

# COALITION OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER

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## FAITH & POVERTY DAY ON JANUARY 31 TO FOCUS ON REDUCING CHILD HOMELESSNESS

The Coalition of Religious Communities Annual Faith & Poverty Day at the Utah Capitol is going to take place on the morning of January 31, 2019. The focus of this event will be bills and budget items that would reduce child homelessness.

Speakers at Faith & Poverty Day will include the Right Reverend James Gonia, Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes, Executive Regional Minister, Central Rocky Mountain Region, Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ), USA and Canada and Rabbi Samuel L. Spector of Congregation Kol Ami.

### CORC's Priorities for the 2019 General Session of the Utah Legislature:

- We support SB 34, which appropriates \$20 million in one time money and \$4 million on ongoing funds to address Utah's housing affordability crisis.
- We support \$2 million in one time funding for a Domestic Violence Housing First pilot program that will help domestic violence survivors and their children to avoid homelessness.
- We oppose any proposal to increase the sales tax on food or scale back the Medicaid expansion approved by voters in November.



Bishop James Gonia



Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes



Rabbi Samuel L. Spector

*The Coalition of Religious Communities is a project of Crossroads Urban Center that brings people together from a variety of faith traditions to promote solutions to hunger, homelessness and poverty in Utah.*  
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### Upcoming Events

#### Faith & Poverty Day at the Utah Capitol:

*On January 31, 2019 we will meet at 10:00 AM in the Auditorium in the State Office Building behind the Utah Capitol Building.*

#### CORC Quarterly Meeting in Salt

*Lake: April 2nd, from noon to 1:00 PM at First Baptist Church, 777 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City.*

#### CORC Quarterly Meeting in Ogden:

*April 4th, from noon to 1:00 PM at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 140 N. Tyler Avenue,*

*We are so grateful to the 36 congregations that participated in Ending Child Homelessness Sabbath during the month of October. Every time people say the words "child homelessness" they are helping to weaken the stereotype that only childless adults become homeless.*