

Boise Interfaith Communities Wassmuth Center for Human Rights

Dear Friends,

Through the by-and-by, I came to commit to raising \$50,000 for the new building for the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights, home of the Anne Frank Memorial. I committed to doing this on behalf of interfaith communities in Boise by sponsoring the theme rock: RESPECT - one of four such pillars that will be situated between the new building and 9th street. The word RESPECT will stand before a quote from Maya Angelou that reads, "Teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength."



I love that there is so much cooperative work done by the many faith communities in the valley. Human rights stand at the heart of all our spirituality – and I'm empowered again and again when we come together in our diversity to find our strength. We are raising \$50,000 because a matching gift will get us to the \$100,000 amount that each sponsor of one of the theme rocks has donated. I believe we can raise the whole amount, and the extra \$50,000 will continue to be a gift of unrestricted funds to the ongoing work of the Wassmuth Center.

I chose to raise the money under the generic name "Boise Interfaith Communities" because this effort is not tied to a single aim or goal of one of our many collective efforts –this is the work of each of us saying: to respect, protect, and celebrate the human rights of all our neighbors stands as an essential part of our mission regardless of our particular religious creed. In our diversity there is beauty and there is strength.

We hope to raise this money by the end of September, you can donate to a link below that ensures all donations go straight to the Wassmuth Center – they have made us our own giving portal for that purpose. I will also attempt to collect the names of all donors and donor communities of faith to celebrate our shared work on a website. We are one donor who is many – there is beauty and there is strength.

In order to kick off this effort First Presbyterian Church of Boise, the church I pastor, has committed \$5,000 as a church donation and then is asking our congregation to match that total for a \$10,000 commitment to this shared effort. I am asking you now if you would consider joining us – as an individual and as a community – in this effort. I would love to speak to any individual donors or leadership groups that would like to hear more – and if you have any questions send them my way. If you wish to donate to this collective work then you may do so by donating at the link in this QR code, by going to <https://link.fpcboise.org/WassmuthCenterRESPECTrock>, or by contacting me at andrew@fpcboise.org.



The website of the Wassmuth Center also includes a lot more information about the whole Capital Campaign and new building and all the ways that it will be a great resource for human rights in our community... and a beacon of light and hope to us all. Thank you for your consideration and I hope you join us in celebrating and respecting diversity, beauty, and strength.

Grace and Peace,
Andrew Kukla,
Pastor, First
Presbyterian
Church – Boise



The Wassmuth Education Center
8th street entry



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