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## New leadership team protects faith, freedom in Colorado

DENVER – The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado recently elected a new leadership team that is dedicated to promoting social justice, religious freedom, and interfaith understanding in Colorado.

The Interfaith Alliance Colorado (TIA-CO) Board of Directors elected **Gregory A. Movesian**, Canon Steward at Saint John's Episcopal Cathedral in Denver, as Board President. Movesian is the Chair of the Abrahamic Initiative, the Cathedral's program that encourages Christians, Jews and Muslims to engage in dialogue and collaborate on human service initiatives in the community.

"Our members are looking to us for leadership in promoting justice and equality for Coloradans, and we are well positioned to do that, thanks to a growing base of congregational partners from a variety of religious traditions and our individual members and their networks of influence," Movesian said.

Other new additions to TIA-CO's leadership team include a vice president and three board members. Those individuals are:

**Rabbi Benjamin "Jamie" Arnold**, Vice President – First full-time rabbi of Congregation Beth Evergreen in Evergreen.

**Polly Baca** – Former Colorado State Senator and President and CEO of Baca, Barragan, Perez & Associates, a consulting firm specializing in multicultural leadership development, diversity training, motivational presentations, policy development, and governmental relations

**Professor Ved P. Nanda** – Director of the International Legal Studies Program at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and John Evans Distinguished University Professor and Thompson G. Marsh Professor of Law

**Diana Flahive** – Community Minister for



Gregory A. Movesian



Rabbi Benjamin "Jamie" Arnold



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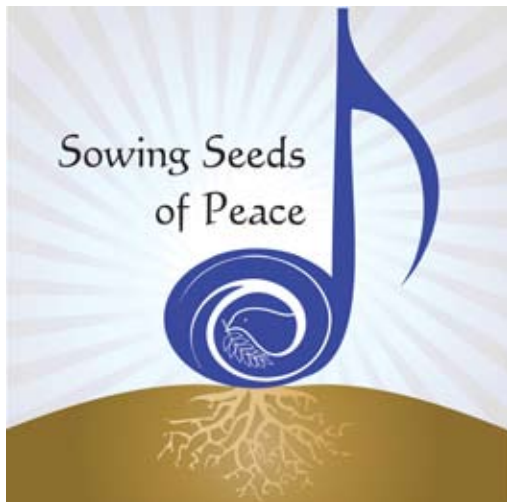


Jeremy J. Shaver

Capitol Hill United Ministries in Denver

TIA-CO also hired **Jeremy J. Shaver** as the organization's new Executive Director. Shaver has served as TIA-CO's Director of Outreach and Communications for more than two years. He also serves as Director of Christian Education at Park Hill Congregational Church in Denver.

## Music festival features 300 performers



The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado and Mile Hi Church are teaming up to present an inspiring, heart-opening interfaith music festival. The festival, "Sowing Seeds of Peace," will take place at **7 p.m. Sun., March 22** in the Mile Hi Church sanctuary, 9077 W. Alameda Ave. in Lakewood.

The interfaith music festival will feature a wide-variety of performances from musicians, dancers, and storytellers. Performers will include: the Rocky Mountain Children's Choir, Colorado Hebrew Chorale, Harmony, Ruby, Ballet Mestizo, a dance group from Soka Gakkai International-

Denver, storyteller Opalanga, and the Mile Hi Choir and Mile Hi Band. There will be more than 300 performers in this year's festival.

Join us for this amazing event designed to promote religious and cultural understanding. Tickets cost \$15 per person and can be purchased on-line at [www.milehichurch.org](http://www.milehichurch.org) or by calling 303-232-4079. For information, contact 720-524-1100 or [info@interfaithallianceco.org](mailto:info@interfaithallianceco.org).

## Public policy forum highlights health care reform

The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado invites you to a public policy forum titled, "Moral Issues in Health Care." The forum will take place from **3-5 p.m. Sun., April 26** in Conference Rooms A and B at St. Anthony Central Hospital, 4231 W. 16th Ave. in Denver.

Panelists will include: **State Rep. John Kafalas** of Fort Collins; **Donna Marshall**, Executive Director, Colorado Business Group on Health; **Dr. David Munch**, Chief Clinical and Quality Officer, Exempla Lutheran Medical Center; and **Debra Bennett-Woods**, Chair & Associate Professor, Department of Health Care Ethics and Director, Center for Ethics and Leadership in the Health Professions, Regis University.

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments and conversation will follow an interactive discussion and question period. For information, call 720-524-1100 or send e-mail to [info@interfaithallianceco.org](mailto:info@interfaithallianceco.org).

The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado (TIA-CO) promotes social justice, religious freedom, and interfaith understanding by organizing and equipping progressive people of faith and goodwill for advocacy, dialogue, and celebration. Founded in 1998, the Interfaith Alliance of Colorado has 13 congregational partners and more than 800 individual members across the state from 19 faith traditions, as well as those without a faith tradition. For more information, visit [www.InterfaithAllianceCO.org](http://www.InterfaithAllianceCO.org).

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# Alliance ramps up legislative efforts

The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado is concentrating its energy this year on making a difference in several key issues in Colorado. We are increasing our efforts to pursue legislation that promotes the common good by increasing our presence at the Capitol following legislation, testifying on critical bills, and sending action alerts to you, our members, to let our legislators know about our priorities.

Here are our top three legislative priorities:

1. Senate Bill 228 – This bill would return fiscal sanity to Colorado by repealing the 6 % spending cap known as Arveschough-Bird. This directive currently places a fiscal stranglehold on the state making it difficult to recover from budget cuts to education and health care. This measure recognizes that budgets are moral documents that reflect our values and priorities as a state.
2. House Bill 1260 – This bill would create designated beneficiary agreements that would help any two unmarried adults with estate planning and end-of-life decision making.



3. Senate Bill 88 – This legislation would grant health care benefits to domestic partners of state employees.

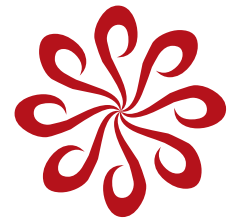
We are also supporting:

House Bill 1274 – This bill would abolish the death penalty in Colorado and direct the financial savings to the “cold case” file to help use new technologies to solve old cases.

Senate Bill 170 – This bill, known as the “Tuition Equity” bill, would allow any person, regardless of immigration status, who has attended a Colorado high school for at least three years, to enroll in a Colorado college or university and be charged in-state tuition. They also would be eligible for tuition assistance under the same criteria as a person who “establishes domicile” in Colorado. This bill is an example of the humane, compassionate immigration reform we can promote.

House Bill 1064 – This bill would create a Legislative Task Force to develop a plan to reduce poverty in Colorado by 50 percent in 10 years.

At press time, all of these measures were still being debated in committees and in the full House and Senate. Help us support these critical measures to promote the common good by contacting your state legislators today and exercising your voice. If you do not know who your legislators are, you can find out at [www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org). More information can also be found on the Colorado General Assembly Home Page: [www.leg.state.co.us](http://www.leg.state.co.us).



## 2009 Interfaith Dialogue Series

One of the core purposes of the Interfaith Alliance of Colorado is to promote understanding of Colorado’s diverse faith traditions. One of the key ways we do this is through interfaith dialogue. We invite you to join us for the next two dialogues in our 2009 series:

**Multicultural Mosaic Foundation**  
**Thurs., May 14, 6:26 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**2600 S. Parker Road, Bldg. 2, Suite 100, Aurora, CO 80014**

*The Multicultural Mosaic Foundation (MMF) is an organization of Muslim people dedicated to helping cultivate moral and cultural values by promoting tolerance and dialogue. They believe, that as a community, diversity is our strength. By listening to each other and responding with openness and respect, we can learn from one another while maintaining our own identities. The Foundation believes that through dialogue we can acknowledge our differences, while also building on shared hopes and dreams.*

**Church of the Beloved – an Ecumenical Catholic Community**  
**Thurs., Aug. 27, 6:26 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**10500 Grant Drive**  
**Northglenn, CO 80233**

*The Church of the Beloved is an inclusive Catholic Community, welcoming everyone as the Beloved of God. The church celebrates the rich heritage of Catholic spirituality while honoring all spiritual traditions. It strives for justice and peace and responds to the call of discipleship by loving deeply and rooting itself in prayer and service. The Church of the Beloved engages an authentic Catholic identity that recognizes the spiritual leadership of the pope, yet is under the authority of Bishop Peter Hickman. The Church of the Beloved seeks to make the richness of Catholic spirituality and tradition available and accessible to the many people who, for some reason, have felt excluded or at odds from other Catholic churches.*

## Double your donation!



Just \$3,000 separate the Interfaith Alliance of Colorado from closing out a generous \$10,000 matching grant from the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado.

The matching grant will only be made if TIA-CO raises \$10,000 in new money. Every new donation contributed by individuals, congregations or corporations will be matched dollar for dollar; the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado will

also match any increase in the amount given by current donors.

Please act now to help us meet this challenge! You may donate on-line today at [www.InterfaithAllianceCO.org](http://www.InterfaithAllianceCO.org) or you may mail a check to: TIA-CO, 1600 S. Pearl St., Denver, CO 80210. Thank you for your support!

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