

The 2023 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Thirty-Eighth Annual
Nevada Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Thankful for the Peacemakers
A Worship Service of Prayer and Music
From A Variety of Faith Traditions
Sponsored by the Nevada Interfaith Association



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Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. was asked to present at the 31st Annual

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, “Thankful for the Peacemakers”, which was held on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. It was a worship service of prayers, readings, and music from a variety of faith traditions sponsored by the Nevada Interfaith Association. This year’s event was graciously hosted by Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Reno, Nevada. This event is a much-revered tradition in the local community and one that is largely unique nationwide in its scope of faith diversity—something to be very proud of. Bishop Gene was the president of the Association from 1999-2017. A transcript of his message is below.

38th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Nevada Interfaith Association

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (Reno, NV)

Address Delivered by The Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr.



GOOD EVENING. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. I THANK FR. CHUCK DURANTE AND THE NEVADA INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE WITH YOU THIS EVENING.

BECAUSE THE THEME OF TONIGHT'S SERVICE IS BEING "THANKFUL FOR THE PEACEMAKERS", IT IS APPROPRIATE TO GIVE A LITTLE HISTORY OF INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE AND THE INTERFAITH MOVEMENT HERE IN NORTHERN NEVADA.

THE ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED IN 1984 AS THE NEVADA CLERGYMEN'S ASSOCIATION. IT WAS LATER CHANGED TO THE NEVADA CLERGY ASSOCIATION, AND IT IS NOW KNOWN AS THE NEVADA INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION.

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