

An Interactive Virtual Program and
Dare to Understand Awards Presentation



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Philadelphia**

**WELCOME
TO THE TABLE**

INVITATION AND SPONSORSHIP PACKET

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020
7PM - 8:15PM | Online**

ABOUT INTERFAITH PHILADELPHIA

For 16 years, [Interfaith Philadelphia](#) has served the Philadelphia region, building relationships with and among diverse religious communities. Through immersive programs like our *Mosaic* summer camp, trainings and workshops such as our *Difficult Conversations* facilitator training, or the convening of critical tables, including the region's *Religious Leaders Council*, Interfaith Philadelphia continues to challenge Philadelphians to *dare to understand* one another. This is vital work. In times so often characterized by division, misunderstanding, hatred, and violence, Interfaith Philadelphia sets a large table, inviting all to listen respectfully and share authentically. We are so grateful to do this work in a city founded on religious freedom, and to have nearly 500 religious, civic, and corporate partners who believe in this vision.

ABOUT THE WELCOME TO THE TABLE EVENT

Food, art, and stories are universal. An open table, and the food and stories shared around it, provides a welcoming space for those gathered to better know, respect, and value one another. In the midst of social distancing and our tense social climate, the importance of gathering, and the power of an open table is increasingly evident. Now more than ever, we must strive to maintain the spirit of courage, humility, and understanding found at our shared tables. The [Welcome to the Table](#) event, captures this spirit. As we celebrate our 2020 honorees and their communities for their inspiring hospitality and commitment to interfaith understanding, we will also (virtually) gather to explore and celebrate the rich diversity of the Philadelphia region and beyond.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Although this virtual fundraising and awards event is free to attend, we still need your support as we continue building relationships and advancing understanding across lines of difference! **You can support this work by [becoming a sponsor](#) (see the last page), [giving a pre-event donation](#), or donating the night of the event.**

Please note: All attendees must have completed either the online [Sponsor form](#) or [General Admission registration form](#) to receive the link for the event.

ABOUT THE AWARD

Interfaith Philadelphia's [Dare to Understand Award](#) honors individuals, communities, and businesses of distinction, that have championed the work of interfaith engagement and understanding across lines of difference. Awardees lead their communities by example, demonstrating humility, curiosity, and respect, qualities imperative in interfaith work.

OUTLINE OF EVENING

PRESENTATION OF THE DARE TO UNDERSTAND AWARDS AND PERFORMANCE

7:00PM - 7:35PM

We are proud to honor Milan Kunz on behalf of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Philadelphia area and Rev. Steven Lawrence on behalf of NewCORE (New Conversation on Race and Ethnicity) for their work fostering understanding throughout the region and facilitating interfaith spaces where all are welcome.

INTERACTIVE PROGRAM

7:35PM - 8:15PM

Attendees will have the option to participate in interactive experiences that engage religious and cultural diversity, and explore the joys and challenges of welcoming others. These may include an open mic story slam, a panel discussion, a virtual tour of a faith community, etc. (More details coming soon.)

ABOUT THE HONOREES



MILAN KUNZ, on behalf of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Philadelphia area

The highest priorities in Milan F. Kunz's life, next to his relationship with Deity, is his family: his wife, their five children, their spouses, and seven grandchildren. Milan was called to be the President of the Philadelphia Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 2019. Prior to this he served as a member of the Quorum of the Seventy, President of the Nebraska Omaha Mission, and a Bishop. Milan sat on the Religious Leaders Council from 2014 to 2019, and serves on Interfaith Philadelphia's Board of Directors as an Executive Committee member. In 2016, Milan organized local support for the public open house of the Philadelphia Temple, welcoming in over 140,000 people, more than half of whom were of other faiths, and arranging special tours for religious leaders. Retiring in 2008, Milan spent the majority of his career working for GlaxoSmithKline as a vice president and a senior vice president. He holds a B.S. in accounting and an M.B.A., from Brigham Young University. Born in Washington, D.C, Milan married Leslie Niven in 1981. They reside in Philadelphia.



REVEREND STEVEN LAWRENCE, on behalf of NewCORE (New Conversation on Race and Ethnicity)

Rev. Lawrence has been the Administrative Assistant to the Pastor at White Rock Baptist Church, since 1978. In addition to teaching White Rock's weekly Bible study, Steven teaches at Palmer Theological Seminary and the Church of Christian Compassion, and coordinates Learning Conferences for the West Philadelphia Baptist Congress of Christian Education. He received his B.A in Sociology from Eastern University and M. Div. from Union Theological Seminary. He served as board chair of the Metropolitan Christian Council of Philadelphia, and currently serves as Board Chair of NewCORE. Steven serves on the Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia, and has been an active presence in Interfaith Philadelphia's *Walking the Walk* youth initiative since its inception. In 2019 he served as moderator for Interfaith Philadelphia's *Race and Faith* Civil Conversations event. Steven married Cheryl Baker in 1981. Together they share a love of classic films and music. Steven is a baker, known for his lemon and chocolate cakes.



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Philadelphia area

Membership in the [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#) in the Philadelphia metro area has experienced remarkable growth from a few hundred members in the 1840's to an estimated 15,000 members today. There are eight meetinghouses organized into nearly 20 congregations. The Philadelphia Pennsylvania Temple serves over 41,000 members, from Harrisburg on the west, Williamsport and Scranton on the north, southern New Jersey on the east, and Delaware on the south. The Temple is a sacred place of worship and provides instruction in the teachings of our Savior, Jesus Christ. To Latter-day Saints, the golden statue of the Angel Moroni, that stands atop the Temple, adds to Philadelphia's beautiful skyline.

NewCORE (New Conversation on Race and Ethnicity)

[NewCORE](#) believes conversation is action. Its mission is to harness the power of sincere conversation about race and ethnicity, and use it to break down barriers, facilitate mutual understanding and respect, build bridges, and promote truth, justice, and reconciliation. As a multi-racial, interfaith body, NewCORE strives to become one, so our differences may enrich and inspire. For more information check out newcorephilly.org.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join us! Your sponsorship honors the work of the awardees and Interfaith Philadelphia, and demonstrates your commitment to Welcome ALL to the Table!

	TRAILBLAZER \$25,000+	CHANGE- MAKER \$15,000	INNOVATOR \$10,000	BRIDGE- BUILDER \$5,000	FRIEND \$2,500	SUSTAINER \$1,000
PROGRAMMATIC OFFERINGS						
Number of Free, Customized Trainings or Consultations of Your Choice. (Workplace Diversity ; Encountering Other Faiths ; etc.) [Virtual or In-Person TBD]	1					
Number of Free, Customized Workshops of Your Choice (Ally Workshop; Civil Conversations ; Art of Interfaith Understanding) [Virtual or In-Person TBD]	2	1				
Number of Complimentary Registrations for Interfaith Philadelphia Programs	12	8	6	4	3	2
WELCOME TO THE TABLE EVENT RECOGNITION						
Verbal Acknowledgment at Virtual <i>Welcome to the Table</i> Event						
Recognition at Virtual <i>Welcome to the Table</i> Event						
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Interview to be Posted on Interfaith Philadelphia's Blog						
Name/Logo on Interfaith Philadelphia's Website						
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Number of Social Media Posts	8	6	4	2	1	
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Name/Logo Listed in Annual Report						

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