

Thou kind Lord! Thou hast created all humanity from the same stock. Thou hast decreed that all shall belong to the same household. In Thy Holy Presence they are all Thy servants, and all mankind are sheltered beneath Thy Tabernacle; all have gathered together at Thy Table of Bounty; all are illumined through the light of Thy Providence. O God! Thou art kind to all, Thou hast provided for all, dost shelter all, conferrest life upon all. Thou hast endowed each and all with talents and faculties, and all are submerged in the Ocean of Thy Mercy. O Thou kind Lord! Unite all. Let the religions agree and make the nations one, so that they may see each other as one family and the whole earth as one home. May they all live together in perfect harmony. O God! Raise aloft the banner of the oneness of mankind. O God! Establish the Most Great Peace. Cement Thou, O God, the hearts together. O Thou kind Father, God! Gladden our hearts through the fragrance of Thy love. Brighten our eyes through the Light of Thy Guidance. Delight our ears with the melody of Thy Word, and shelter us all in the Stronghold of Thy Providence. Thou art the Mighty and Powerful, Thou art the Forgiving and Thou art the One Who overlooketh the shortcomings of all mankind — ‘

Abdu'l-Bahá

The Reverend Jeffrey Clawson,
Associate Rector of St. Stephens.
Welcome to our Sacred Space.

Chair: Bryn Deamer, Bahá'í Representative to MIC.
Introduction to the evening

Rev. Carol Hovis, Executive Dir., MIC.
Thoughts/reflections on religious freedom.

Lauren Grieve, Bahá'í Faith
Prayer sung.

Charleen Maghzi, Bahá'í Faith
The persecution of the Babá'í Faith in Iran.

Swami Vedananda, Vedanta Society
Prayer/Refecation from Hindu writings.

Joanne Mied Sensei, Buddhist Temple of Marin
Metta (Loving Kindness Meditation).

Sima Ahrari, Bahá'í Faith
Persian chant from the Babá'í Writings

Dr. David Fankushen, Congregation Kol Shofar, Board of MIC
Reading from writings of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

Chase Grieve, Bahá'í Faith
"Prayer for Humanity" by 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

Dante and Gladys Herrera, Catholic
Matthew 19.16-30, and prayer of Saint Francis (in Spanish)

Beverly Freeman, Bahá'í Faith.
*"Make Me Stronger" By Rickie Byars Beckwith of
Agape International Center of Truth.*

Chair: invitation to refreshments and fellowship.