## 4th Annual Interfaith Summit Agenda

**Friday, October 29, 2021 | 9:00am to 4:00pm**

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### 9:00 – 10:15am

**First General Session**

**Topic:** Human Dignity and Religious Freedom

- **Welcome:** Mark Romney, Co-founder DFW Alliance for Religious Freedom, Founder, Romney Law Firm
- **Blessing on the day:** Dr. Karen Hollie, Sr. Pastor Dallas Lifeway Church
- **Comments by Mark Romney**
- **Introduction of R. Gerald Turner:** Dr. Robert Hunt, Director Global Theological Education, SMU Perkins School of Theology
- **Welcome comments:** R. Gerald Turner, President Southern Methodist University
- **Discrimination in Local Government:** Dr. Jarvis Baker, Case of Eminent Domain
- **Discrimination by the Federal Government:** Bunni Pounds, Case of no Tax Exemption
- **Keynote, Human Dignity and Religious Freedom for Everyone Everywhere:** Professor Brett G. Scharffs, Director International Center for Law and Religion Studies, JR Clark Law School at Brigham Young University, Author of *Points of Light*

### 10:15 – 10:30am

**BREAK**

### 10:30 – 11:30am

**Morning Breakout Sessions**

(See page 4 for Morning Breakout Session details)

- **Session 1:** Declaration, Constitution, Bill of Rights: What the Founders Had in Mind
- **Session 2:** Recent Legal Cases on Religious Freedom
- **Session 3:** Institutional Interfaith and Religious Freedom Outreach
- **Session 4:** Gen Z Trends Across all Religions; Why? What to Do?
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| 11:45 – 1:00pm | **Second General Session**  
**Topic:** Compromise and Unity  
**Conducting:** Melissa McKneely, Co-founder DFW Alliance for Religious Freedom, Area Communications Director for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
**Blessing on food:** Imam Azhar Azeez, Former President Islamic Society of North America, Vice President, Islamic Relief U.S.A  
**Musical number:** Naomi Worth, Ruth Ashurst, Daryl Fletcher, members Dallas Millennial Choirs and Orchestra  
**Table Discussions:** Getting Along with Friends and Family of Differing Views  
**Introduction of The Honorable Thomas B. Griffith:** Hannah C. Smith, DFW Alliance for Religious Freedom Board Member  
**Keynote Address:** Moderation and Unity, The Honorable Thomas B. Griffith: Retired Judge United States Court of Appeals for the District of |
| 1:00 – 1:30pm | **BREAK AND PRAYER ROOM** |
| 1:30 – 2:30pm | **Afternoon Breakout Sessions**  
(See page 5 for Afternoon Breakout Session details)  
**Session 5:** Teaching Human Dignity and Civics in Schools  
**Session 6:** Trending Legal Issues & Initiatives Affecting Religious Freedom  
**Session 7:** Neighborhood Interfaith and Religious Freedom Outreach  
**Session 8:** Religious Freedom and Inclusivity in Business - TI Case Study  
**Break** |
| 2:30 – 2:45pm | **Break** |
| 2:45 – 4:00pm | **Third General Session**  
**Topic:** Local Action Plan for Human Dignity & Religious Freedom  
**Conducting:** Dr. Bob Roberts Jr., Founder, Northwood Church, Multifaith Neighbors Network  
**Discrimination in Local Government:** Pastor Wayne Walker no shelter for the homeless during snowstorm  
**Call to action:** William P. Benac, Co-founder DFW Alliance for Religious Freedom  

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| 2:45 – 4:00pm | Human Dignity and Religious Freedom in Your Neighborhood | **Moderator:** Dr. Bob Roberts Jr., Founder Northwood Church, Multifaith Neighbors Network  
**Pastor George Mason**, Sr. Pastor, Wilshire Baptist Church  
**Imam Azhar Azeez**, Former President, Islamic Society of North America: Vice President, Islamic Relief U.S.A  
**Reverend Mark Hernandez**, National Exec Director, American Clergy Leadership Conference  
**Rev Dr. Neil G. Thomas**, Sr. Pastor, Cathedral of Hope  
**Elizabeth Souder**, Commentary Editor, Dallas Morning News  
**Closing prayer:** Reverend Lisa Garvin, Chaplain, Southern Methodist University |

SEE BREAKOUT SESSION INFO ON NEXT PAGE
Morning Breakout Sessions

Session 1: The Declaration, The Constitution and The Bill of Rights: What the founders had in mind

Moderator: William P. Benac, Co-founder DFW Alliance for Religious Freedom
David Harmer, President and CEO, Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge
Dr. Kate Carté, History Professor, Southern Methodist University

Session 2: Recent Legal Cases on Religious Freedom

Moderator: Keisha Russell, Counsel, First Liberty Institute
Shannon Minter, Legal Director, National Center for Lesbian Rights
Steven T. Collis, Founding Director, First Amendment Center and Law and Religion Clinic University of Texas
Francisco J. Valenzuela, Attorney, Fanning Harper Martinson Brandt & Kutchin
Amrith Aakre, Legal Director, Sikh Coalition

Session 3: Institutional Interfaith and Religious Freedom Outreach

Moderator: Almas Muscatwalla, Chair, Interfaith Council and Board of Directors Thanks-Giving Foundation in Dallas
Brother Marzuq A. Jaami, Muslim Interfaith Leader
Dr. Terry Turner, Sr. Pastor, Mesquite Fellowship Baptist Church
Dr. Randel Everett, Founder, 21 Wilberforce
Huseyin Peker, Executive Director, Dialogue Institute
Dr. Anne Perry, Professor, Art Institute of Dallas, Bahai Community

Session 4: Gen Z Trends Across all Religions; Why? What to Do?

Moderator: Dr. Robert Hunt, Director Global Theological Education, SMU Perkins School of Theology
Josh Packard, Ph.D., Springtide Research Institute
University of Texas Law Students: Nicholas Markwordt, Jack Shea, Isaac Chavira
Session 5: Teaching Human Dignity and Civics in Schools

Moderator: Mark Romney, Co-founder DFW Alliance for Religious Freedom, Founder, Romney Law Firm
Watt Lesley Black, Jr., Ph.D., Clinical Professor, Education Policy and Leadership
Jack Goodyear, Ph.D., Dean, Gary Cook School of Leadership; Professor of Political Science
Dr. Richard Dougherty, Director of Politics and Graduate Programs, University of Dallas
Tina Ramirez, Founder and President, Hardwired Global

Session 6: Trending Issues & Initiatives Affecting Religious Freedom

Moderator: Michelle Reed, Co-founder DFW Alliance for Religious Freedom, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld
Steven T. Collis, Law Professor, University of Texas
President Stuart Adams, President, Utah State Senate
Keisha Russell, Counsel, First Liberty Institute

Session 7: Neighborhood Interfaith and Religious Freedom Outreach

Moderator: Bishop Keith Earl
Dr. Karen Hollie, Dallas Lifeway Church
Harbhajan Singh Virdee, President, Gurdwara Nishkam Seva (Sikh)
Cantor Don Croll, Congregation Beth-El Binah
Bishop Ekong, Brotherhood of Cross and Star
Emrah Aktepe, Board Member, Dialogue Institute

Session 8: Religious Freedom and Inclusivity in Business - A Texas Instruments Case Study

Moderator: Kent Johnson, Sr. Corporate Advisor, Religious Freedom in Business Foundation
Leaders of Texas Instruments Faith Based Employee Resource Groups,
Dr. Martin Karnett, Member Advisory Board, Global Diversity Network, previously Co-chair, Jewish Diversity Initiative
Dr. Siraj Akhtar, Founding Member, Muslim Employees Initiative, Member, Diversity Network
Craig Dalley, Co-founder of both Christian and Jewish Employee Resource Groups