



Human Rights Violations in India and its Impact on CA District 3

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Why Take Action?

- 1) **Many District 3 constituents are members of the Indian diaspora.** There are 2.7 Million Indian Immigrants in US, according to Migration Policy Institute.¹ 20% of the Indian diaspora community in America reside in California, which amounts to about 900,000 according to Indian American Impact.²
- 2) I speak these concerns on behalf of the *Assembly for Human Rights*, but also the *Sikh Information Centre*, the *Organization for Minorities of India*, *The Indian American Muslim Council*, the *Federation of Indian American Churches of North America*, as well as the Presidents of the West Sacramento and Roseville Sikh Gurdwaras.
- 3) You recently made a recommitment to **fight child trafficking**; since it is a global problem, organizations that participate in it overseas should not be promoted on American soil.
- 4) You recently pushed the need for a **politics that focuses more on unity**, which includes working across partisan boundaries for the common good. Uniting against India's human rights violations is a great way to do that.
- 5) You recently stood up for the **rights of journalists** and their sources to be protected. Transnational Repression from India presents a threat to journalistic integrity.
- 6) You have **constituents**, myself included, whose **lives have been threatened for speaking out against human rights violations in India**. Transnational Repression must not be tolerated. American citizens need to feel safe to criticize foreign governments without fear of intimidation or violence against them or their families.
- 7) **American Christian leaders care about this India's human rights violations.** Our current petition to the US State Department, which asks them to condemn India's human rights violations and designate India a Country of Particular Concern, has 289 signatures, including 23 judicatory leaders, 19 ecumenical representatives, 43 leaders of Christian organizations, 158 clergy-members, and 41 lay leaders. Prominent leaders from our community include Bishop Minerva Carcaño, of The United Methodist Church, The Rev. Dr. Ronald Harden: President, EPIC Bible College & Graduate School, Dr. John Jackson: President, William Jessup University, The Rev. David Loya: The Gathering Inn, The Rev. Zac Neubauer: President, Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion, The Very Rev. Cliff Haggenjos: St John's Episcopal Church, and Senior Pastor Lance Hahn: Bridgeway Christian Church.

¹ <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/indian-immigrants-united-states-2021>

² <https://iaimpact.org/state/california/>

Overview and Important Terms:

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)

World's largest volunteer paramilitary organization. Founded in 1925 by Keshav Baliram Hedgewar. Inspired by the teachings of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar. Both praised Naziism and Italian Fascism, and co-opted various Hindu beliefs to promote a radical form of Hindu Nationalism called Hindutva. Their second Sarsanghchalak ("Chief" or "Head-ruler"), Madhav Sadashivrao Golwalkar, regularly praised the Nazis and said that the way they treated the Jews was a good model for how Hindus could run India. He believed that Christians, Jews, and Muslims in India should be denied rights and citizenship unless they converted to Hinduism, a belief that has been passed down to the next generation by the RSS. The RSS regularly promotes and encourages communal violence against India's non-Hindu population, especially those opposed to caste discrimination. In 2018, the *CIA World Factbook* recognized the RSS as a potentially dangerous "Nationalist Organization" and recognized two of its subsidiaries, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and Bajrang Dal³, as "Military religious organizations." The RSS' ultimate goal is a united Hindu Nationalist South Asia, which they refer to as Akhand Bharat. They are endemically casteist, racist, and vehemently opposed to the notion of India as a pluralistic, secular state.



Volunteers of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) march through a street during a three-day workers camp on the outskirts of Ahmadabad. —APfile

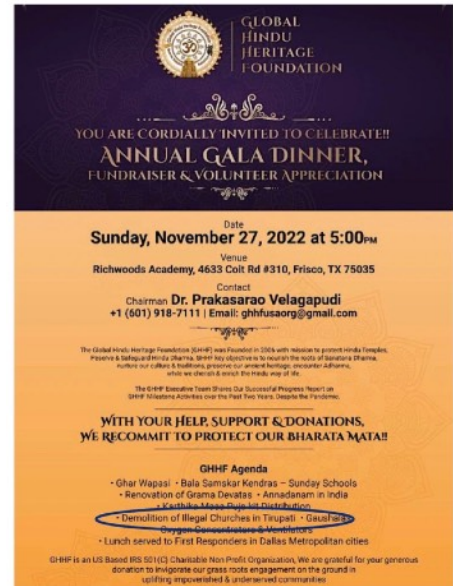
RSS members marching through street in Ahmadabad. These are regular occurrences and serve to intimidate anyone who does not buy in to the RSS agenda.

Hindutva

Literally means "Hindu-ness". However, a quick Google search reveals the worldview it embraces and promotes, which includes things like Hindu Nationalism, the establishment of a Hindu hegemony in India, ethno-nationalism, and right-wing extremism; all inspired by European Fascism.⁴ To promote Hindutva today is akin to promoting Naziism. It is also essential to emphasize that Hindutva and Hinduism are very different. Many Hindus vehemently oppose Hindutva in all its forms (e.g. Hindus for Human Rights)⁵.

Sangh Parivar

Literally means “RSS Family”. The Sangh Parivar are all of the umbrella organizations of the RSS in India and around the world. This includes the BJP, the blatantly violent and militaristic Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and Bajrang Dal, as well as overseas organizations like HSS, Sewa International, SewaDiwali⁶, The Global Hindu Heritage Foundation (GHHF), and the Overseas Friends of the BJP, amongst many others. A common strategy for RSS leaders to promote and empower their agenda is to get foreign government officials at all levels to promote and endorse Sangh Parivar organizations. This helps them raise funds for their cause, and helps promote blind acceptance of Hindutva ideology and even get Hindutva candidates elected to various foreign government positions⁷. Many Sangh Parivar organizations host fundraising events on American soil for the specific purpose of destroying churches in India or forcing Indian Christians to convert to Hinduism (called Ghar Wapasi).



Fundraising flyer for GHHF event held in Frisco Texas. Note two purposes of the event: Ghar Wapasi, and raising funds for demolition of illegal churches in Tirupati.

Hindu Swyamsevak Sangh (HSS)

A member of the Sangh Parivar and the American branch of the RSS. They deny any official connection, but that is a blatant untruth. Their website admits that “HSS USA is also inspired by a long lineage of Hindu movements in India, including the Rashtriya Swyamsevak Sangh (RSS), which have helped rejuvenate the society and take Hindu civilization forward.”⁸ They also admit to embracing Hindutva, although they define it in a socially palatable manner “Hindutva (Hinduness) is simply the essence of being a Hindu, i.e., promoting Dharma and fostering peace.”⁹ It also says “HSS conducts regular values-based education programs for children, youth and adults through more than 220 branches nationwide.”¹⁰ These programs include camps that indoctrinate children with the teachings of Keshav Baliram Hedgewar and Madhav Sadashivrao Golwalkar, including regularly reciting the mantra “India belongs to the Hindus”¹¹. (See Video “Spies, secrets and threats: How the Modi regime targets people overseas” *ABC News In-Depth*, Australia Expose. June 17, 2024. 15 Minute Mark.)

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

Also a member of the Sangh Parivar, the political arm of the RSS, and the current ruling party in India. India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, is a member and was just reelected to a historic third term as PM. Naveen Jindal, an Indian Member of Parliament who donated Ten Million Dollars to the Texas State System of Schools in 2011, is also a member. You can not be a member of BJP without fully embracing the RSS agenda. Under Modi's leadership during the past ten years, human rights violations in India have increased exponentially.

Sewa International

A member of the Sangh Parivar. They promote themselves globally as a humanitarian organization. The branch in CA District 3 passed out masks during Covid, and made many local donations to food banks. They also raised funds which they allegedly sent to India for Covid relief. However, in 2002 the BBC investigated SEWA International, and found that they had sent a portion of the funds they raised to Hindu Nationalist groups in India responsible for the 2002 Gujarat riots, which killed thousands of Muslims.¹² In 2016, journalist Neha Dixit published a lengthy investigation in India's *Outlook*¹³ magazine revealing Sewa International's involvement in trafficking tribal girls in order to "Hinduize" them¹⁴. In 2020, *Caravan Magazine*¹⁵ revealed that Sewa had continued the practice of taking funds raised for benevolent purposes and using some of them to instead promote violence against non-Hindus in India.

Transnational Repression (TNP)

Defined by the FBI as "When foreign governments reach beyond their borders to intimidate, silence, coerce, harass, or harm members of their diaspora and exile communities in the United States".¹⁶ This includes targeting human rights activists, journalists, religious leaders, and anyone else who criticizes a foreign government. Many Americans are aware of TNP issues relating to China, Russia, and Iran on American soil, however, the silent threat comes from India. In June 2023, Hardeep Singh Nijjar was assassinated outside his Sikh temple in Canada by agents of the Indian Government. This was later confirmed by the FBI and exposed in detail by *The Washington Post*¹⁷, along with multiple thwarted assassination attempts against American citizens on American soil by Indian operatives. The Sacramento Bee ran two articles^{18 19} last year, sharing the stories of multiple Indian diaspora members who have been followed and harassed in California, and who were even warned by the FBI of similar plots against them by Indian operatives. Prime Minister Modi recently bragged about his ability to kill his critics on foreign soil, saying "This New India comes into your home to kill you."²⁰ Several residents within California Congressional District 3 have been victims of TNR, including Father Joshua Lickter, of the *Assembly for Human Rights* and *Pieter Friedrich*, South Asian Journalist and Board Member of the *Federation of Indian American Churches of North America*.



Slain Canadian Sikh
Activist Hardeep
Singh Nijjar.

Disinfo Lab.²¹

An online propaganda branch of India's *Research and Analysis Wing* (RAW), the Indian equivalent of the CIA. They strategically post and promote false information online about any critics of India, Modi, the BJP, or RSS. In December 2023, *The Washington Post*²² exposed the extent of their influence in the United States. This included a smear campaign against Pieter Friedrich, a former resident of District 3 who had to move out of state due to concerns for his safety. I have been pictured in their most recent dossier. They also publish and promote false information about the *United States Commission on Religious Freedom* (USCIRF), the *BBC*, *Hindus for Human Rights*, and other major organizations that speak out against casteism and religious persecution in India. Such online misinformation campaigns are facilitated by the large number of Hindu Nationalists working in the American Tech industry, most of whom get their jobs through organizations like ITServe, which I have been told discriminate based on caste and Hindutva ideology.

³ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1164196>

⁴ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindutva>

⁵ <https://www.hindusforhumanrights.org/>

⁶ <https://sewadiwali.org/pressRelease2022>

^{7 7} <https://youtu.be/Mg78a0yXzFI?si=EA9KHJIfS4ODGjnC>; 22 Minutes In

⁸ <https://www.hssus.org/faqs/>

⁹ <https://www.hssus.org/faqs/>

¹⁰ <https://www.hssus.org/who-we-are/>

¹¹ <https://youtu.be/Mg78a0yXzFI?si=EA9KHJIfS4ODGjnC>; 15:50

¹² https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtRAeLqTUCw&list=PLrOn1uXWxlcffpM1klm783PS0XhW_fk1S

¹³ <https://www.outlookindia.com/national/operation-betiuthao-news-297626>

¹⁴ <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2021/06/covid-india-charity-sewa-hindu-nationalism.html>

¹⁵ <https://caravanmagazine.in/politics/rss-sewa-coronavirus-lockdown-brahmanical-hindu-rashtra>

¹⁶ <https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/counterintelligence/transnational-repression>

¹⁷ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2024/04/29/india-assassination-raw-sikhs-modi/>

¹⁸ <https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article280306154.html>

¹⁹ <https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article282490123.html>

²⁰ <https://assemblyforhumanrights.org/sikhs/f/indias-prime-minister-narendra-modi-threatens-critics>

²¹ <https://thedisinfo.org/>

²² <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2023/12/10/india-the-disinfo-lab-discredit-critics/>

Action Items:

- 1) Apologize to the Indian diaspora community for your past endorsements of Hindutva organizations. Explain that you fully support local Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Jains, and Christians of Indian origin and that you value their rich cultural heritage. Explain that you have no issues with Hinduism, but that you make a sharp distinction between Hinduism and Hindutva, and that caste discrimination has no place in California, America, or India.
- 2) In the future, refuse to pass any resolutions or make public statements that praise Hindutva organizations.
- 3) Reach across partisan boundaries, and support the following three pieces of legislation that will help the United States take a stronger stand against Hindutva ideology in all its manifestations:

H.R. 3654 - Transnational Repression Policy Act²³

Introduced 05/24/2023 by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ). It would establish transnational repression as a crime and equip government agencies to deal with it appropriately.

H.R. 542 - Condemning human rights violations and violations of international religious freedom in India, including those targeting Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Dalits, Adivasis, and other religious and cultural minorities²⁴

Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on 06/22/2023. It would serve to publicly condemn India for human rights violations, and urge the State Department to designate India a Country of Particular Concern, a move that could deter Indian officials from encouraging acts of transnational repression.

H.Res.1339 - Honoring the life and legacy of Father Stan, a prominent human rights activist who died while in custody of the Indian state on July 5, 2021, and encouraging India to pursue an independent investigation into his arrest, incarceration, and death.²⁵

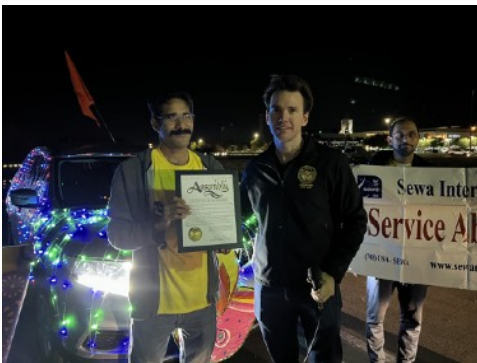
Re-introduced by Rep Juan Vargas on 7/5/2024. It would also serve to publicly condemn human rights violations in India, and honor the Jesuit priest who gave his life defending the rights of persecuted tribal communities in India.

²³ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/3654>

²⁴ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-resolution/542>

²⁵ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-resolution/1339>

Unintentional Sangh Parivar Endorsements



Kevin Kiley and representatives from Sewa International, Nov 7, 2021



Actual Certificate of Recognition Given to Sewa Intl Representatives, Nov 7, 2021



Certificate of Congressional Recognition given to Sewa Diwali on behalf of Kevin Kiley, December 9, 2023.

Text from Certificate of Recognition Presented by Kevin Kiley, that includes praise for HSS:

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Whereas, Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world with more than 1 billion followers worldwide including several million in the United States: Hindu-Americans have made a significant contributions across all fields including science, education, medicine, law politics, business, culture, sports and more. and

Whereas, During the month of October 2021, the Hindu community across the state of California and across the nation will collectively celebrate Hindu Heritage, and Hindu heritage month provides an opportunity to focus on Hindu culture and its diverse spiritual traditions rooted in India, and

Whereas, the **Hindu Swyamsevak Sangh USA**, Dharmic Organizations of Greater Sacramento, local Hindu community and over one billion celebrants worldwide reverently observe the festival of Diwali, the "Festival of Lights." Diwali is one of the most celebrated festivals of great significance to Hindu, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists; and

Whereas, Diwali falls on Thursday, November 4 this year, in accordance with the lunar calendar, and brings together families, friends, and communities here in the US and around the globe in goodwill, peace, and a shared sense of renewal. Celebrants renew their

commitment to upholding values of truth, non-harming, and restraint through their thoughts, words, and actions; and

Whereas, Diwali is a time for dana (Charitable giving) and Sewa (selfless service) by bringing light in the form of wisdom, knowledge, nourishment, and shelter to alleviate the tangible forms of suffering, such as hunger, disease, and poverty; and

Whereas, the shared Indian holiday of Diwali signifies a special time of peace and serenity with the hope of building bridges of understanding and tearing down barriers of intolerance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by Assemblyman Kevin Kiley, that he takes great pride in recognizing the month of October as Hindu Heritage Month, the significance of Diwali, Festival of Lights, and Diwali's message of tolerance, compassion, and the victory of good over evil, which resonates with American spirit.

Kevin Kiley, Assemblyman 6th District

Nov 7, 2021

Appendix 2: Clergy and Lay Signatures

Clergy and Laity Signatures Condemning Human Rights Violations in India and Requesting State Department Designate India a Country of Particular Concern

Judicatory Leaders

1. Bishop Joy Alappatt: Syro-Malabar Catholic Church (Chicago, IL, USA)
2. Bishop Thomas Bickerton: President Emeritus, Council of Bishops, The United Methodist Church (White Plains, NY, USA)
3. Bishop Minerva Carcaño: The United Methodist Church (West Sacramento, CA, USA)
4. Dr. Donald Detrick: Secretary/Treasurer, Assemblies of God, Northwest Ministry Network (Snoqualmie, WA, USA)
5. Bishop Sally Dyck: Ecumenical Officer, Council of Bishops, The United Methodist Church (Washington, DC, USA)
6. Bishop Laurie Haller: The United Methodist Church (Detroit, MI, USA)
7. Chancellor Emeritus John Jillions: The Orthodox Church in America (Hartford, CT, USA)
8. Bishop Allen Jones: The Independent Catholic Christian Church (Victoria, BC, Canada)
9. Bishop Peggy A. Johnson: The United Methodist Church (Lawrence, MA, USA)
10. Bishop Hee Soo Jung: The United Methodist Church (Sun Prairie, WI, USA)
11. Bishop Tracy Smith Malone: President, Council of Bishops, The United Methodist Church (Canton, OH, USA)
12. Bishop Daniel Martins: The Episcopal Church (Chicago, IL, USA)
13. Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling: The United Methodist Church (Fulton, MD, USA)
14. Bishop Karen Oliveto: The United Methodist Church (Centennial, CO, USA)
15. Bishop Lawrence Provenzano: The Episcopal Church (Garden City, NY, USA)
16. Archbishop Kristina Rake: The Independent Catholic Christian Church (St Charles, IL, USA)
17. Bishop Carlo Rapanut: The United Methodist Church (Phoenix, AZ, USA)
18. Bishop John Schol: The United Methodist Church (Philadelphia, PA, USA)
19. Bishop Robert Allen Syms: The Anglican Church in America (Edmond, OK, USA)
20. Archbishop Vaughan, Edward: Anglican Free Communion International (Tracy City, TN, USA)
21. Bishop Hope Morgan Ward: The United Methodist Church (Raleigh, NC, USA)
22. Bishop David Wilson: The United Methodist Church (Topeka, KS, USA)
23. Archbishop Lisa Wrench: The Independent Catholic Christian Church (Hunters, WA, USA)

Ecumenical Representatives

1. The Rev. Neal Christie: Executive Director, Federation of Indian American Christian Organizations of North America (Washington, DC, USA)
2. The Rev. Peter Cook: Executive Director, New York State Council of Churches (Albany, NY, USA)
3. The Rev. James Michael DiLuzio: Executive Director, Ecumenical and Multi-Faith Relations, Paulist Fathers, Roman Catholic Church (New York, NY, USA)
4. The Rev. Margaret Rose: Deputy, Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, The Episcopal Church (New York, NY, USA)
5. The Rev. Dr. William Huston Wilkinson: Convener, Ecumenical and Interfaith Working Group, The Presbyterian Church (USA) (Medina, NY, USA)

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Leaders in Theological Institutions

1. The Rev. Dr. William D. Aldridge, Jr: Special Assistant to the President, Wesley Theological Seminary (Washington, DC, USA)
2. The Rev. Dr. Philip A. Amerson: President Emeritus, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Bloomington, IN, USA)
3. The Rev. Dr. Edwin David Aponte: Dean, Drew University Theological School (Madison, NJ, USA)
4. Mr. Loren Chauhan: Vice-President, United Gujarati Christians of America (Brooklyn, NY, USA)
5. The Rev. Dr. Sathianathan Clarke: Professor, Wesley Theological Seminary (Washington, DC, USA)
6. The Rev. Dr. Ronald Harden: President, EPIC Bible College & Graduate School (Sacramento, CA, USA)
7. Dr. John Jackson: President, William Jessup University (Rocklin, CA, USA)
8. The Rev. Dr. Dong Hyeon Jeong: Professor, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Evanston, IL, USA)
9. Dr. Paul Marshall: Professor, Baylor University (Alexandria, VA, USA)
10. The Rev. Dr. David McAllister-Wilson: President, Wesley Theological Seminary (Washington, DC, USA)
11. The Rev. Dr. Hyemin Na: Assistant Professor, Wesley Theological Seminary (Washington, DC, USA)
12. The Rev. Dr. John T. Pawlikowski: Professor (re), Catholic Theological Union (Chicago, IL, USA)
13. Dr. David Ramse: Professor (ret), Wartburg Theological Seminary (Dubuque, IA, USA)
14. The Rev. Dr. Joerg Rieger: Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity School (Nashville, TN, USA)
15. Dr. Cheryl Riggs: Professor Emerita, California State University, San Bernardino (Riverside, CA, USA)
16. Dr. Rajesh Sampath: Associate Professor of the Philosophy of Justice, Brandeis University (Boston, MA, USA)
17. Dr. Paul Swamidass: Professor Emeritus, Auburn University (Castro Valley, CA, USA)
18. Dr. Philip Wingeier-Rayo: Dean Emeritus, Wesley Theological Seminary (Silver Spring, MD, USA)
19. The Rev. Dr. Javie Vierra: President, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Evanston, IL, USA)

Leaders in Christian Organizations

1. The Rev. Dr. Denyse Barnes: Director, Justice and Compassion Essential Ministry Team (California and Pacific Conference), United Methodist Church (Pasadena, CA, USA)
2. M. Theresa Basile: Communications, United Methodists for Kairos Response (Culver City, CA, USA)
3. The Rev. Rev. Jennifer Butler: Executive Director Emerita, Faith in Public Life, Presbyterian Church (USA) (Atlanta, GA, USA)
4. Ms. Bridget Cabrera: Executive Director, Methodist Federation for Social Action (Washington, DC, USA)
5. The Rev. Scott Christy: President, New Federation of Asian American United Methodists (Evanston, IL, USA)
6. Mrs. Sucharitha Cole: President, International Christian Rescue Mission (Ellicott City, MD, USA)
7. Dr. John Dayal: President Emeritus, All India Catholic Union (Delhi, India)
8. Dr. Gloria Dharmaraj: Director (ret), Mission of Theology for United Women of Faith, United Methodist Church (Cortlandt Manor, NY, USA)
9. Mrs. Vernona Dismuke: Coordinator, Peace With Justice (Oklahoma United Methodist Church) (Oklahoma City, OK, USA)
10. Mr. Davidson Amos Dulums: Karim Charge of the United Methodist Church (Jalingo, Taraba, Nigeria)
11. The Rev. Fletcher Harper: Executive Director, GreenFaith (New York, NY, USA)
12. The Rev. Bud Heckman: CEO, Interfaith Funders Group (New York, NY, USA)
13. Mr. Richard Ghazal: Executive Director, In Defense of Christians (Washington, DC, USA)
14. The Rev. Edgar De Jesus: Vice-President, New Federation of Asian American United Methodists (Raleigh, NC, USA)
15. Mr. Jeff King: President, International Christian Concern (Washington, DC, USA)

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16. Ms. Sherie Koob: Coordinator, United Women in Faith, Baltimore-Washington Conference, United Methodist Church (Middletown, MD, USA).
17. Mr. Hyok In Kwon: Vice-President, Korean Association of United Methodist Church (San Jose, CA, USA)
18. Ms. Jan Lawrence: Executive Director, Reconciling Ministries Network (Rome, GA, USA)
19. Pastor Calvin Lindstrom: Church of Christian Liberty (Arlington Heights, IL, USA)
20. The Rev. David Loya: The Gathering Inn (Roseville, CA, USA)
21. Trustee VK Macwana: President, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church (Morrisville, PA, USA)
22. Mr. Drew Miller: General Secretary, International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines (Washington, DC, USA)
23. Mr. John W. Morehead: Managing Director, Foundation for Religious Diplomacy (Syracuse, UT, USA)
24. Mr. Daniel Mutyala: Director, Bible Believers Fellowship of Dallas (Plano, TX, USA)
25. The Rev. Zac Neubauer: President, Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (USA) (Rancho Cordova, CA, USA)
26. The Rev. Andrea Paret: Coordinator, Peace With Justice (Great Plains United Methodist Church) (South Sioux City, NE, USA)
27. Dr. Jorge Parrott: President, Christ's Mandate for Missions (Fort Mill, SC, USA)
28. Mrs. Grace Haven Paul: Founder, EDEN (Delhi, India)
29. Ms. Karen Prudente: President, National Association of Filipino-American United Methodists (New York, NY, USA)
30. Mr. Paul Pushparaj: President, Capital Area Tamil Catholic Association (Ashburn, VA, USA)
31. Ms. Jean Reynolds: Coordinator, Peace with Justice California-Nevada Conference, United Methodist Church (Richmond, CA, USA)
32. Mr. Ravi Ragbir: Executive Director, New Sanctuary Coalition (New York, NY, USA)
33. Ms. Thalia Kehoe Rowden: Executive Director, Human Rights Measurement Initiative (Wellington, New Zealand)
34. The Rev. Dr. Scot Sherman: Executive Director, Center for Church Innovation (San Francisco, CA, USA)
35. Mrs. Heather Smith: Coordinator, Peace With Justice (Upper New York United Methodist Church) (Delmar, NY, USA)
36. Mr. Kenneth Speicher: Coordinator, Peace With Justice (Virginia United Methodist Church) (Arlington, VA, USA)
37. Mr. Andy Swarna: President, St John the Baptist Catholic Community (Silver Spring, MD, USA)
38. Ms. Suanne Ware-Diaz: Board, Native American United Methodist Church of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA, USA)
39. Mrs. Shelley Walters: Director, Faith Development, Saint John's United Methodist Church (Austin, TX, USA)
40. The Rev. Christian S. Watkins: Government Relations Advocate, NETWORK, United Methodist Church (Washington, DC, USA)
41. Mrs. McKenna Wendt: Advocacy Manager, International Christian Concern (Washington, DC, USA)
42. Dr. Jim Winkler: President/General Secretary Emeritus, National Council of Churches (Oregon, IL, USA)
43. The Rev. Dr. Zaki L. Zaki: Treasurer, New Federation of Asian American United Methodists (Naperville, IL, USA)

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Clergy by Denomination (*Independent/Non-Denominational Listed According to Church)

1. The Rev. Stephen Agosto: Anglican Free Communion International (Rochester, NY, USA)
2. Trustee William P. Aldrich: United Methodist Church (Warwick, RI, USA)
3. The Rev. Dr. Israel Alvaran: United Methodist Church (Berkeley, CA, USA)
4. Mrs. Pamela Anand: Pentecostal Church (Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India)
5. The Rev. Dr. Evangeline Anderson-Rajkumar: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Versailles, IN, USA)
6. The Rev. Dr. William L. De Arteaga: Anglican Church in North America (Canton, GA, USA)
7. The Rev. Edwin Arumanayagam: Church of South India (Cedar Hill, TX, USA)
8. The Rev. Dr. Amy Valdez Barker: United Methodist Church (Lilburn, GA, USA)
9. Pastor Scott Berner: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (Lodi, CA, USA)
10. Elder Ken Birks: The Rock of Roseville (Roseville, CA, USA)
11. Pastor Lydia Birks: The Rock of Roseville (Roseville, CA, USA)
12. The Rev. Dr. Kathleen Black: United Methodist Church (Upland, CA, USA)
13. Mr. Jacob John Blair: The Lighthouse Church (San Francisco, CA, USA)
14. The Rev. Constantine Bodine: The Orthodox Church in America (Hartford, CT, USA)
15. Sister Danielle Bonetti: Roman Catholic Church (Watervliet, NY, USA)
16. The Rev. Jonathan G. Bonomo, Jr: Presbyterian Church in America (Upper Chichester, PA, USA)
17. The Rev. Carolyn Brodt: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Roseville, CA, USA)
18. The Rev. Meredith Manning Brown: United Methodist Church (Springfield, IL, USA)

19. The Rev. Dr. Christopher Bryant: The House That Love Built (Vineland, NJ, USA)
20. The Rev. Dr. Daniel Bryant: Anglican Free Communion International (Nashville, TN, USA)
21. The Rev. Howard P. Cain, Jr: Church of God in Christ (Malone, NY, USA)
22. The Rev. Dr. Juancho Campanano: United Methodist Church (Aurora, IL, USA)
23. The Rev. Jonathan Campbell: United Methodist Church (Forked River, NJ, USA)
24. The Rev. Ralph Irvin Carr: United Church of Christ (Rochelle, IL, USA)
25. Pastor Christopher Chaney: Christ's Mandate for Missions (Fort Mill, SC, USA)
26. The Rev. Dr. Samuel Chetti: American Baptist Churches USA (Eugene, OR, USA)
27. The Rev. Raju Christi: United Methodist Church (Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India)
28. The Rev. Avani Christian: United Methodist Church (Naperville, IL, USA)
29. The Rev. Michael Cobb: United Methodist Church (Danbury, CT, USA)
30. Prophet Hannah Corser: Dominion Church (Calgary, Alberta, Canada)
31. The Rev. Teresa Monica Cross: Anglican Free Communion International (Kingman, AZ, USA)
32. The Rev. Christopher Culpepper: Anglican Church in North America (Fort Worth, TX, USA)
33. The Rev. Andrew Joseph D'Abreo: Roman Catholic Church (Anklav, Gujarat, India)
34. The Rev. Dr. M. Daimai: World Road Church (Imphal, Manipur, India)
35. The Rev. Jacob Dharmaraj: United Methodist Church (Cortlandt, NY, USA)
36. The Rev. Dr. John Jeyachandra Dhas: Church of South India (Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India)
37. The Rev. Kendra Dickinson: The Anglican Free Communion International (Lodi, CA, USA)
38. Executive Director Robert Dirkse: Ekklesia of Rocklin (Rocklin, CA, USA)
39. The Rev. Cynthia Dodd: United Methodist Church (West Haven, CT, USA)
40. The Rev. Dr. Cheryl F Dudley: American Baptist Churches USA (New York, NY, USA)
41. The Rev. Ruth Egerer: United Methodist Church (New Richmond, WI, USA)
42. The Rev. Joe Eldridge: United Methodist Church (Washington, DC, USA)
43. Senior Pastor Eric Euren: Riverside Christian Church (Roseville, CA, USA)
44. Associate Pastor Grant Faulk: Promise Land Ministries (Sacramento, CA, USA)
45. Pastor Luiz Fernandez: Liberty Church Jersey City (Jersey City, NJ, USA)
46. The Rev. Ted Fine: Global Methodist Church (Hattiesburg, MS, USA)
47. The Rev. Dr. Robert Foltz-Morrison: Presbyterian Church (USA) (Bronx, NY, USA)
48. The Rev. Ivy Gauvin: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Bemus Point, NY, USA)

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49. The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Gaw: Anglican Free Communion International (Atascadero, CA, USA)
50. Mr. Benjamin George: Church of South India (Philadelphia, PA, USA)
51. The Rev. Alice Ann Glenn: United Methodist Church (Monterey, CA, USA)
52. Senior Pastor Jatinder Gill: Assemblies of God (Nassau, NY, USA)
53. The Rev. Cliff Haggenjos: The Episcopal Church (Roseville, CA, USA)
54. Senior Pastor Lance Hahn: Bridgeway Christian Church (Roseville, CA, USA)
55. The Rev. George Hatcher: Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (Spokane, WA, USA)
56. The Rev. Dr. Michael Hatcher: Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (Spokane, WA, USA)
57. The Rev. Vathanak Heang: United Methodist Church (Clovis, CA, USA)
58. The Rev. Scott Hutchings: Destiny Worship (Santa Rosa Beach, FL, USA)
59. The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey D. Hutchinson: ECO Presbyterian Church (New Haven, CT, USA)
60. Minister Kathleen Jolicoeur: Lion Tribe of Judah (Jay, ME, USA)
61. The Rev. Abidhananthar John: The Episcopal Church (Rochester, NY, USA)
62. Chairman Jensen John: Church of The Way (McKinney, TX, USA)
63. Senior Pastor John Johnson: Pentecostal Church (Blauvelt, NY, USA)
64. The Rev. Cece Jones-Davis: Sing For Change (Fairfax Station, VA, USA)
65. The Rev. Wilson Jose: Assemblies of God (Mineola, NY, USA)
66. The Rev. Ouk-Yean Kim Jueng: United Methodist Church (Campbell, CA, USA)
67. Pastor Solomon Karunakaran: Tamil Gospel Church (Monmouth Junction, NJ, USA)
68. The Rev. Dr. Samuel Karunanithi: Living Word International Outreach (Orange, TX, USA)
69. The Rev. David Ketter: Union of Charismatic Orthodox Churches (Lynchburg, VA, USA)
70. The Rev. W. James Kilinsky: American Baptist Churches USA (McMinnville, OR, USA)
71. The Rev. Christine Kumar: United Methodist Church (Silver Spring, MD, USA)
72. Deacon Sylvia Lamon (ret): Anglican Church in North America (Roseville, CA, USA)
73. The Rev. Michael Landsman: United Church of Christ (Northampton, PA, USA)
74. The Rev. Dr. Peter Lau: United Methodist Church (Millbrae, CA, USA)
75. The Rev. Dr. Angeline Lazarus: First Baptist Church (Rockville, MD, USA)
76. The Rev. Jessica Fulton Lee: Anglican Church in North America (Virginia Beach, VA, USA)
77. The Rev. Dr. Jacqueline J. Lewis: Presbyterian Church (USA) (New York, NY, USA)
78. The Rev. Lance E. Lewis: Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Decatur, GA, USA)
79. The Rev. Joshua Lickter: The Anglican Free Communion International (Roseville, CA, USA)
80. The Rev. David Livingston: United Methodist Church (Fairway, KS, USA)
81. The Rev. Dustin G Longmire: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Schenectady, NY, USA)
82. The Rev. Alka Lyall: United Methodist Church (Chicago, IL, USA)
83. The Rev. Skaria Mathew: Mar Thoma Syrian Church (Kollam, Kerala, India)
84. The Rev. Alan McNamara: United Church of Christ (St Charles, IL, USA)
85. The Rev. Matt Marino: The Episcopal Church (St Augustine, FL, USA)
86. The Rev. Benjamin Marsh: Christian and Missionary Alliance (Winston-Salem, NC, USA)
87. Pastor Wally Magdangal: The Gathering Christian Fellowship (Elk Grove, CA, USA)
88. The Rev. Steven D. Martin: United Methodist Church (Gaithersburg, MD, USA)
89. The Rev. Dr. James Ross McDonald: The Episcopal Church (Ware, MA, USA)
90. The Rev. Dr. Bruce McKay: United Church of Christ (Buffalo, NY, USA)
91. Pastor Jan-Willem Meijer: Pentecostal Church (Enschede, Overijssel, The Netherlands)
92. The Rev. Jamie Michaels: United Methodist Church (New Haven, CT, USA)
93. Senior Pastor John Weston Might: Christian and Missionary Alliance (La Mesa, CA, USA)
94. Pastor Michael Molloy: International Prayer Ministries (St Clair Shore, MI, USA)
95. The Rev. Dr. Stephen Moon: Presbyterian Church (USA) (Davis, CA, USA)
96. The Rev. Cris Mogenson: Free Methodist Church (Windsor, NY, USA)
97. The Rev. Rev. T.C. Morrow: United Methodist Church (Washington, DC, USA)
98. The Rev. Kennedy Mwita: United Methodist Church (Suna, Kenya)
99. The Rev. Karen Nelson: United Methodist Church (Beaverton, OR, USA)

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100. Pastor Virgil K. Nelson: American Baptist Churches USA (Roseville, CA, USA)
101. Senior Pastor Bryan Nerren: International House of Prayer (Shelbyville, TN, USA)
102. Executive Pastor Kevin Nerren: International House of Prayer (Shelbyville, TN, USA)
103. Mrs. Julie Nichols: Lay Minister, Roman Catholic Church (Selma, TX, USA)
104. The Rev. Willard Nichols: United Methodist Church (Dingmans Ferry, FL, USA)
105. The Rev. Santosh Niroula: United Methodist Church (Charlotte, NC, USA)
106. The Rev. Dr. Laura M. Norvell: United Methodist Church (Rockville, MD, USA)
107. Pastor Paul D. Van Noy: Candlelight Christian Fellowship (Coeur d'Alene, ID, USA)
108. The Rev. Lloyd Nyarota: United Methodist Church (Leduc, Alberta, Canada)
109. The Rev. Dr. William Olewiler: United Methodist Church (Fleming Island, FL, USA)
110. The Rev. Marc Omar: Anglican Church in North America (Houston, TX, USA)
111. Martin Padetti: Director, Bible Believers Fellowship of Dallas (Plano, TX, USA)
112. The Rev. Rev. Palmer Paramadhas: Atlanta Tamil Church (Atlanta, GA, USA)
113. The Rev. Rajiv Pathik: United Methodist Church (Cupertino, CA, USA)
114. The Rev. Dr. Scott Pedersen: The Anglican Church in North America (Long Beach, CA, USA)
115. The Rev. Lyssette Perez: United Methodist Church (Pleasantville, NJ, USA)
116. The Rev. Dr. Samuel Devraj Perumal: Mennonite Brethren (Hyderabad, Telangana, India)
117. The Rev. Dr. Christopher Pierson: United Methodist Church (Wheaton, IL, USA)
118. The Rev. Sara Webb Phillips: United Methodist Church (Decatur, GA, USA)
119. The Rev. Dr. Russell Pregeant: United Methodist Church (Wells, ME, USA)
120. The Rev. Joseph Pullikattil: Syro Malabar Catholic Church (West Hartford, CT, USA)
121. Associate Pastor Will Rogers: Pentecostal Church (Live Oak, CA, USA)
122. Pastor Charles Barnabas Radar: Assemblies of God (Rathdrum, ID, USA)
123. The Rev. Angel Rivero: United Methodist Church (Roseville, CA, USA)
124. The Rev. Dr. Richard Rohlfing: The Wesleyan Church (Sacramento, CA, USA)
125. The Rev. Dr. Victoria Jeanne Rollins: The Episcopal Church (New York, NY, USA)
126. The Rev. Ed Sachs: Potsdam Church of the Nazarene (Potsdam, NY, USA)
127. Pastor Mathew Samuel: Pentecostal Church (Carrolton, TX, USA)
128. The Rev. Ayla Samson: United Methodist Church (Morris, IL, USA)
129. The Rev. Merle Showers: United Methodist Church (Buffalo, NY, USA)
130. The Rev. Dr. Gabriele Schroeder: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Citrus Heights, CA, USA)
131. Pastor Mike Shreve: The Sanctuary (Cleveland, TN, USA)
132. The Rev. Dr. Tony Siff: Presbyterian Church (USA) (Sacramento, CA, USA)
133. The Rev. Gary Smith: United Church of Christ (Homer, NY, USA)
134. Lead Pastor Michael B. Smith: FHM Church of Christ (Dayton, OH, USA)
135. The Rev. Steven M. Smith: United Methodist Church (Delmar, NY, USA)
136. The Rev. John Van Sloten: Christian Reformed Church in North America (Calgary, Alberta, Canada)
137. The Rev. Adrienne Stricker: United Methodist Church (Addison, IL, USA)
138. The Rev. Martha Koenig Stone: United Church of Christ (Henrietta, NY, USA)
139. The Rev. Alexandre da Silva Souto: United Methodist Church (Auburn, CA, USA)
140. Pastor Paul Sunkari: Indian Christian Church of Sacramento (Folsom, CA, USA)
141. The Rev. Charles F. Sutton, Jr: Anglican Church in North America (Uxbridge, MA, USA)
142. The Rev. Dr. Bradley Swope: Anglican Church in North America (Roseville, CA, USA)
143. The Rev. Matthew J. Tebbe: The Episcopal Church (Indianapolis, IN, USA)
144. Elder Joseph Teli: Lutheran Church (Sugar Land, TX, USA)
145. The Rev. Bryan Tener: United Methodist Church (Edmond, OK, USA)
146. Miss Neena Thomas: Ruhaani Punjabi Church (Livermore, CA, USA)
147. Pastor Philip Thomas: New Life Fellowship Church (Concord, NC, USA)
148. The Rev. Adriene Thorne: The Riverside Church (New York, NY, USA)

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149. The Rev. Dr. Anthoniraj Thumma: Roman Catholic Church (New Delhi, India)
150. The Rev. Dr. Desmond Tully: The Gospel Centre (Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, India)
151. Pastor Amie Tyler: Deeper Waters Christian Ministries (Beaverton, OR, USA)
152. The Rev. Lanette S. Van: United Methodist Church (Clare, MI, USA)
153. Pastor Stuart Vander Vegte: United Methodist Church (Centerville, IA, USA)
154. The Rev. Dr. John WenPin Wang: United Methodist Church (Rowland Heights, CA, USA)
155. The Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell: American Baptist Churches USA (Elm Grove, WI, USA)
156. The Rev. Dr. Kenneth B. Winter: Presbyterian Church (USA) (Auburn, CA, USA)
157. The Rev. Susan Worrell: United Methodist Church (Fairfield, VA, USA)
158. The Rev. Dr. Chakravarty Zadda: American Baptist Churches USA (Waukesha, WI, USA)

Lay Leaders

1. Dr. Linda Bajkowsky: Christ Church (Ft. Lauderdale, FL, USA)
2. Mr. Sounak Banerjee: Satya Math Jeevan Trust (Ulhasnagar, Maharashtra, India)
3. Mr. Sam Beera: Bethany Community Church (Milford, MA, USA)
4. Mrs. Mary Jo Buettner: St Teresa of Avila Catholic Church (Auburn, CA, USA)
5. Mrs. Gigi Chandapillai: Pentecostal Church of Philadelphia (Hatfield, PA, USA)
6. Mr. Samir Chitnis: Hope United Methodist Church (Naperville, IL, USA)
7. Mr. Milan Christian: New Hope United Methodist Church (West Chicago, IL, USA)
8. Mrs. Sofii Daniel: Christ Assembly of God Church (Franklin Square, NY, USA)
9. Mrs. Judy Dirks: Bonners Ferry United Methodist Church (Bonners Ferry, ID, USA)
10. Dr. Jordan Denari Duffner: Roman Catholic Church (Washington, DC, USA)
11. Mrs. Karen Fedorov: Remington United Methodist Church (Bealeton, VA, USA)
12. Ms. Carol Garwood: Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church (South Sioux City, NE, USA)
13. Dr. Tim Helton: St. Columba's Episcopal Church (Camarillo, CA, USA)
14. Ms. Irene Jackson: Plymouth Park United Methodist Church (Irving, TX, USA)
15. Dr. Alvin P Joseph: Philadelphia Full Gospel Assembly (Philadelphia, PA, USA)
16. Mr. Philip Joseph: Washington Metropolitan Tamil Congregation Indians for Christ (Laurel, MD, USA)
17. Mr. Jaison Joseph: Ebenezer Full Gospel Assembly (Blauvelt, NY, USA)
18. Ms. Nadia R. Kanhai: Chair, Grace United Methodist Church (Aurora, IL, USA)
19. Mr. Mathew Koshy: Calvary Chapel (Chalfont, PA, USA)
20. Mrs. Debbie M Koss: Shepherd of the Sierra (Loomis, CA, USA)
21. Mr. John Mathew: Harvest Church (Concord, CA, USA)
22. Mr. Francis Menezes: St. Ignatius Church, Loyola Hall (Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India)
23. Mrs. Eveline Patricia Shanthini Maxime: Vincent Palotti Church Banaswadi (Bangalore, Karnataka, India)
24. Dr. Shailja Merlyn: Prophet Bajinder Singh Ministry (Secunderabad, Telangana, India)
25. Jacklyn Loret de Mola: Lay Minister, Roman Catholic Church (Sacramento, CA, USA)
26. Ms. Jessie Monisha: Calvary Church (Charlotte, NC, USA)
27. Ms. Grace Nadar: Downtown Redeemer's Church (New York, NY, USA)
28. Ms. Kimberly Noel: Sparta United Methodist Church (Sparta, NJ, USA)
29. Mr. Guravaiah Prathipati: Summit Point Church & Maranatha Chapel (San Diego, CA, USA)
30. Mrs. Anita Reddy: St Mary's Church (Hyderabad, Telangana, India)
31. Dr. Carolyn Shugart: Graceway Community Church (Middletown, RI, USA)
32. Mr. Premkumar Stephen: Princeton Alliance Church (South Brunswick, NJ, USA)
33. Mr. Paul Sudhindran: Christ Church (Jacksonville, FL, USA)
34. Mr. Anantha Susairaj: St. Angela Merici (Missouri City, TX, USA)
35. Mr. Varkey Thomas: Bethel Assemblies of God International Worship Centre (Bangalore, Karnataka, India)

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36. Mr. Jacob Thottathil: Beloved Church (Bangalore, Karnataka, India)
37. Mr. Siby Varghese: The Bridge (Warrington, PA, USA)
38. Mr. Abraham Verghese: Mar Thoma Church of Baltimore (Pikesville, MD, USA)
39. Mrs. Melva Victorino: Garden City Community Church (Garden City, NY, USA)
40. Mrs. Cynthia Windus: Toowoomba Vineyard Church (Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia)
41. Dr. Mary Grace Zou: Evangelical Lutheran Church (Delhi, India)