

*The 21st Annual*  
FESTIVAL *of* FAITHS  
SACRED WISDOM  
PATHWAYS to NONVIOLENCE

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LOUISVILLE, KY | MAY 17-21, 2016



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## THE 2016 FESTIVAL OF FAITHS EXPLORES:

**SPIRITUAL PRACTICES | SACRED WISDOM |  
PATHWAYS TO NONVIOLENCE | ART AND THE SACRED**

THE 21ST ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF FAITHS is a five-day celebration of music, spoken word poetry, film, theatre, photography, and dialogue with internationally renowned spiritual leaders, practitioners, and teachers. The Festival will explore how different spiritual traditions, teachers, and practices address violence, heal our wounds, and teach active commitment to nurturing peace in ourselves and in the world.

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**Join the Conversation. Join the Movement.**



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### TICKETS

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE  
8:30 – 9:15 AM **FREE AND TICKETED**

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM **\$25.00**

WEEK PASS **\$275.00**  
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# DAILY SCHEDULE

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

**GUIDED PRACTICES:** *Buddhist Meditation, Sufi Practice, Kabbalah Practice, Christian Spiritual Practice*

Each morning begins with a guided spiritual practice led by practitioners from diverse faith traditions. These sessions provide insight into the forms of contemplative prayer. Practitioners will also share their personal experience and relationship with their practice.

## SACRED WISDOM

**THEMES:** *Love thy Neighbor, Indwelling Spirit, Do No Harm, Interfaith Reflections*

Thomas Merton wrote, *The peace produced by grace is a spiritual stability too deep for violence - it is unshakable.*

Speakers will reflect on Merton's statement by sharing the sacred wisdom of their faith tradition as it relates to violence and how to attain spiritual stability. Speakers will offer stories, insights, and practices to address the violence both inward and outward in our lives today.

## PATHWAYS TO NONVIOLENCE

**THEMES:** *Media and the Public Trust, Face to Face with Islamophobia, Black Lives Matter, Voices of Conscience*

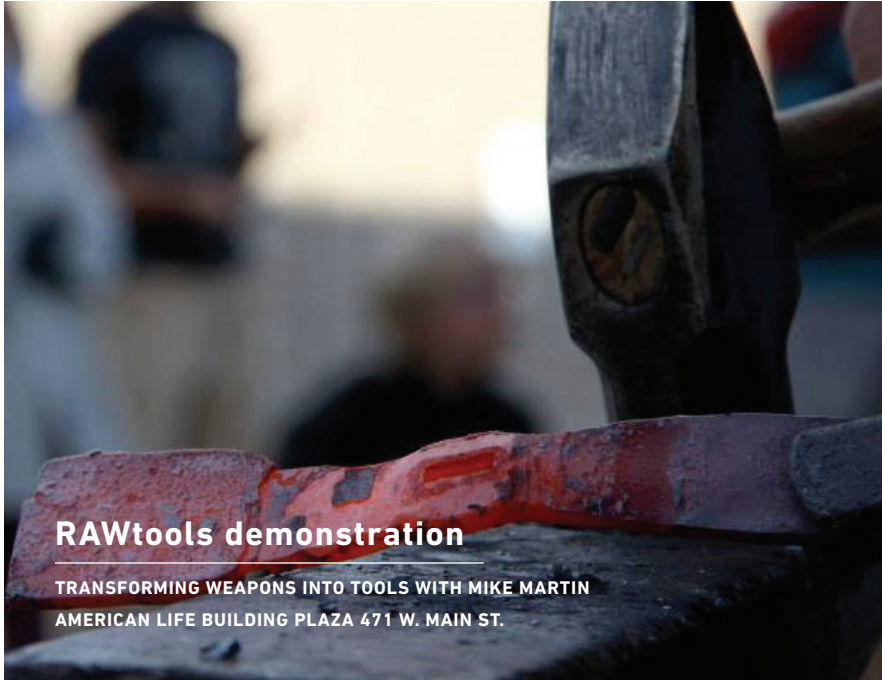
Afternoon programs offer dialogue with experts on the front lines of some of the most difficult issues of the day. Speakers share diverse perspectives on contemporary themes and offer practical insights on transcending violence in the pursuit of harmony with ourselves, our neighbors, and the earth.

## ART AND THE SACRED

Evening programs offer opportunities to experience the sacred through music and performance.

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**WORDS OF WISDOM:** *Woven throughout the Festival program, invited guests will share personal epiphanies in a variety of seven-minute, highly distilled formats. These stories of inspiration, poetry, music, and dramatic performance will illuminate nonviolent pathways in the modern world.*



## **RAWtools demonstration**

**TRANSFORMING WEAPONS INTO TOOLS WITH MIKE MARTIN**  
**AMERICAN LIFE BUILDING PLAZA 471 W. MAIN ST.**



## **Meditation and Motion**

**KENTUCKY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS 501 W. MAIN ST.**

## TUESDAY, May 17

5:30 PM **INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE** *Cathedral of the Assumption*

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## WEDNESDAY, May 18

- 8:30 AM **SPIRITUAL PRACTICE** *Buddhist Meditation* with Anam Thubten
- 10 AM **SACRED WISDOM** *Love Thy Neighbor* with Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, Arun Gandhi, and Rev. Allan Boesak
- 2 PM **PATHWAYS TO NONVIOLENCE** *Media and the Public Trust* with Anam Thubten, Elna Boesak, Molly Bingham, Rajiv Mehrotra, and Linda Sarsour
- 7 PM **ART AND THE SACRED** *Sacred Wisdom through Music*  
Curated by Teddy Abrams
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## THURSDAY, May 19

- 8:30 AM **SPIRITUAL PRACTICE** *Sufi Practice* with Shaikh Kabir Helminski
- 10 AM **SACRED WISDOM** *Indwelling Spirit* with Pico Iyer, Ingrid Mattson, and Imam Zaid Shakir
- 2 PM **PATHWAYS TO NONVIOLENCE** *Face to Face with Islamophobia* with Ingrid Mattson, Linda Sarsour, and Imam Zaid Shakir
- 7 PM **ART AND THE SACRED** *Sacred Wisdom through Performance*  
Curated by Roots & Wings
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## FRIDAY, May 20

- 8:30 AM **SPIRITUAL PRACTICE** *Kabbalah Practice* with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner
- 10 AM **SACRED WISDOM** *Ahimsa: Do No Harm* with Rev. Michael McBride, Jim Wallis, and Rabbi Lawrence Kushner
- 2 PM **PATHWAYS TO NONVIOLENCE** *Black Lives Matter* with Jim Wallis, Rev. Michael McBride, Rev. Alvin Herring, and Imam Zaid Shakir
- 7 PM **VOICES OF CONSCIENCE**  
with Vandana Shiva and bell hooks
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## SATURDAY, May 21

- 8:30 AM **SPIRITUAL PRACTICE** *Christian Spiritual Practice* with Joseph Mitchell, CP
- 10 AM **SACRED WISDOM** *Interfaith Reflections* with Vandana Shiva, Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, Pico Iyer, Rev. Alvin Herring, and others
- 2 PM **COMPASSION TALK** with Karen Armstrong and Amin Hashwani  
*Commentators:* Mayor Greg Fischer and Aetna CEO Mark Bertolini
- 4:30 PM **COMPASSION WALK**



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## Sand Mandala

THE BINGHAM THEATRE AT ACTORS THEATRE



## Cathedral of the Assumption

Photograph by Merry Jennifer Markham

**TUESDAY, MAY 17**

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**INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE**

*5:30 pm*

*CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION*

*433 S. 5th St. Louisville, KY 40202*

The 21st annual Festival of Faiths opens with an interfaith prayer service at Louisville's historic Cathedral of the Assumption. A celebration of the diverse faiths within our community and the wisdom that underlies them. A wisdom that encourages us to recognize that, despite our cultural and religious differences, we are one, and our human nature is therefore perfected in nonviolence. This event is free and open to the public.

All other Festival sessions will be held at Actors Theatre of Louisville.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

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*8:30 - 9:15 am*

### **SACRED PRACTICE**

*BUDDHIST MEDITATION* with Anam Thubten

Anam Thubten Rinpoche grew up in Tibet and at an early age began to practice in the Nyingma tradition of Tibetan Buddhism, studying with many of the great teachers and guides. Through his personal experience on the spiritual path, he invites everyone to participate in various methods that lead to the liberating experience of an open heart.

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*10 am - 12 pm*

### **SACRED WISDOM**

*LOVE THY NEIGHBOR*

*Nonviolence is not for power but for truth. It is not pragmatic but prophetic. It is not aimed at immediate political results, but at the manifestation of fundamental and crucially important truth.*

Thomas Merton

**THE 2016 FESTIVAL BEGINS** with an extraordinary opportunity to hear firsthand from close associates of and advisors to the most significant voices on nonviolence of our time, His Holiness Pope Francis, Mohandas Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and Bishop Desmond Tutu.

**ARCHBISHOP JOSEPH E. KURTZ** is the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Louisville and President of the U.S. Conference of Bishops. This past fall, Archbishop Kurtz accompanied His Holiness Pope Francis on his visit to the United States.

**ARUN GANDHI** is the founder of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence and the grandson of India's legendary leader, Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi is a Hindu whose work is influenced closely by Buddhist, Muslim, and Christian concepts of nonviolence.

**REV. ALLAN BOESAK** is a theologian, humanitarian, prolific author and tireless advocate for social justice. During the 1980s, he worked alongside Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela to lead efforts against South African apartheid and promote reconciliation.

**MODERATED PANEL AND AUDIENCE Q&A** with morning speakers.

**BOOK SIGNINGS** to follow in the lobby.



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**LUNCH BREAK**

*12 - 2 pm*

Tea House, Meditation and Motion, RAWtools demonstration,  
Sand Mandala

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**PATHWAYS TO NONVIOLENCE**

*2 - 4 pm*

*MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC TRUST* with Anam Thubten, Elna  
Boesak, Molly Bingham, Rajiv Mehrotra, and Linda Sarsour

A panel conversation on the role and power of the media today to shape and frame narrative, manage perception, and create 'our realities.' The panel will discuss the use and misuse of the public trust. This session will open with a talk by Anam Thubten about the power of sacred stories to guide our experience and engagement in the world.

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**DINNER BREAK**

*4 - 6 pm*

Book signings, RAWtools demonstration, Sand Mandala

*5:30 pm*

**RECEPTION**

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**ART AND THE SACRED**

*7 - 9 pm*

*SACRED WISDOM THROUGH MUSIC*

Curated by Teddy Abrams

Nationally acclaimed conductor and composer Teddy Abrams has thrilled audiences with world-class guest appearances. This event is no exception. Expect appearances from noteworthy musical talent from around the world. For centuries, music has also served as a nonviolent means of protest and expression for the marginalized. Music has the power of catharsis and is a means of communicating deeper truths and values.

## THURSDAY, MAY 19

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8:30 - 9:15 am

### SACRED PRACTICE

SUFI PRACTICE with Shaikh Kabir Helminski

Shaikh Kabir Helminski is a Sufi master of the 700 year old Mevlevi order, the lineage of Jalaluddin Rumi. Sufism (*tasawwuf*) is the inner, spiritual, mystical dimension of Islam. Its aim is the development of Presence and Love. Its method is the practice of *dhikr*, the remembrance of God with every breath.

*Enter me, O Lord, into the deep of the Ocean of Thine Infinite Oneness.*

Ibn al-'Arabi, 12th century Andalusian Muslim Saint

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10 am - 12 pm

### SACRED WISDOM

INDWELLING SPIRIT

*The peace produced by grace is a spiritual stability too deep for violence - it is unshakable.* Thomas Merton

Invited guests will reflect on Merton's statement by sharing the sacred wisdom within their faith traditions as it relates to violence and how to attain spiritual stability. Speakers will offer stories, insights, and practices to address the violence both inward and outward in our lives today.

**PICO IYER** is an acclaimed travel writer whose work documents the disconnect between local tradition and imported global pop culture, as well as isolation. He has written ten books including his recent "The Art of Stillness" inspired by his TED talk which went viral.

**INGRID MATTSON** is the former president of the Islamic Society of North America, the largest Muslim organization in America. She is a leading Islamic scholar in the West, whose writings focus primarily on Qur'an interpretation, Islamic theological ethics, and interfaith relations.

**IMAM ZAID SHAKIR** is the co-founder of Zaytuna College located in California, the first Muslim liberal arts college in the United States. As an American Muslim who came of age during the civil rights struggles, he has brought both sensitivity about race and poverty issues and scholarly discipline to his faith-based work. In 2015 he was named one of the 500 most influential Muslims in the world.

**MODERATED PANEL AND AUDIENCE Q&A** with morning speakers.

**BOOK SIGNINGS** to follow in the lobby.

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**LUNCH BREAK**  
*12 - 2 pm* Tea House, Meditation and Motion, RAWtools demonstration,  
Sand Mandala

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**PATHWAYS TO NONVIOLENCE**  
*2 - 4 pm* *FACE TO FACE WITH ISLAMOPHOBIA*  
Ingrid Mattson, Linda Sarsour, and Imam Zaid Shakir

An invitation to understand Islam hand in hand with authentic representatives of the faith. Three prominent Muslim voices dealing with Islamophobia on the front lines. Weighing in with their diverse perspectives are: a Muslim woman theologian and past head of the largest Islamic organization in North America; a well known Arab-American civil rights activist and community organizer; and one of the leading Islamic scholars in the West. At a time of increased hatred, bigotry, and misinformation we hear from knowledgeable voices rooted in the depths of the Islamic intellectual and theological tradition.

*None of you has faith until you love for your neighbor  
what you love for yourself.* The Prophet Muhammad

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**DINNER BREAK**  
*4 - 6 pm* Book signings, RAWtools demonstration, Sand Mandala

**RECEPTION**  
*5:30 pm*

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**ART AND THE SACRED**  
*7 - 9 pm* *SACRED WISDOM THROUGH PERFORMANCE*  
Curated by Roots & Wings

**You have to name *It* before you can change *It*.**

Join Roots & Wings and special guest artists on a journey from the spiritual to the street (and the spiritual on the street) to discover sacred nonviolence in unexpected places. Through the power of the performance arts, Roots & Wings will dive into our collective experience of violence where it impacts our lives most intimately – our neighborhoods, homes, relationships, and identities. The evening will challenge us to tap into our own power to shift violence personally and structurally, to move beyond naming *It* to changing *It*.

Roots & Wings, a 2015 ArtPlace America grantee, is a unique theatre project integrating art, poetry, dance, music, and performance as catalysts for restoration of self and community.

## FRIDAY, MAY 20

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*8:30 - 9:15 am*

### **SACRED PRACTICE**

*KABBALAH PRACTICE* with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

Rabbi Kushner will provide a brief introduction to the Jewish mystical tradition of Kabbalah and teach some basic practices. God manifests His Goodness, Power, and Mercy in multiple levels of creative emanations. The Kabbalah expresses the inner, esoteric, metaphysical meaning of reality.

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*10 am - 12 pm*

### **SACRED WISDOM**

*AHIMSA: DO NO HARM*

Invited guests will reflect on Merton's statement by sharing the sacred wisdom within their faith traditions as it relates to violence and how to attain spiritual stability. Speakers will offer stories, insights, and practices to address the violence both inward and outward in our lives today.

**REV. MICHAEL MCBRIDE** "Pastor Mike" is lead pastor at the Way Christian Center in San Francisco and the national director for the LIVE FREE Campaign with the Pico National Network, committed to addressing gun violence and mass incarceration of young people of color in the United States. In 2003, Rev. McBride was selected as the #9 top clergy leader to watch in the US by the Center for American Progress.

**JIM WALLIS** is president of Sojourners and Editor-in-chief of *Sojourners* magazines. He is a *New York Times* bestselling author, public theologian, speaker, and international commentator on ethics and public life. Wallis recently served on the White House Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. His new book is entitled *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*.

**RABBI LAWRENCE KUSHNER** is one of the most widely read authors on Jewish spiritual life and mysticism in the West and a regular commentator on NPR's *All Things Considered*. He is a wise and witty storyteller and known for his insights on how to seek meaning in everyday life by asking questions, looking around with awe, praising God, and embracing mystery.

**MODERATED PANEL AND AUDIENCE Q&A** with morning speakers.

**BOOK SIGNINGS** to follow in the lobby.

The session will open with a brief announcement by Mayor Greg Fischer of the winners of the youth video competition reflecting compassionate acts during the Give A Day Week of Service, April 2016. Winners will be announced in the categories of elementary, middle, and high school.

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**LUNCH BREAK**

*12 - 2 pm* Tea House, Meditation and Motion, RAWtools demonstration, Sand Mandala

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**PATHWAYS TO NONVIOLENCE**

*2 - 4 pm* *BLACK LIVES MATTER* Rev. Michael McBride, Jim Wallis, Rev. Alvin Herring, and Imam Zaid Shakir

Each speaker will offer a short talk sharing their views on the significance of the Black Lives Matter movement in the United States and offer specific steps for healing the wounds of long term systemic racism and inequality.

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**DINNER BREAK**

*4 - 6 pm* Book signings, RAWtools demonstration, Sand Mandala

**RECEPTION**

*5:30 pm*

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**VOICES OF CONSCIENCE**

*7 - 9 pm* Vandana Shiva and bell hooks in conversation

Wisdomkeepers share their knowledge and insights from a lifetime of contemplation and action. The speakers have spent their whole lives challenging dominant paradigms of violence. Vandana Shiva is a voice of women and the poor, and a hero of the Green revolution challenging non-sustainable industrial agriculture and the monocultures of the mind. bell hooks is a passionate feminist voice on gender, race, class, and media in contemporary culture. The dialogue will be enriched by artistic expressions throughout the program from local emerging talent.

*A man who is not at peace with himself necessarily projects his interior fighting into the society of those he lives with, and spreads a contagion of conflict all around him.* Thomas Merton

## SATURDAY, MAY 21

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**8:30 - 9:15 am**      **SACRED PRACTICE**  
*CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL PRACTICE* with Joseph Mitchell, CP

How do Christians understand the human person? How can we encounter the God who dwells in the temple of our hearts? This meditation session will explore Christian understanding of the indwelling Divine and strategies for giving birth to the inner Christ.

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**10 am - 12 pm**      **SACRED WISDOM,**  
*INTERFAITH REFLECTIONS* Vandana Shiva, Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, Pico Iyer, Rev. Alvin Herring, and others

Powerful seven-minute talks summarizing the essential wisdom of the preceding days and enumerating any imperatives and next steps that will heal our wounds and help transcend the pervasive conditions of violence by pursuing nonviolent alternative courses resulting in stability, harmony, and peace.

**MODERATED PANEL AND AUDIENCE Q&A** with morning speakers

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**12 - 2 pm**      **LUNCH BREAK**  
Tea House, Meditation and Motion, RAWtools demonstration, Sand Mandala

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**2 - 4 pm**      **COMPASSION TALK**  
Karen Armstrong and Amin Hashwani

**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION** Karen Armstrong

**MODERATED DIALOGUE** Karen Armstrong and Amin Hashwani

**GUEST COMMENTATORS** Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and Aetna CEO Mark Bertolini

The extended presentation will be followed by a moderated response and Q & A with the audience.

*We must make the choices that enable us to fulfill the deepest capacities of our real selves.* Thomas Merton

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*4 pm*      **DISSOLUTION CEREMONY OF THE SAND MANDALA**

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*4:30 pm*      **COMPASSION WALK** A silent walk through the streets of Louisville ending at the Ohio River (*Map in back of mailer*)



*T.O.L.E.R.A.N.C.E.* - Guy Ferrer (*on display in Actors Theatre Lobby*)



**TEDDY ABRAMS**

Teddy Abrams is a widely acclaimed conductor, as well as an established pianist, clarinetist, and composer. He is the Music Director of the Louisville Orchestra and Music Director and Conductor of the Britt Classical Festival in Jacksonville, Oregon. Abrams is dedicated to exploring new and engaging ways to communicate with a diverse range of audiences. He was the youngest conducting student ever accepted at both the Curtis Institute of Music and the Aspen Music Festival and is an award-winning composer and a passionate educator.



**KAREN  
ARMSTRONG, OBE.**

Karen Armstrong is an historian of religion, whose books have been translated into forty-five languages. They include, *A History of God*, which was an international bestseller, and most recently, *Fields of Blood: Religion and the History of Violence*. In 2008, she was awarded the TED Prize and began working on the Charter for Compassion, created online by the general public and crafted by leading thinkers in Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Confucianism. It was launched in the fall of 2009 and has become a global movement.



**MOLLY BINGHAM**

Molly Bingham is the creator of OrbMedia.org. An award-winning documentary filmmaker, photographer, and journalist, she has covered news and conflicts around the globe. In 2012, *Columbia Journalism Review* named her one of “20 Women to Watch.” She is at the cutting edge of defining journalism in the digital age, with a unique vision for discovering and covering global stories while making original content accessible and engaging. Bingham was awarded a Neiman Fellowship at Harvard in 2004, where she first began developing Orb’s core concepts.



**REV. ALLAN BOESAK**

The Rev. Dr. Allan Aubrey Boesak, a native of South Africa, is a theologian, humanitarian, author, and social activist. He was an influential activist against apartheid in South Africa, where he worked closely with Archbishop Tutu and Nelson Mandela. Since gaining international acclaim for his doctoral dissertation, *Farewell to Innocence*, Boesak emerged as one of the world’s preeminent authorities on liberation theology. In June 2013, Christian Theological Seminary and Butler University in Indianapolis named Boesak the Desmond Tutu Chair of Peace, Global Justice, and Reconciliation Studies.





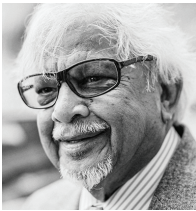
**ELNA BOESAK**

Elna Botha-Boesak is an award-winning South African journalist, radio/television producer, and commentator. In her work she captures and reflects on marginalized perspectives and narratives and focuses on social change challenges, equality, and justice. Boesak creates safe spaces for constructive communication. She often spearheads civil society projects that specialize in base line research, community-based journalism, and “real life” audio-visual production.



**REV. JOAN  
BROWN CAMPBELL**

The Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, a distinguished life-long ecumenist, served as the first ordained woman appointed as general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. Prior to her time at the NCCC USA, Rev. Campbell served as director of the U.S. Office of the World Council of Churches. Campbell is a devoted activist for peace and social justice, believing that citizens in a democracy must act on their conscience. This commitment was crafted during her life-changing work with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and in the struggle to end apartheid in South Africa.



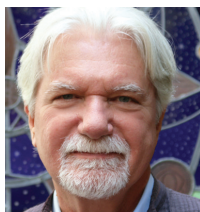
**ARUN GANDHI**

Arun Gandhi, was born in 1934 in Durban, South Africa, and is the fifth grandson of India’s legendary leader, Mohandas K. “Mahatma” Gandhi. Through daily lessons with his grandfather, Arun Gandhi learned to understand the nature and origins of violence and anger. A former journalist who was deputy editor of *The Times of India*, Gandhi is now a peace and environmental activist and a proponent of nonviolence. He has shared the teachings of his late grandfather around the world for three decades. He is founder and president of the Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute.



**AMIN HASHWANI**

Amin Hashwani, the founder of Charter for Compassion/Pakistan, is a businessman and a social activist. He has founded various social initiatives in the field of education, health, youth development, culture, and peace. Internationally he has collaborated in peace building between nations and societies, and spoken at universities, think tanks, and the United Nations. He co-founded the Peace Action Network, a group of CEOs undertaking initiatives to build bridges between societies using business networking platforms.



**SHAIKH KABIR  
HELMINSKI**

Shaikh Kabir Helminski is a Sufi Master of the Mevlevi Order, the lineage of Jelaluddin Rumi. He began his Mevlevi training as a student of the late Shaikh Suleyman Loras. In 1990, he was subsequently appointed a shaikh. Under Kabir's direction, the Mevlevi Order is working to apply traditional Sufi principles to the conditions of contemporary life. Kabir and his wife, Camille, founded and now direct The Threshold Society, a nonprofit educational foundation that has developed programs for practice and study within Sufism and spiritual psychology.



**REV. ALVIN HERRING**

Rev. Alvin Herring is the Deputy Director of Faith and Formation for the PICO National Network. He leads PICO's efforts to put race at the center of its organizing and advocacy work to train thousands of clergy, community leaders, and activists to confront the role of racial privilege in United States society and politics. Previously, Rev. Herring was the executive director of the Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of Louisville. Many have described him as a messenger of hope and inspiration; others see him as one of the nation's most effective advocates for diversity and community.



**BELL HOOKS**

bell hooks is an acclaimed intellectual, feminist theorist, cultural critic, artist, and writer. The author of over three dozen books, hooks has published works that span several genres, including cultural criticism, personal memoirs, poetry collections, and children's books. Her writings cover topics of gender, race, class, spirituality, teaching, and the significance of media in contemporary culture. Born Gloria Jean Watkins in Hopkinsville, KY, bell hooks uses the pen name of her maternal great-grandmother, a woman known for speaking her mind.



**PICO IYER**

Pico Iyer is the author of 12 books, on subjects as diverse as the global order, Graham Greene, the Cuban Revolution, and Islamic mysticism. He gave TED talks in both 2013 and 2014 — one on movement, one on stillness — and each has been seen by roughly 2 million viewers. Born in Oxford, Iyer has been based in Western Japan for 28 years and spends much of his time in a Benedictine hermitage in California. His most recent book is *The Art of Stillness*, based on his TED talk.



**ARCHBISHOP  
JOSEPH E. KURTZ**

After being ordained a priest in 1972, Archbishop Joseph Edward Kurtz served for 27 years in various roles within the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania, including as a social worker, Catholic Charities director, pastor, and teacher, on the high school, college, and seminary levels. In 1999 Archbishop Kurtz was appointed bishop of Knoxville, Tennessee, in 2007, archbishop of Louisville, and since 2013, he has been president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



**RABBI LAWRENCE  
KUSHNER**

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, one of America's best read authors on Jewish spiritual life, is the Emanu-El Scholar at San Francisco's Congregation Emanu-El and visiting professor of Jewish spirituality at the Graduate Theological Union. Prior to this, he was rabbi-in-residence at Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City, where he taught spirituality and mysticism and mentored rabbinic students. Kushner is a regular commentator on NPR's *All Things Considered*. He brings his gifts as a storyteller and scholar to his role as a leader of personal and institutional renewal within Judaism.



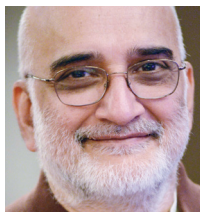
**INGRID MATTSON**

Dr. Ingrid Mattson is a Muslim religious figure, a professor of Islamic Studies, and an interfaith leader. Mattson was elected vice president and then president of the Islamic Society of North America, the first woman to serve in either position. In that capacity, a 2010 *New York Times* article called her "perhaps the most noticed figure among American Muslim women." As a professor at Hartford Seminary, she developed and directed the first accredited graduate program for Muslim chaplains in America. Currently, Mattson teaches at the University of Western Ontario.



**REV. MICHAEL  
MCBRIDE**

Rev. Michael McBride (known as "Pastor Mike") is among America's leading clergymen committed to the issues of gun violence and mass incarceration of young people of color. A native of San Francisco and graduate of Duke University Divinity School, he is lead pastor of The Way Christian Center in West Berkeley, California, which he founded. In March 2012, he became the national director of the Lifelines to Healing/LIVE FREE Campaign, led by hundreds of faith congregations throughout the United States committed to addressing the causes of pervasive violence and crime.



**RAJIV MEHROTRA**

Rajiv Mehrotra is the Founding Secretary and Trustee of The Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness The Dalai Lama. Mehrotra works as an independent film maker, managing trustee, producer, and commissioning editor of The Public Service Broadcasting Trust. He has directed and produced many films. For several decades he hosted one of India's longest running and most widely viewed talk shows on public television, *In Conversation*.



**JOSEPH MITCHELL, CP**

Joe Mitchell, CP, is a Catholic priest and member of the Passionist community. Inspired and formed by Thomas Berry and the *Great Work*, he founded the Passionist Earth & Spirit Center in Louisville, KY, and currently serves as its president. He earned a graduate degree in Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness from the California Institute of Integral Studies and received his training in theology at Catholic Theological Union. Currently his work is focused on teaching meditation courses, offering programs in the new cosmology, and a commitment to the religious environmental movement.



**LINDA SARSOUR**

Linda Sarsour is the Executive Director of the Arab-American Association of New York and co-founder of the first Muslim online organizing platform, MPOWER Change. She has been at the forefront of major civil rights campaigns, and she is most known for her intersectional coalition work and building bridges across issues, racial, ethnic, and faith communities. Sarsour has written for and has been widely featured in the media discussing the impact of domestic policies that target Arab and Muslim American communities, criminal justice issues, and Middle East affairs.



**IMAM ZAID SHAKIR**

Imam Zaid Shakir, one of the West's leading Islamic scholars, is co-founder of Zaytuna College, located in California, the first Muslim liberal arts college in the United States. As an American Muslim who came of age during the civil rights movement, he has brought both sensitivity about race and poverty issues and scholarly discipline to his faith-based work. Since 2009, he has been chairman of United For Change, whose mission is to create awareness of the broadest and most consuming topics within the Muslim community.



**VANDANA SHIVA**

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**ANAM THUBTEN**

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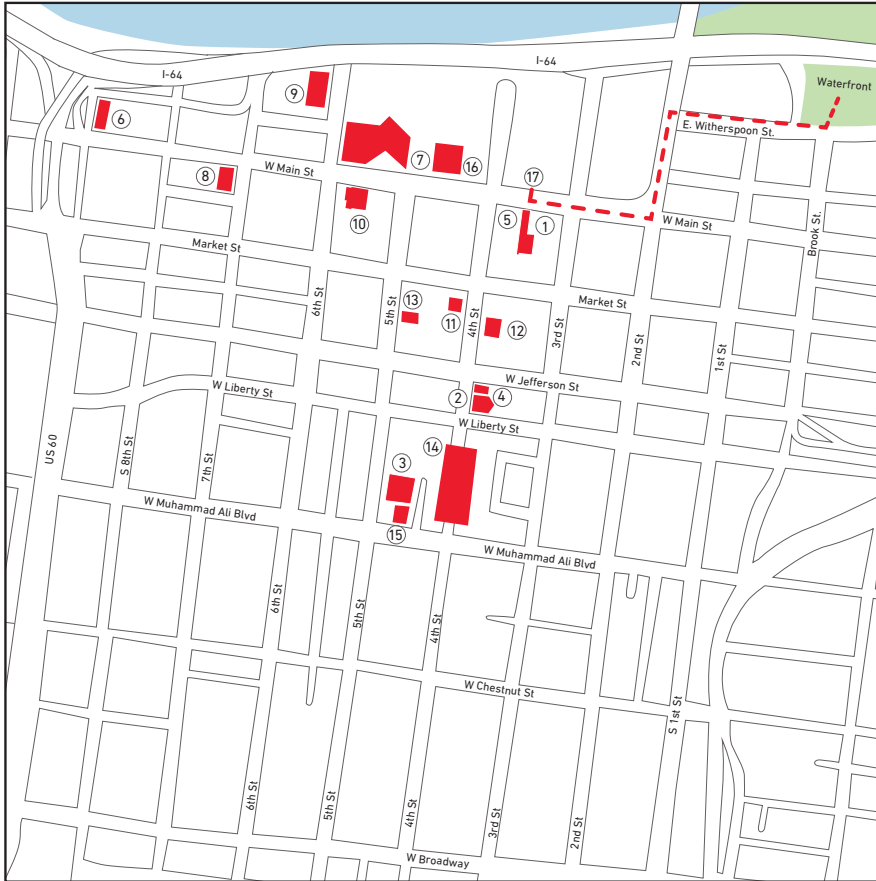
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