

The Interfaith Alliance  
OF COLORADO

# One Voice

*One State, Many Faiths, Working Together*

## Our Mission

TIA-CO promotes justice, religious liberty, and interfaith understanding by organizing and equipping progressive people of faith and goodwill for advocacy, dialogue, and celebration.

## Religious Right hijacks National Day of Prayer TIA-CO asks Governor Ritter to support an inclusive event

By Jeremy Shaver

The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado joined hundreds of faith leaders and interfaith advocates across the county in expressing concern over an attempt by the Religious Right to co-opt the National Day of Prayer to push a fundamentalist agenda.

As a participant in the Inclusive National Day of Prayer Campaign, organized by Jews on First, TIA-CO sent a letter to Governor Bill Ritter asking him to support an inclusive day of prayer.

"We believe it is critical to preserve the basic principle of religious freedom that makes this state and nation such great places to live," said the

### More Information

For more information on TIA-CO's response to the National Day of Prayer and to read TIA-CO's letter to Governor Ritter, visit our website at [www.InterfaithAllianceCO.org](http://www.InterfaithAllianceCO.org).

Rev. Patrick O. Hurley, TIA-CO's President. "Colorado is blessed with a multiplicity of faith traditions and with those individuals who do not belong to a faith community, but recognize the potential for religion's positive, healing role in our society. An exclusive day of prayer that is sanctioned by the Governor's office does little to protect and promote our civil and religious liberties."

In 1952, President Truman called for "A National Day of Prayer" to unite Americans of

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## Message from the President

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to announce a new interfaith initiative to you. TIA-CO is joining dozens of faith-based organizations, faith leaders, and religious communities to form **We Believe Colorado: People of Faith for the Common Good**. We Believe Colorado (WBC) is an election-year initiative determined to change the values debate that has often divided Coloradans and given the impression that the religious community is united behind a narrow interpretation of morality and the common good.

In this election year, WBC will strive to ensure that common good values are represented and discussed openly and respectfully in the public square, in the media, in families, and in houses of worship on the critical issues facing this nation: human and civil rights, the environment, health care, immigration, poverty, and peace.

I invite you to a rally to launch this initiative. The event, which will include a special **interfaith prayer service and workshops, will take place at 7 p.m. Thurs., June 12** at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia St. in Denver. More information on this event, including registration information, can be found at [www.webelievecolorado.org](http://www.webelievecolorado.org). The site also contains WBC's Founding Statement. TIA-CO's participation in this program is a tangible way to support TIA-CO's important work of protecting faith and freedom for all Coloradans.

Blessings,

*Patrick O. Hurley*

## Dialogue series seeks new solutions for contemporary challenges

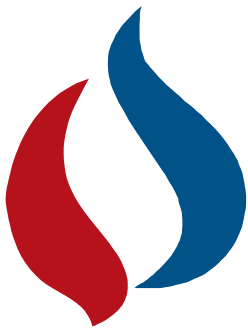
By The Rev. Teena Racheli

We are at no loss for the "fodder" for relevant and often gut-wrenching, real-time societal issues to resolve – calling for our best attentions and insights. The challenge is not the "what," but the "how." How will we bring together our best selves and resources to address these matters of public policy, justice, ethics and even core survival? More and more persons of deep expertise are calling for efforts beyond political, economic, conventional and "hierarchical" solution-seeking. The current global financial crisis, tipped into play by the U.S. sub-prime mortgage implosion, is a case-in-point with a deep and wide ripple of implications and consequences.

The almost quixotic quest for new bases for resolution has birthed such tomes as *Profit with Honor: The New Stage of Market Capitalism* by Daniel Yankelovich. Yankelovich draws illustrations from various business scandals of the past decade, looks at root causes, and proposes a solution...a solution engaging ethics and a "long view."

Similarly, most of the great spiritual and religious traditions seek to

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# Member survey results send strong message about TIA-CO mission and programs

In February, TIA-CO asked both members and non-members to help direct programming for 2008 and beyond by completing a short survey. Thank you to the more than 60 people who responded.

The survey's first questions centered on TIA-CO's mission and primary goals:

We asked how important it is for TIA-CO to take strong stands on issues of "**separation of church and state.**" Sixty-four percent of you responded that it is extremely important; 24 percent said it was very important.

We asked how committed you are to issues of **social justice, including economic justice, immigration justice, and equality for all.** Again, a resounding 64 percent of respondents said it was extremely important, and 24 percent rated it very important.

When asked about the **importance of fostering interfaith understanding** by educating people about different faiths, we were told it was extremely important (40%), very important (33%) and important (23%). Only three percent rated interfaith education as not very important.

Survey respondents were not quite so emphatic about **honoring different faiths through music and celebration**, but this type of programming was still rated extremely important by 17 percent, very important by 28 percent, and important by 35 percent. Nineteen percent said it was not very important.

Clearly, while many of you enjoy celebratory programs like the annual music festival, you look to TIA-CO to lead social change. **Work on ballot initiatives and legislative issues** was rated as extremely important by 47 percent of survey respondents; 33 percent considered it very important and 28 percent said it was important. The **public policy forums** were also rated highly, at 34 percent, 33 percent, and 28 percent in order of importance.

Over the past two years, TIA-CO has worked hard to improve member communications and we asked for your feedback on our efforts:

**The newsletter, One Voice**, was considered important by 31 percent of readers, very important by 43 percent, and extremely important by 14 percent. Perhaps because of TIA-CO's somewhat older demographic,

with many members in their 40's and older, the **monthly E-news email** was rated extremely important by only 10 percent of you, and very important by 21 percent. However, E-News was still considered important by 33 percent of online recipients. For the 17 percent of you who consider it not very important, or the 15 percent who ignored the question, please consider signing up! You'll receive timely interfaith news once a month delivered directly to your online mailbox. You can sign up by visiting the website at [www.interfaithallianceco.org](http://www.interfaithallianceco.org).

If you are among the 40 percent of people who aren't terribly interested in the **TIA-CO website**, please consider a visit soon. We're planning some significant improvements. For those of you who rated the website as important (29%) or very important (26%), we thank you, and we will be working hard to add more people to the seven percent who find it extremely important.

TIA-CO has many dedicated **volunteers**, but 80 percent of survey respondents noted that they were not among them. Some of you explained that your volunteer efforts are dedicated to other organizations and we recognized among them many TIA-CO partners—thank you for all you do, whether it is with TIA-CO or our partners in the community. If you are still looking for an opportunity, please consider volunteering on one of TIA-CO's many projects. For more information, call Gwen Lipkie at 720-524-1100.

In closing, congratulations to the 41 percent of you who have been **members for more than five years**, and also to the 41 percent who have logged between one and five years with us. To the nine percent of new members who answered the survey, thank you for making your voice heard and welcome to TIA-CO.

The survey was a useful tool for TIA-CO's Board and Commissions. Your responses confirmed that our mission and programs are in line with member needs, but it also showed us areas where we need to improve. If you have additional ideas and suggestions you would like to share with us, please don't feel you need to wait for another survey. **We welcome your comments at any time.** You can call us at 720-524-1100 or email us at [info@interfaithallianceco.org](mailto:info@interfaithallianceco.org). ♦



## Interfaith Calendar

### May 2008

- All month Hopi Kachina Dances – American Indian
- April 21-May 2 Festival of Ridván – Bahá'í
- April 30-May 4 Maidyozarem Gahambar - Zoroastrianism
- 1 Ascension Day - Christianity
- 2 Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) – Judaism
- 7 Yom Yerushalayim – Judaism
- 11 Pentecost – Christianity
- 18 Trinity Sunday – Christianity
- 19 Buddha Day – Buddhism
- 23 Declaration of the Báb – Bahá'í
- 23 Lag B'Omer – Judaism
- 29 Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh – Bahá'í

### June 2008

- All month Hopi Kachina Dances – American Indian
- 9 Shavuot - Judaism
- 15 Pentecost – Orthodox Christianity
- 16 Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjan Dev – Sikhism
- 19 Enlightenment of Kwan Yin Bodhisattva – Buddhism
- 20 Summer Feast – American Indian
- 22 All Saints – Orthodox Christianity
- 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist – Anglican and Catholic Christianity
- 27 Martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- 29 – July 3 Maidyoshahem Gahambar – Zoroastrianism
- 30 Feast of the Holy Apostles – Orthodox Christianity ♦

## New Board member joins TIA-CO's team

The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado is pleased to welcome a new member to its Board of Directors – James K. Hoffmeister of Boulder.

Hoffmeister is a Colorado native. He was born in Fort Collins, raised during his early years in Rifle and Glenwood Springs, and graduated from high school in Greeley. He

graduated from Monmouth College (Illinois) in 1953 with a bachelor's of science degree in Chemistry. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955 as a medical technician at the clearing hospital in Landstuhl, Germany.

Hoffmeister attended Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, New York, from 1955 to 1958. He received a teaching certificate from the University of Colorado School of Education. He taught mathematics and science at Woodland Park (CO) High School from 1961-1963. He also received an



Jim Hoffmeister with his wife, Marcia.

M.A. (1966) and a Ph.D. (1974) in Social Psychology from the University of Colorado. His specialty area was program evaluation, test development, statistical analysis, and work in the area of belief systems, perception, and behavior.

Hoffmeister is President of Test Analysis & Development Corporation (TADC), a company he established in 1971. TADC is a small business that was founded on the idea that if timely and accurate information could be provided to organizations about problems, better decisions could be made to resolve them.

Jim and Marcia Hoffmeister have been residents of Boulder County since 1962. Together, they built their own home. They have been married for more than 50 years and have two children and two grandchildren. ♦

## Youth program empowers next generation of leaders

An innovative program created by The Interfaith Alliance Foundation is helping build the next generation of leaders in the United States.

The LEADD program – Leadership Education Advancing Democracy and Diversity - helps train and empower this generation of incoming high school sophomores and juniors to become informed, engaged citizens, as well as passionate advocates for religious liberty and the First Amendment. The program is entering its third year and has already worked with approximately 60 students from more than 16 communities and 14 faith traditions. Five students from Colorado have participated in LEADD.

This year's camp will be held July 27-August 3 at the National 4-H Conference Center in the Washington, D.C. area. Participants will walk away with the historical grounding and skills necessary to be leaders in the fight to protect religious liberty. Sessions will include how to organize diverse communities, how to create effective messages, how to network, and how to develop a strategic plan. Youth will also delve into issues of the day such as religion in politics, the separations of church and state, and prayer in school.

The cost is \$285, which covers tuition, room and board. There is limited scholarship and transportation assistance available. Brochures and a DVD containing a seven-minute video about LEADD can be obtained from Jeremy Shaver, Director of Outreach and Communications, by calling 303-733-4089. Much more information and an application form are available online at [www.WeLEADD.org](http://www.WeLEADD.org). ♦



Participants in the 2007 LEADD camp pose for a photograph near the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.

Photo: TIA National

# Forum analyzes religion's role in 2008 election

By Jeremy Shaver

Religion has made big headlines in the 2008 election from the presidential primaries to upcoming local elections. While the contexts in which religion has surfaced have often been dismaying, there are also positive attempts to promote the compassionate, healing role of religion in our society.

The role of religion in the 2008 election was the theme of The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado's first public policy forum of the year. The forum was held Feb. 17 at Cameron United Methodist Church in Denver and attended by more than 100 people. Participants in the panel discussion included: the Rev. Dr. Phil Campbell, Director of Ministry Studies at the Iliff School of Theology and TIA-CO Board Member; David Harsanyi, columnist with *The Denver Post*; Ed Kahn, an attorney participating in the Exempla hospitals merger case; Linda Seger, author of *Jesus Rode a Donkey*, and Patrick Steadman, a lobbyist with Mendez, Steadman & Associates.

The panelists discussed the ways they see religion impacting the presidential primaries and upcoming ballot measures in Colorado. Several of the panelists described how their own religious convictions have framed and supported their stands on various policy matters.

Campbell discussed the First Amendment and its protection for the free exercise of religion in this country. One way that religious freedom is exercised, he said, is when people of faith ask what God's will is in both public and private matters. This question helped define the religious motivations for the Civil Rights Movement, he said. Campbell added that he challenge is to promote the free exercise of religion, while at the same time upholding the provision of the First Amendment that prohibits the government's establishment of religion.

Harsanyi agreed that religion matters and that it is important to pay attention to how the Moral Majority, fundamentalist Evangelicals, and others use religion because they are often well-oiled political machines.

"Taking religion out of the state would be great, but I don't think you can take it out of the voter," Harsanyi said. ♦

Photos from Feb. 17 Forum



▲ *Linda Seger, author of Jesus Rode a Donkey.*



▲ *David Harsanyi, columnist with The Denver Post.*



▲ *Pat Steadman, a local lobbyist.*

*Photos by Bill Kirton*

## Day of Prayer

*From front page*

all faiths as a way to achieve a vibrant national community. TIA-CO was concerned to learn that religious conservatives led by Shirley Dobson, wife of Focus on the Family's founder James Dobson, have misleadingly hijacked the event as their own. Calling themselves the National Day of Prayer Task Force, they excluded Jews, Muslims, Catholics, Buddhists and even mainline Christians from

National Prayer Day events scheduled for May 1, 2008.

The National Day of Prayer Task Force required volunteer coordinators to sign a pledge stating: "I commit that NDP activities I serve with will be conducted solely by Christians while those with differing beliefs are welcome to attend." The coordinators were also required to sign a statement of faith that included the following language: "I believe that the Holy Bible is the inerrant Word of The Living God. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only One by which I can obtain salvation and have an ongoing relationship with God." This clearly

aligned a government-sponsored event with a particular Christian denomination, in violation of the basic provisions of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Governor Ritter issued a proclamation declaring May 1 the "Colorado Day of Prayer." The proclamation used the National Day of Prayer Task Force's theme. The Governor's office confirmed that it had received a request for a proclamation from Shirley Dobson, as well as others. TIA-CO called on the Governor to support an inclusive day of prayer, recognizing the Governor's strong support of religious freedom in the past. In addition to sending a letter, TIA-CO also sent out an electronic action alert to its members. After receiving telephone calls and emails, Craig Banister, a press secretary for the Governor, called and expressed appreciation that the situation was brought to light. He said the Governor supports the free expression of all faith communities in Colorado and would take the feedback he received from TIA-CO members into consideration next year. ♦

**Stay Informed**

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# TIA-CO opposes deceptive personhood initiative

Proponents of a deceptively named "Human Life Amendment" are gathering signatures to place a measure on the November ballot that would amend Colorado's Constitution to redefine "person" and to grant constitutional rights from the moment of conception. The proposed amendment is vague, dangerous and simply goes too far. It seeks to restrict women's access to health care; it invites government intrusion into our personal lives; and, if it passes, it's permanent.

Calling themselves "Colorado for Equal Rights," proponents are led by Kristi Burton, a 20-year-old anti-choice extremist from Peyton – just outside of Colorado Springs. The group receives funding, in-kind, and legal support from Colorado Right to Life, the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the Alliance Defense Fund in Scottsdale, Arizona. National anti-choice groups including Focus on the Family and National Right to Life are not publicly supporting this measure.

The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado spoke out against this measure early and will work to prevent it from weakening our state constitution. "We believe this measure would limit religious freedom by enshrining a religious, sectarian definition of life in the Colorado Constitution," said TIA-CO President the Rev. Patrick O. Hurley. "This measure is more than an attack on religious freedom. It is also a serious threat to women's health."

Jody Berger, spokesperson of the Protect Families Protect Choice (PFPC) campaign, which has been established to defeat this dangerous and misleading amendment, said she believes Colorado voters will vote no on this proposed amendment when they understand its drastic effects, including:

- This amendment would ban all abortion, including in cases of rape, incest or when the woman's life is at risk.
- This amendment is so extreme, it could ban the most popular forms of birth control.
- This amendment would place politicians and lawyers in the middle of our most personal, private medical decisions.

Recently, Burton has said the proposed amendment is a simple language clarification and is not meant to ban anything. Last year, she and other proponents were singing a different tune. At the time, they acknowledged that the amendment was written to ban all abortion and the most popular forms of birth control.

PFPC is a broadly based coalition of nurses, doctors, members of the clergy, civic organizations and pro-choice advocates including Planned Parenthood, the League of Women Voters and many others. The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado has also joined this coalition.

While the proponents have until May 13 to gather the signatures needed to place the amendment on the November ballot, Protect Families Protect Choice is not waiting to start its campaign to defeat it. The coalition has already formed a NO campaign steering committee and begun fundraising to make sure opponents will be able to let Colorado voters know what this amendment really does.

"Access to affordable health care is already difficult for many families in Colorado but this amendment would make it harder still and it would invite the government to interfere with our most personal medical decisions," said Berger. "This is an outrageous proposal and we will defeat it." ♦

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**To volunteer,  
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Jeremy Shaver,  
TIA-CO's Director  
of Outreach and  
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ProtectChoice@  
PPRM.org or call  
303-813-7798.**

## Supporter Profile: The Rev. Michael P. Corrigan

The Rev. Michael P. Corrigan, District Transition Minister with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pueblo, was introduced to The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado shortly after it was created by five people committed to interfaith understanding and a healing role for religion in the public square.

Corrigan had just arrived in Denver and began work as the Director of Religious Education at the First Unitarian Society of Denver. The senior ministers of First Unitarian brought TIA-CO to Corrigan's attention and suggested that he join. That was in 1999. Corrigan has supported TIA-CO since that time.

Corrigan supports TIA-CO for two main reasons. First, TIA-CO offers programs that help

increase interfaith understanding and tear down barriers between Coloradans of different faiths.

"As a Unitarian Universalist, I subscribe to a 'free and responsible search for truth and meaning,'" Corrigan said. "A part of that search is to explore other religious paths, to learn from others how their spiritual strivings inform their day-to-day lives, and to begin to seek out commonalities as we also learn to embrace the differences. I believe that TIA-CO can be a major facilitator in this process of interfaith exploration, understanding, and acceptance of all people of good will."

Corrigan also supports TIA-CO's work in shaping public policy to ensure the common good for all



*The Rev. Michael P. Corrigan,  
District Transition Minister  
with the Unitarian Univer-  
salist Church of Pueblo*

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# Interfaith Commission proposes ideas to foster understanding

By Phyllis Bunting

The Interfaith Commission – one of TIA-CO's volunteer work groups – is making big plans for the coming months.

We are planning to hold three interfaith dialogues in 2008. Save these dates and watch for details: May 15, August 14, and November 13.

Planning is already underway for the next Interfaith Music Festival coming in the spring of 2009. Janice Mowry, festival coordinator, and Marta Burton, artistic director, are in discussions with a possible host site and many ideas are in play to expand this much loved festival.

Ideas also abound as we think about ways to expand out interfaith outreach with efforts to bring people of many faiths together around Colorado.

Here are some of our ideas:

- Expanded Interfaith Music/Food/Cultural Celebration
- Quarterly Interfaith Dialogues
- Begin book clubs with participants representing

varied faith traditions

- Raise environmental awareness and concern for the planet as a faith issue – perhaps through conversation cafes
- Partner faith communities to share rituals and traditions over a period of time
- Form an Interfaith Children's Chorus
- Develop resources that can be distributed to assist places outside the Metro-Denver area with holding dialogues, book clubs, etc.
- Develop and publish a Calendar of Interfaith Events in Colorado

We encourage you to contact us with your ideas and offers of help. If an idea interests you, please contact us about joining a small group working just on that idea. If you would like to join the Interfaith Commission, we also welcome you. People outside the Metro-Denver area are encouraged to contact us with ideas for your area and ways we can be supportive.

Contact Phyllis Bunting, Interfaith Commission Chair, at [kidsdiscoverydays@hotmail.com](mailto:kidsdiscoverydays@hotmail.com) or 303-420-1580 with your ideas or offer to help. ♦



Your ideas, energy and offers of help are welcomed and encouraged!

## Congregational Partner Spotlight: Cameron United Methodist Church



Home sweet home – that's what Cameron United Methodist Church in Denver is to The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado.

The Cameron Church community, including its members and ministers, has supported TIA-CO since its beginning 10 years ago. The Rev. Bill Kirton, a minister at Cameron Church, is one of the founders of TIA-CO. The initial organizational meetings for TIA-CO happened at Stella's Coffeehaus, just down the street from Cameron Church. When office space was no longer available at Calvary Presbyterian Church, the Cameron Church community welcomed TIA-CO to its facility. In addition to providing office space, meeting space, and space for public forums, the congregation at Cameron Church has enthusiastically supported TIA-CO's programs and the Rev. Kirton's participation in TIA-CO. Several members of Cameron are even members of TIA-CO and other church members have provided leadership for TIA-CO over the years.

Cameron Church has supported TIA-CO because it upholds the same values TIA-CO promotes – religious freedom, separation of church and state, and civil rights and liberty for all

persons regardless of race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

"The values of TIA-CO are very much in line with those of Cameron," said the Rev. Kirton. "We value diversity and inclusiveness. The congregation is Christian in terms of tradition and observance of sacred seasons. However, membership includes persons from various faith traditions, including Roman Catholic, Buddhist, and 'spiritual but not religious.' Some members participate in various forms of meditation and ritual practice. As a congregation, we support and live interfaith understanding."

TIA-CO appreciates Cameron Church's efforts to create a more just, inclusive, and compassionate world. Thank you, Cameron Church, for your gracious hospitality and continued support!

If you would like information on how your congregation can support TIA-CO, please contact Jeremy Shaver, Director of Outreach and Communications, at 303-733-4089 or [outreach@interfaithallianceco.org](mailto:outreach@interfaithallianceco.org). A congregational partner support form is also located on the back page of this newsletter. We'd love to have you join us today as a congregational partner! ♦

## Dialogues

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express a relevance to the issues of our day. Again, the challenge is how. How to apply our voices in a way consistent with our values – values of inclusivity, nonviolence, justice and integrity. And in a way that creates tangible, effective action consistent with these values.

This is where the how of dialogue comes into the picture. William Isaacs – founder of the Dialogue Project at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology – describes the process of dialogue as “the art of thinking together.” In a time of high stakes and high incidences of misunderstanding, the skill and practice of dialogue is a powerful bridge over the communication gap. In his book, *Dialogue*, Isaacs states:

“...all too often – on the job, in businesses, and in our communities or personal lives – we don’t listen to one another. Invested in our views, we explain when we should inquire. Caught up in our own preconceptions, we disguise our feelings and fears, and hide our very meaning. Our talk drives us apart.”

Through dialogue, we are invited into a process where we seek to deeply understand each other – to see each other within a framework of believing each is trying to constructively resolve the situation at hand.

With this in mind, the Interfaith Commission of TIA-CO will be offering three evenings of facilitated dialogue this year, beginning Thursday, May 15. Future dates and locations will be announced through the newsletter, website, and monthly electronic newsletter, so stay tuned.



Participants in one of last year’s interfaith dialogues listen to a panel presentation.

The goal of each event is three-fold:

- To engage the senses with some of the sights, sounds and tastes from the host tradition;
- To create a time of learning and sharing on a common theme from a panel of representatives of diverse faith traditions; and,
- To provide an opportunity for mutually respectful, deep listening and dialogue on the theme of dialogue as it relates to faith and life.

To accomplish these goals, each event will begin with a sharing of sacred ritual or music from the host tradition, with explanation and participation as part of this time. A panel of persons from within the host tradition will then share their tradition’s perspective and experiences along the focus theme. A time for questions will be made available. A fellowship time will follow the panel where the host group will offer refreshments from within their tradition. Following the refreshments break, the persons gathered will form into groups of eight to ten for a time of facilitated dialogue.

We hope you will consider participating in these gatherings as vital opportunities to extend much needed understanding and the springboard for new collaborations within our many vibrant faith traditions across Colorado. For more information, please contact the Rev. Teena Racheli at [revteena@msn.com](mailto:revteena@msn.com). ♦

**GET INVOLVED:** Please join us from 6:30-9 p.m. Thurs., May 15 at First Unitarian Denver, 1400 Lafayette St., for the first dialogue. The event will be hosted by the Rev. Mike Morran and the congregation of First Unitarian Denver.

## Rev. Corrigan

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Coloradans. He believes it is important that TIA-CO defends religious liberty and promotes social justice.

“I believe there is a particular need in the political sphere for TIA-CO as an intentional advocate for the truest form of religious freedom. As a member of a ‘minority religion,’ I have particular concerns about the move toward establishing any religious faith as THE expression of the American religious conscience, with all the implications of ‘right’ and ‘wrong’ according to the tenets of a particular doctrinal system,” Corrigan said. “I believe TIA-CO is a valuable presence in the process of interfaith

dialogue and appreciation, as well as being explicitly focused on maintaining the clear lines of State and religious convictions.”

Please join the Rev. Michael P. Corrigan and hundreds of other Coloradans who support the work of TIA-CO, as we build a Colorado we can all be proud of – a Colorado based on mutual respect, inclusiveness, and social justice. A member contribution form can be found on the back page of this newsletter, or you can make a contribution online today at [www.InterfaithAllianceCo.org](http://www.InterfaithAllianceCo.org). Thank you for your support! ♦



## PBS airs award-winning documentary

Rocky Mountain PBS (Channel 6) will air the documentary, ***A Dream in Doubt***, at 10 p.m. Tuesday, May 20. It is a poignant story of the first hate-based murder in the wake of September 11, 2001. The victim: a turbaned Sikh man in Mesa, Ariz., where his family had sought religious freedom, searching for the American Dream. The Interfaith Alliance’s Deputy Director of Public Policy, Preetmohan Singh, co-produced the documentary.

If you live outside of the metro Denver area, please check the listings of your local PBS station for air times. ♦

# Welcome new Partners!

*The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado is pleased to announce several new Congregational Partners for 2008:*

Arvada United Methodist Church (Arvada)

Park Hill Congregational Church – United Church of Christ (Denver)

Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Church of Christ (Denver)

St. Thomas Episcopal Church (Denver)

*The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado thanks the following congregations that renewed their support in the first quarter of 2008:*

Calvary Baptist Church (Denver)

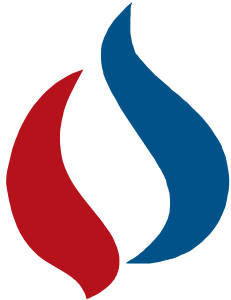
Cameron United Methodist Church (Denver)

Lakewood United Methodist Church (Lakewood)

Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church (Denver) ♦

**"We need not think alike to love alike, or to take delight in one another's celebrations of the Divine."**

**~ Francis David (1510-1579)**



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*We welcome you to support TIA-CO today!*

## Individuals, Congregations, Nonprofit Organizations and Businesses

For individuals, congregations, nonprofit organizations and businesses who share our values and wish to support our mission. Join with us as we build a Colorado based on the values and principles of mutual respect, religious diversity, inclusiveness, compassion and justice.

Enclosed is my/our contribution of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Contributor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Sponsor      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Supporter   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Partner      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Friend     | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 Benefactor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$_____ Other    |   |

## Congregational Partners

For congregations who wish to play an integral role in our mission. Partnering congregations receive TIA-CO materials for distribution, help plan programs and recruit volunteers for TIA-CO projects, and take a leadership role in furthering TIA-CO goals.

Our congregation is ready to partner with TIA-CO. Enclosed is our contribution of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Partnering Congregation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Supporting Congregation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 Sponsoring Congregation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$_____ Other                   |

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**I/We are joining as:**  individual/nonprofit/business/congregation  Congregational Partner

\_\_\_\_\_ first name last name

\_\_\_\_\_ organization / business / congregation (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_ street address

\_\_\_\_\_ city / state / zip

\_\_\_\_\_ phone

\_\_\_\_\_ email

Yes, I/we would like to receive email updates on upcoming interfaith programs and public policy alerts.

For more information, call (720) 524-1100 or email [info@interfaithallianceco.org](mailto:info@interfaithallianceco.org).

Please make check payable to TIA-CO and mail with this form to 1600 South Pearl Street, Denver, CO 80210.

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