

God & Caesar in Today's Globalized World

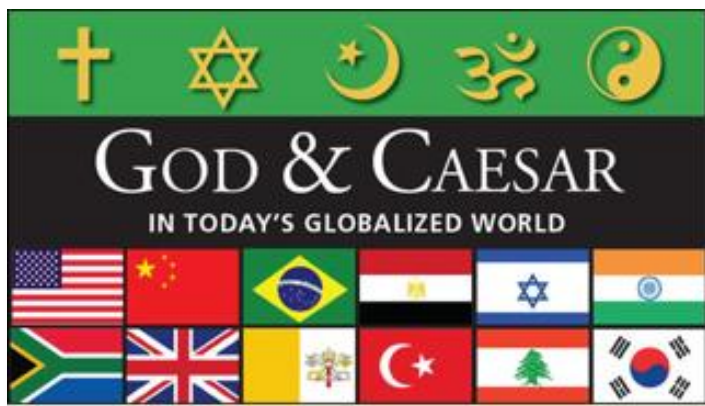
March 31, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Welcome to our Special Evening!

Welcome to this special evening of conversation about faith and politics in today's globalized world co-sponsored by Temple Isaiah, Sacred Heart/St. Brigid Roman Catholic Parishes, and Grace Chapel.

Whether you are from one of these congregations, the Islamic community or the community at-large, we thank you for coming. We hope that you feel a warm welcome and make some new friends tonight.



*But at a time when our discourse has become so sharply polarized –
at a time when we are far too eager to lay the blame for all that ails the world
at the feet of those who think differently than we do –
it's important for us to pause for a moment and make sure
that we are talking with each other
in a way that heals, not a way that wounds.*

President Barak Obama
at the Memorial Service for the Victims of the
Shooting in Tucson, Arizona
(January 12, 2011)

The Jazz Trio

Nando Michelin (keyboards), Rob Hewett (bass), Steve Bankuti (drums)
<http://www.uubuu.org/jazztrio/>

Panelists

Rev. Dr. J. Bryan Hehir – Parker Gilbert Montgomery Professor of the Practice of Religion and Public Life, Harvard Kennedy School; Secretary for Health Care and Social Services, Archdiocese of Boston

Imam Dr. Talal Eid – Founder and Director of Religious Affairs, Islamic Institute of Boston; Commissioner, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, Washington, DC

Mr. Rob Leikind – American Jewish Committee, Boston Director; former lawyer with the Anti-Defamation League; former Senior VP of Hebrew College

Mr. Judd Birdsall – U.S. State Department, Office of International Religious Freedom;
founding chair U.S. State Department Forum on Religion & Global Affairs

The Honorable Jackie Weatherspoon – New Hampshire House of Representatives, 1996-2002 (Minority House Whip); U.S. State Department, facilitated the last phases of the Dayton Peace Agreement and prepared Estonia and Lithuania for entry into European Union; UN/UNDP advisor coordinating elections in Malawi and Nigeria

Dr. James C. (Jim) Wallace (Moderator) – Fellow and Senior Research Associate, Institute on Culture, Religion and World Affairs, Boston University; former clergyman and senior political advisor in Canada for 25 years.

Organizing Team

Jim Wallace (*Chair*), Doug Whallon (*Staff Liaison*), Frank Henry, Royal Hale, Glen Cunningham, Lewis Colten, Andrea Colten, Katherine Pegors, David Mitchell, Paul Thordarson, Valerie Pietry, and Hannah Early.

Event Sponsors

Sacred Heart / St. Brigid Parishes – Rev. Arnold Colletti, Senior Pastor

Temple Isaiah – Rabbi Howard Jaffe, Senior Rabbi

Grace Chapel – Dr. Bryan Wilkerson, Senior Pastor

Program

6:30 – Pre-event music	<i>The Jazz Trio</i>
7:00 – Welcome, introductions, and prayer	<i>Bryan Wilkerson Howard Jaffe Arnold Colletti</i>
7:15 – Opening Statements	<i>Panelists</i>
7:40 – Prepared questions by Moderator	<i>Jim Wallace</i>
8:10 – Brief break	<i>Doug Whallon</i>
8:15 – Question and Answer session with the audience <i>(see instructions on back page)</i>	
8:45 – Closing Reflections	<i>Bryan Wilkerson Howard Jaffe Arnold Colletti</i>
9:00 – Dismissal	

The Evening's Question

"How do people of faith address and respond to the issue of religion and politics in today's internationalized, globalized world?"

Question & Answer Instructions

There will be a half hour Question & Answer session taking questions from the audience. Instructions will be given at the break. There will be five microphone hosts located throughout the auditorium – three on the main floor and two in the balcony.

If you have a question, approach the microphone host and wait to be called upon. In order to allow the greatest number of questions for our panelists, please observe the following rules:

- Do not speak until called upon
- Keep your questions direct, short, and to the point
- Do not give “speeches” or long introductory remarks
- Be respectful and considerate in how sensitive questions are phrased
- If the moderator cuts you off or the microphone host withdraws the microphone, please stop talking

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!

Special thanks goes to the many **volunteers** from the three congregations who enthusiastically donated their time and energies to make this evening a success. If you see a volunteer on your way out, please express your appreciation.

As well, we could not have hosted this evening without the generous and professional assistance of the **staff members** of the three congregations who worked tirelessly to put on this event. Every one of you has been a delight to work with.

And finally, thank you to the **Organizing Team** members who have worked behind the scenes for months creating this event – you are the best!

For More Information

Sacred Heart/St. Brigid Parishes – www.stbrigidlexington.org

Temple Isaiah – www.templeisaiah.net

Grace Chapel – www.grace.org



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