An Interfaith Unity Celebration for

Gavin C. Newsom

Governor-Elect of the State of California

Monday, January 7, 2019 at 8:00 am

St. John’s Lutheran Church
1701 L Street, Sacramento
Program

Processional – “God Bless America”
Led by St. John’s Lutheran Church Cantor Jason Pettit and Organist Ryan Enright

God bless America,
Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above;

From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,

God bless America,
My home, sweet home.

God bless America,
My home, sweet home.

Welcome on behalf of St. John’s Lutheran Church
Rev. Frank Espegren, Senior Pastor

Welcome on behalf of the Interfaith Leaders
Michael G. Pappas, M.Div., Executive Director
San Francisco Interfaith Council

Reading of Interfaith Statement
Kaushik Roy, Chair
San Francisco Interfaith Council

Indigenous Blessing to the Four Directions
Andrew Galvan, Curator
Old Mission Dolores, San Francisco

Invocation
The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus
Eighth Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of California
Ringing of Buddhist Ceremonial In Kin Bell
Rev. Ronald Kobata, Resident Minister
Buddhist Church of San Francisco

Congregational Singing of Hebrew Hymn “Hinei Mah Tov”
(How Very Good and How Lovely Brothers and Sisters Together)

Led by St. John’s Lutheran Church Cantor Jason Pettit, Organist Ryan Enright and Cantor Julie Steinberg, Congregation B’nai Israel, Sacramento

Hinei mah tov umah naim
Shevet achim gam yachad
Hinei mah tov umah naim
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Hinei mah tov shevet achim gam yachad
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How very good and how lovely
Brothers and sisters together
Unity Candle Lighting Blessings

Muslim
Hala K. Hijazi
Commissioner
San Francisco Human Rights Commission

Christian
Jilma Meneses
Chief Executive Officer
Catholic Charities of San Francisco

Jewish
Cantor Julie Steinberg
Congregation B’nai Israel, Sacramento

Brahma Kumaris
Sister Chandru Desai
Director
Brahma Kumaris Meditation Center, SF
Greetings from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento
Very Rev. Michael D. Vaughan, Vicar General

Recitation of “The Prayer of St. Francis”
Father Arturo Albano, Pastor
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, San Francisco

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to
be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Communal Interfaith Blessing of the Governor-Elect
Rev. Dr. Amos C. Brown, Pastor
Third Baptist Church of San Francisco
President, SF Chapter NAACP

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”
Led by St. John’s Lutheran Church Cantor Jason Pettit and Organist Ryan Enright

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.

Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now;
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow

With God our Creator
We are family
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

To take each moment and live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Benediction
Rev. J. Edgar Boyd, Senior Minister
First AME Church of Los Angeles

Recessional
Organist Ryan Enright
Special Thanks

San Francisco Interfaith Council
Michael G. Pappas, M.Div., Executive Director
Cynthia S. Zamboukos, Program/Administrative Associate

Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento
Edrine Ddungu, First Vice President

St. John’s Lutheran Church - Sacramento
Rev. Frank Espegren, Senior Pastor
Linda Baldwin, Director of Administration, Usher
Jason Pettit, Cantor
Ryan Enright, Organist
Robert Larson, Usher
Eric Piotrowski, Usher