22nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast

The San Francisco Interfaith Council

Celebrating 30 Years of Interfaith Collaboration in San Francisco

Program

Tuesday, November 26, 2019
7:00 am – 9:00 am
Hotel Kabuki, San Francisco
Program

Gathering Hymn "Morning Has Broken"
Congregational Singing (see insert)
Led by Calvary Presbyterian Minister of Spiritual Care Rev. Victor Floyd

Welcome and Reading of the SFIC Interfaith Statement
Kaushik Roy
Chairman of the Board of the San Francisco Interfaith Council
Executive Director, The Shanti Project

“This is an interfaith community. Whatever our individual belief, it can be freely expressed here with no apologies. If we are invited to offer a prayer in this setting, it should be offered according to the tradition with which we identify. If we are invited to speak on a subject from the perspective of our tradition, we are free to do so without fear of offending those who come from another tradition. We come together as people of faith to learn from each other that we might better understand the multiplicity of faith traditions in our city and in our world.”

Ohlone Indian Prayer in the Four Directions
Andrew Galvan
Curator of Old Mission Dolores

Buddhist In Kin Bell and Muslim Prayer
Rev. Elaine Donlin
Minister’s Assistant, Buddhist Church of San Francisco

Muhammad Alabi
Islamic Society of San Francisco

Jewish Blessing of the Challah Bread
Led by P.J. Cherrin
Congregant of Mission Minyan

Christian Blessing of the Meal
The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King
Vice Dean, Grace Cathedral

Rev. Elizabeth Ekdale
Lead Pastor, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church

~ Breakfast is served at your table ~

Recognition of Special Guests and Introduction of Mayor London Breed
Kaushik Roy, SFIC Chair

Mayor’s Remarks
The Honorable London Breed
Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco
Musical Selection "Turn, Turn, Turn"
Congregational Singing (see insert)
Led by Calvary Presbyterian Minister of Spiritual Care Rev. Victor Floyd

Executive Director's Remarks and Introduction of Speaker Nancy Pelosi
Michael G. Pappas, M.Div.
Executive Director of the San Francisco Interfaith Council

Remarks
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives

Prayers for the City
Sr. Sukanya Belsare, Brahma Kumaris Meditation Center
Rev. Tova Green, San Francisco Zen Center
Paige Hosking, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Abby Michelson Porth, Jewish Community Relations Council
Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco
Dr. Mary Wardell-Ghirarduzzi, University of San Francisco

"Prayer of St. Francis"
Read by all
Led by Rev. Kenneth Westray
Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Assisted by Markensy Jacques, Pastoral Associate
St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired and
Neva Turoff, Sign Interpreter

“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.”

Lifetime Achievement Award
Presented to SFIC Founder and Past Chair Rita R. Semel
Presented by SFIC Chair Kaushik Roy and Executive Director Michael Pappas
Assisted by SF Recreation and Parks Department General Manager Phil Ginsburg

Closing Remarks
Kaushik Roy
Chairman of the Board of the San Francisco Interfaith Council

Benediction
Rev. Dr. Amos C. Brown
Pastor of the historic Third Baptist Church

Final Musical Selection "Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Congregational Singing (see insert)
Led by Calvary Presbyterian Minister of Spiritual Care Rev. Victor Floyd
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Celebrating our diverse faiths and spiritual traditions, the San Francisco Interfaith Council brings people together to build understanding and serve our community.