



SECOND ANNUAL
DFW SUMMIT on
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
October 24th, 2019
SMU Hughes-Trigg Student Center

MORNING AGENDA

9:00 – 11:00am WELCOME and FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Welcome: Dr Robert Hunt, Director of Global Theological Education, SMU Perkins School

Blessing on the day

Aspirations for The Summit: Robert Hunt

Welcome, SMU's Views on Human Rights, Free Speech, Inclusivity and Fairness for All: R. Gerald Turner, President, Southern Methodist University

Update: William Benac, President, DFW Alliance for Religious Freedom

Keynote, Human dignity as an Underpinning of Religious Freedom: Brett Scharffs, Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies

Discrimination in Local Government: Dr Shahid Shafi, Vice Chairman, Tarrant County Republican Party

Discrimination in Zoning: Yaakov Rich, Rabbi, Toras Chain Synagogue

Local Applications of Human Dignity and Religious Freedom:

Moderator: Dr. Robert Hunt, Director of Theological Education, SMU Perkins School / Member, DFWARF Advisory Council

Bob Roberts, Sr Pastor, NorthWood Church / Member, DFWARF Advisory Council

Melissa McKneely, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Dallas Area Public Affairs Director / Member, DFWARF Advisory Council

Sr. Rabbi Ari Sunshine, Congregation Shearith Israel

11:00 – 11:10am BREAK

11:10am – 12:00pm MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS (50 minutes)

(See attached for Breakout session details)

Legal 1: Culture conflict and Achieving Government Action to Preserve Individual Freedoms

Legal 2: What's New from The Supreme Court:

Pastoral 1: Defending Religious Freedom as an Interfaith Activity

Pastoral 2: Cultural Action to Secure Religious Freedom

Pastoral 3: Giving Voice to Minority Groups

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AFTERNOON AGENDA

12:10 – 1:30pm LUNCH & DISCUSSIONS

Moderator: Robert Hunt, Director of Global Theological Education SMU Perkins School

Blessing on the food: Karen Hollie, President, Grace International Seminary

Musical number: Ruth Ashurst w/Daryl Fletcher, Millennial Choir and Orchestra

**Table Discussions: Effective Ways to Carry the Message of Religious Freedom
What Did the Founding Fathers Have in Mind?**

Jim Falk, CEO, World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth

Bill Barker, Thomas Jefferson Reenactor, Monticello VA

1:30 – 1:40pm BREAK

1:40 – 2:30pm AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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Legal 1: Culture conflict, Achieving Government Action to Preserve Individual Freedoms

Legal 3: Litigating Religious Freedom in Texas and DFW

Pastoral 1: Defending Religious Freedom as an Interfaith Activity

Pastoral 2: Cultural Action to Secure Religious Freedom

Pastoral 4: Giving Voice to Gen X, Millennials and Post-Millennials:

2:30 – 2:40pm BREAK

2:40 – 4:00pm SECOND GENERAL SESSION & CLOSING

Working Together to Secure Religious Freedom in DFW – Action items from DFW faith leaders

Moderator: Peggy Wehmeyer, World News Tonight, 20/20, Good Morning America

Rudy Bush, Dallas Morning News, Deputy Editor of Editorials

William McKenzie, Editorial Director, The George W. Bush Institute

Kelsey Dallas, Religion Reporter, Deseret News

Concluding Comments:

Take Aways: Dr. Robert Hunt, Director of Global Theological Education, SMU Perkins School / Member, DFWARF Advisory Council

Call to Action: William Benac, President, DFW Alliance for Religious Freedom

Benediction:

Go forward! We are excited to see the positive changes you make in your congregations, Communities, and the world.
We look forward to seeing you next year.

**A Big THANK YOU to all the volunteers that help
make the summit successful!**



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

For Morning & Afternoon

October 24th, 2019

Legal 1: Culture Conflict and Achieving Government Action to Preserve Individual Freedoms (Morning and Afternoon)

Moderator: Senator Stuart Adams, President, State Senate of Utah
Shannon Minter, Director, Center for Lesbian Rights
Tina Ramirez, Founder and CEO, Hardwired
Amrith Kaur Aakre, Legal Director, Sikh Coalition

Legal 2: What's New from The Supreme Court (Morning Only)

Moderator: Michelle Reed, Partner, Akin Gump / Member, DFW Alliance for Religious Freedom
Mike Berry, Chief of Staff, First Liberty Institute
Brett Scharffs, Director International Center for Law and Religion Studies

Legal 3: Litigating Religious Freedom in Texas and DFW (Afternoon Only)

Moderator Michelle Reed, Partner, Akin Gump / Member, DFW Alliance for Religious Freedom
Asad Rahman, General Counsel, Islamic Association of Collin County
Keisha Russell, Attorney, First Liberty Institute
Frank Valenzuela, Attorney, Fanning Harper Martinson

Pastoral 1: Defending Religious Freedom as an Interfaith Activity (Morning and Afternoon)

Moderator: Joel Schwitzer, Regional Dir. ACJ / Member, DFWARF Advisory Council
Randal Everett, Founder and President, 21 Wilberforce
Mark Romney, Founder and President, Romney Law Firm/ Founding Member, DFWARF
Azhar Azeez, SR. Director, Islamic Relief / Member, DFWARF Advisory Council

Pastoral 2: Cultural Action to Secure Religious Freedom (Morning and Afternoon)

Moderator: Rev. Mark Hernandez, American Clergy Leadership Conference / Member DFWARF Advisory Council
Jay Jones, Area Seventy, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints / Member, DFWARF Advisory Council
Ari Lamm, Advisor to President, Yeshiva University
Kelsey Dallas, Religion Editor, *Deseret News*

Pastoral 3: Giving Voice to Minority Groups (Morning Only)

Moderator: Almas Muscatwalla, Chair, Interfaith Council and Executive Director, Faith Forward Dallas @Thanks-Giving Square / Member, DFWARF Advisory Council
Pastor Rickie Rush, Sr Pastor, Inspiring Body of Christ / Member, DFWARF Advisory Council
Agustin Reyes, Director, Hispanic Christian Leadership Council
Rev. Neil Cazares-Thomas, Sr Pastor, Cathedral of Hope

Pastoral 4: Giving Voice to Gen X and Millennials (Afternoon Only)

Moderator: Bob Roberts, Sr Pastor, NorthWood Church / Member, DFWARF Advisory Council
Josefina Ghio, Senior, University of Texas, Scholar at Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program
David Harmer, CEO, Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge
Joyce Porto, Graduate student at Dallas Baptist University
Shirley Porto, Graduate student at Dallas Baptist University



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