

FAITH & (in) JUSTICE

Throughout its history, the United States of America has dealt with a variety of major social issues, ranging from the impact of slavery and the struggle for freedom and civil rights to matters of gender/LGBTQ+ equality, economic parity, and environmental justice. Along the way, the nation's three major Abrahamic religions – Judaism, Christianity, and Islam – have all played important roles in both promoting and, in some cases, deterring the progress of each of these movements. Utilizing words, images, sounds, and interactives, *Faith and (in)Justice* engages visitors to explore the role of religion in the ongoing challenge of affirming the ideals expressed in our country's founding documents. It will examine how religious traditions over time have both helped and hindered the fulfillment of the Declaration of Independence's beliefs that "all men are created equal...and are endowed by their Creator with unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The exhibition will close with suggestions for all visitors, regardless of religious backgrounds, to join together on common ground to further social justice causes for current and future generations.

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Image Captions, From Top:

John Lewis, Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., diplomat Ralph Bunch, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, and Rev. Frederick D. Reese, during the third Selma to Montgomery march, 1965.

Torah on loan from Skirball Museum, Cincinnati, Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion



Human Dignity

Gender & Sexual Identity

Economic Justice

Environmental Justice

Take Action

Exhibit Highlights

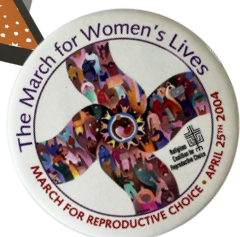


Guiding Questions

- Are religion and LGBTQ+ inclusivity mutually exclusive?
- How has religion influenced legal equality and social equality?

Featured Artifacts

- Rabbi Sally Priesand Ordination Certificate
- Reproductive Freedom Kit from the National Council of Jewish Women



Women's March, Washington, D.C., 2017

Buttons from the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice and the National Council of Jewish Women.



Guiding Questions

- What are the promises of freedom, equality, and justice in the Founding Documents?
- What role did religion play in the justification or abolition of slavery?

Featured Artifacts

- *The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth* by Thomas Jefferson
- Ku Klux Klan hood and robe
- Boxing gloves signed by Muhammad Ali



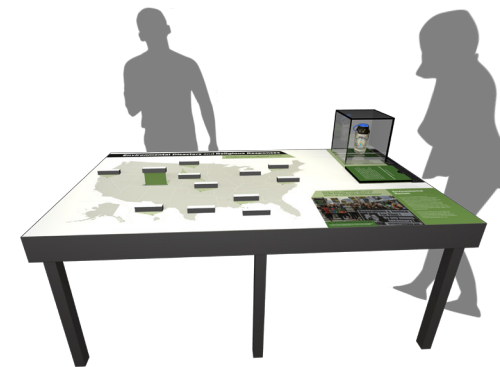
In the late 1960s, *Muhammad Speaks* was the most widely circulated, Black-operated Islamic newspaper in the U.S., focusing on community journalism and racial uplift.

Guiding Questions

- While sacred texts call for mutual aid and charity, what does that look like in action?
- How has religion influenced the labor movement?

Featured Artifacts

- *Muhammad Speaks* newsletter from 1963
- *The Catholic Worker* newsletters from 1968



Guiding Questions

- What role does religion have in fighting environmental racism?
- What do these religions teach about caring for the Earth?

Featured Artifacts

- Water sample from Flint, Michigan
- Reusable iftar kit from Green Ramadan

An inflatable boat carrying seven Torah scrolls that were recovered from a synagogue in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.



"It is this belief in a power larger than myself and other than myself which allows me to venture into the unknown and even the unknowable."

- Maya Angelou



After exploring the exhibition, you are encouraged to reflect not only on the topics and history, but on your values and beliefs. Through multiple interactives you will identify what issues matter the most to you and how to get involved.

Conversation Prompts

- Where do religion and social justice intersect in the news today?
- Are religious views central to your identity?
- What is a misconception people have about a group you belong to?

Immersive Experiences

- Multi-screen introductory theater with interviews with faith leaders and activists alongside historic and contemporary imagery.
- Step into a recreated Praise House, sit on a pew, and hear religious songs of the era.
- Listen to faith leaders at marches and rallies while surrounded by photos and videos of past and present protest marches from across the nation.

Interactives

- Explore a touchscreen timeline of moments when religion and social justice intersected in US history.
- Compare scriptures from sacred texts with those from specialized versions created for women and LGBTQ+ audiences.
- Create your own digital protest sign for a social justice issue that is important to you.
- Listen to music by artists that have been inspired by their faith to speak out for equality.
- Explore environmental events across the US and what the response was from religious organizations.
- Share what cause you are passionate about and how you plan to get involved.



Music That Matters

Explore religion-inspired songs that have been effective tools for social change.

Exhibit Details

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“Bigotry and hatred are not the most urgent problems. The most urgent, the most disgraceful, the most shameful and the most tragic problem is silence.”

**- Rabbi Dr. Joachim Prinz
Speech from the March on Washington
August 28, 1963**

Large Exhibit

General Requirements

- 3,500 open floor space at minimum
- 10 feet ceiling height at minimum
- Adequate electrical connections
- On-site insurance during exhibition run and in transit to next venue

Size

3,500 – 4,000 square feet

Rental Fee

Please inquire

Tour Availability

Beginning in 2026

Large Traveling Exhibition Includes....

- Freestanding structures that accommodate a variety of signage, artifact cases, flip panels, and environmental graphics
- Optional hanging banners with scripture quotes and patterned illumination
- Graphic templates for local community stories
- Exhibition press kit
- Educational resources and programming suggestions



The Power Of Protest Place yourself amongst past and present activists by adding to a digital protest sign collage.

Small Exhibit

Small Traveling Exhibition Includes....

- Approximately 18 double-sided freestanding graphic panels with optional internal lighting
- Alternative graphic banner options
- Visitor contribution activity table
- Media kiosk with touchscreen timeline interactive
- Exhibition press kit
- Resources and programming suggestions

General Requirements

- 800 open floor space at minimum
- 9 foot ceiling height at minimum
- Electrical connections optional
- On-site insurance during exhibition run and in transit to next venue

Size

800 – 1,000 square feet

Rental Fee

Please inquire

Tour Availability

Beginning in 2026

