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2023

ANNUAL GATHERING

ARIZONA FAITH NETWORK

PROGRAM



October 24th

Phoenix Center for the Arts · Zoom

8:30 am	REGISTRATION OPENS VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL OPEN	Courtyard Zoom
9:00 am	FAITH AND COMMUNITY FAIR VIRTUAL LOBBY OPENS BREAKFAST	Courtyard Zoom Courtyard
10:00 am	ANNUAL GATHERING PROGRAM Opening Music <i>Palmer Saufkie, Hopi, O'odham</i> Land Acknowledgement and Prayer <i>Cher Thomas, Gila River</i> Welcome <i>Gov. Katie Hobbs, Billie K. Fidlin, AFN Board President</i> Program Spotlight: Theological Dialogue Commission <i>Canon Lisa Derrick, Episcopal, Bhikkhu Vasu Bandhu, Zen Buddhism, Nicolas Mentha, Baha'i, Mustafa Bahar, Islam</i> Prayers for the World <i>Mustafa Bahar, Islam and Paul Rockower, Judaism</i> Music <i>Marlene Thompson, Violinist</i> Program Spotlight: Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni <i>Valaura Imus-Nahsonhoya, Hopi, Sarah King, United Methodist, Rev. Kate Lehman, Ecumenical Catholic</i> Keynote <i>Tahil Sharma, Hindu, Sikh</i> Song <i>Bishop Jennifer Reddall, Episcopal</i> Moment of Meditation and Artist Recognition <i>ellie hutchison, United Church of Christ</i> Program Spotlight: Social Justice Commission <i>Karen McLaughlin, Lutheran, Khalil Rushdan, Spiritual, Medina Moore, Christian</i>	Theater · Zoom

PROGRAM

Program Spotlight: Nonprofit Security Bill

Rev. Gerald Richard II, *African Methodist Episcopal*, Paul Rockower, *Judaism*

2023 Awards

Bridge Builder Awardee

Congressman Raúl Grijalva

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Carletta Tilousi, *Havasupi*

Peace Maker Awardee

Gerrit Steenblik, *Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*

Above and Beyond Awardee

Marilyn Riggs, *United Church of Christ*

Program Spotlight: Heat Relief

Arene Rushdan, *Christian*, Dr. Tamera Zivic, *Episcopal*, Billie Fidlin, *United Methodist*

Closing Song

Cantor Todd Herzog, *Judaism*

Art Live Auction

Francisco 'Enuf' Garcia, *Artist*

Closing Blessings

Rev. Katie Sexton-Wood, *Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

Group Photo

By Photographer Rev. Dr. Eric Ledermann, *Presbyterian on Entrance Steps*



Tahil Sharma

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Tahil Sharma is the Regional Coordinator for the United Religions Initiative in North America. He is an interfaith activist based in Los Angeles who was born to a Hindu father and a Sikh mother. Following the Oak Creek, WI shooting of a Sikh temple in 2012, Tahil became involved in efforts for interfaith literacy and social justice and has been doing this work professionally for the past seven years. Tahil serves as one of three Interfaith Ministers in Residence for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and as the Los Angeles Coordinator for Sadhana: A Coalition of Progressive Hindus.

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