

Regional Interfaith Seminar held in California



More than thirty interfaith leaders from four western states came together for a two-day conference in the California Bay Area.

The Western Regional Interfaith Leaders Conference held March 7-8, 2011 at San Damiano Retreat, Danville, California was a gathering of presidents and directors of interfaith movements in California, Nevada, Arizona, and Utah. The aim of the conference is to improve dialogue between organizations and to share information and insights, as well as to provide time for leaders to describe the various projects being undertaken in their respective areas. Emphasis was on ways and means of improving communication between interfaith organizations, including reaching out to youth, funding, and increasing activity online and in virtual reality formats. Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr., president of the Nevada Clergy Association (NCA), focused in his presentations on the interreligious activities, services, and events that NCA promotes.

This year's participants agreed to meet again in 2012 at the San Damiano Retreat Center. The 2011 gathering was the second to be held. The first such gathering was held in Phoenix, Arizona in 2010. Bishop Savoy accepted the invitation to serve on the planning committee for the 2012 conference.