Tokyo So. Mission.



### MULTIFAITH

**Mr. Marvin Gawryn**  
Executive Director  
Interfaith Council  
of Southern Nevada

Executive Director of IFCSN. His spiritual journey, both multi-faith & contemplative, has shaped his life's work as a Family Therapist. He'll share thoughts on how the religious/spiritual resources of our traditions can moderate the social & psychological stresses of the pandemic.



### MODERATOR

**Ms. Aleda Nelson**  
Forum Chairperson

Developed, chairs, moderates annual Interfaith Forums, 1988 - present. Interfaith Council of So. NV, Board Member. Member: Baha'i Race Amity Task Force. Former Exec. Dir. NCCJ. Produced first Anytown NV programs. Member, Baha'i Faith.