

2025 Nevada Prayer Breakfast Held



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The 2025 Nevada Prayer Breakfast, organized by the Nevada Interfaith Association (NIA), was held Wednesday, May 7 from 7-9 a.m. at the Paradise Ballroom of the Atlantis Casino Resort and Spa. The theme of this year's Nevada Prayer Breakfast was "Peacemaking in Troubled Times."

Guests were welcomed by Chadd Watson, an Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Nearly 400 people from the Reno-Sparks community attended the event. The keynote speaker of the program Professor Steven T. Collins, a leading academic on Religious Law, the First Amendment, and productive discourse visiting from Austin, Texas.

In attendance from the Church were: Gene Savoy Jr., Barbara Whitney, Claudia Grady, Shinobu Sonoda-Fuelling, Stephan

Fuelling, Sabrina Savoy, and Sophia Savoy.

The purpose of the event is to gather community members of all religions to come together and offer prayerful support for state and local leaders according to their own traditions. Many of the City, County, and State leaders and their representatives were there to join those in attendance as they prayed in their own way.

The Nevada Prayer Breakfast is a gathering of citizens – as well as civic, business, and community leaders – who wish to pray on behalf of our State and bring the spiritual resources of the community together to bear on issues that face Nevadans. Although members of the community may believe differently in their approach to the Divine, they gather at the Nevada Prayer Breakfast as equals. Together, they devote their energies to the good of the State of Nevada. And together, they pray.

NIA is a non-profit interfaith network of religious and spiritual leaders in Nevada. Programs include the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service, the interfaith Nevada Prayer Breakfast, the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service, and the biannual Interfaith Clergy Luncheon.

Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. led the Nevada Interfaith Association (formerly the Nevada Clergy Association) as its president from 1999-2017.