



**CENTER FOR  
INTERFAITH  
COOPERATION**

*7th annual*  
**Interfaith Banquet**

*Virtual Celebration*

*Sunday March 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM*

**Honoring**



**Ascension St. Vincent's Hospital**  
as Interfaith Ambassador of the Year



## Center for Interfaith Cooperation

1100 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 125, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

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March 19, 2021

Dear Patron, Supporter, Sponsor, and Friend:

I would like to welcome you to the Center for Interfaith Cooperation (CIC) Interfaith Banquet 2021. This annual gathering is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the beautifully diverse interfaith community throughout Central Indiana and to recognize an important interfaith leader for their work to increase religious literacy, build empathy between faiths, and facilitate interfaith encounters.

As with everything else throughout the last year, this year's banquet is much different than other years. Even though we continue to do much of our work virtually, our dedication to interfaith cooperation has not waned.

Ascension St. Vincent Hospital, our 2021 CIC Interfaith Ambassador, exemplifies what CIC is working toward in our community and beyond. During the pandemic, the dedicated people of Ascension St. Vincent, much like those at other healthcare facilities across the nation and around the world, worked tirelessly in new ways risking their own safety for the sake of the entire community. The Center for Interfaith Cooperation also recognizes Ascension St. Vincent Hospital for their commitment to diversity and inclusion. The recently adopted ABIDE framework will have an impact not only within the network but also throughout the communities in which they serve. We are excited to honor Ascension St. Vincent Hospital as the CIC Interfaith Ambassador of the Year.

Thank you for joining us for this year's banquet. We also thank you for working toward a world where everyone is welcome and celebrated for who they are. Interfaith work is hope in action. Thank you for your support of the CIC.

Sincerely,

Brian Shivers, Chair

Center for Interfaith Cooperation

## CIC MISSION STATEMENT

The Center for Interfaith Cooperation provides safe environments, resources, and opportunities for service to increase religious literacy, build empathy between faiths, and facilitate interfaith encounters.



Monument Circle  
Soldiers and Sailors Monument  
Indianapolis, Indiana, USA

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Congratulations  Ascension St. Vincent Hospital

**2021 Interfaith Ambassador of the Year**

**For service, leadership, and advancing the vision  
and mission of the Center for Interfaith Cooperation**

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## United States Senate

March 21, 2021

Ascension St. Vincent Hospital  
250 West 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100  
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Dear Team Members and Staff,

I would like to congratulate you on being named the 2021 Interfaith Ambassador of the Year! All members of the Ascension St. Vincent medical group, volunteers, and any other frontline workers who devoted themselves to holding the line for Hoosiers during the pandemic are to be commended for what I am sure were countless hours, days, and months of dedicated hard work. You all have proven leadership in these uncertain and trying times. For that—be proud.

This unprecedented year has shown us how important helping others is. Neighbors have stepped in to support each other, strangers have become lifelines, and communities have become a source of strength. I am inspired and thankful for Hoosiers helping Hoosiers in the midst of this crisis, when resources are minimal, and the need is so great. As a premier health care provider in our state, Ascension St. Vincent Hospital has served the Central Indiana area honorably and diligently this past year, with a special commitment to diversity and inclusion to accommodate Hoosiers from all backgrounds and walks of life with superior health and wellness services. I know Central Indiana will continue to be in your capable hands going forward.

Again, to all those involved at Ascension St. Vincent, whose diligence, dedication, and sacrifice made this achievement possible – congratulations! Your service to our great state has been invaluable. My staff and I wish you good luck in all your future endeavors. Thank you for allowing me to serve you in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,



Mike Braun  
United States Senator



STATE OF INDIANA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
State House, Second Floor  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Eric J. Holcomb  
*Governor*

Welcome,

On behalf of the State of Indiana, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2021 Interfaith Banquet. Congratulations to the Center for Interfaith Cooperation on hosting this event!

Our state is proud to be home to many religious institutions. People of all faiths in Indiana and across this country represent the very best of what it means to be faithful Americans. I have the sincere hope that this event can further strengthen the bonds between Hoosiers of all faiths.

Tonight, we have a chance to recognize the 2021 Interfaith Ambassador of the Year. Ascension St. Vincent Hospital has played a vital role in the community not just throughout this pandemic, but since they first opened their doors. The State of Indiana and its residents have benefitted greatly from the work that Ascension St. Vincent does to provide quality healthcare to Hoosiers, and I am so glad to see that work recognized.

I wish you all the best for a successful event tonight and for your mission of taking our state to the Next Level by promoting faith and friendship in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Holcomb".

Eric Holcomb

TODD YOUNG  
INDIANA



**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 21, 2021

Ascension St. Vincent Hospital  
2001 W 86th Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46260

Dear Ascension Team,

I want to congratulate you on being named the 2021 Interfaith Ambassador of the Year!

Thank you for your dedicated service to our Indiana communities - the work that your team has accomplished does not go unnoticed. I am also proud of your passion for leadership during these tumultuous times. It is Hoosiers like yourselves that make me proud to represent Indiana in the United States Senate.

Again, congratulations on your most deserving achievement. Your work stands as an example and will inspire countless others to engage in their communities across the nation.

Your friend in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "T. Young", written over a horizontal line.

Todd Young  
United States Senator





March 21, 2021

**Greetings!**

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Banquet by the Center for Interfaith Cooperation.

This celebration of religious diversity is an opportunity for Hoosiers from across the spectrum of spiritual beliefs and faith backgrounds to share in fellowship and entertainment. The Center for Interfaith Cooperation's mission to provide safe environments, resources, and opportunities for service to increase religious literacy, and to build empathy between faiths. Building connections and creating interfaith networks are vital for the success of Indianapolis-after all, our city is only made stronger when we celebrate our differences.

Tonight, it is my distinct honor to congratulate Ascension St. Vincent Hospital on being named the 2021 Interfaith Ambassador of the Year. Tonight, we recognize the sacrifices of front line healthcare workers who are risking their own safety to keep us healthy, and for their commitment to diversity and inclusion while providing quality healthcare for all Indy residents.

To all in attendance tonight, I thank you for your commitment to connecting the diverse faith communities in Indianapolis. I wish attendees, honorees, and special guests all the best for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Hogsett  
Mayor  
City of Indianapolis





February 22, 2021

Dear Friends at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital:

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate everyone at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital on becoming the Center for Interfaith Cooperation's "Interfaith Ambassador of the Year" by accommodating people of all faiths and backgrounds to optimize health and wellness for all Hoosiers.

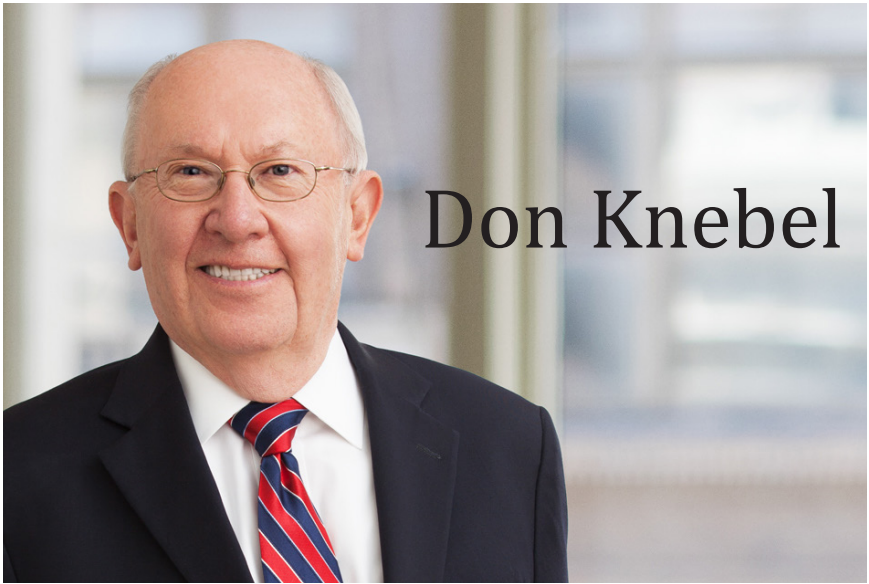
With 10 locations in Carmel, Ascension St. Vincent Hospital is an integral part of our community. Ascension's new justice-focused ABIDE program [Appreciation – Belongingness – Inclusivity – Diversity – Equity] demonstrates your long-standing commitment to social justice, compassionate action and advocacy for all, especially the most vulnerable, and is central to your core mission.

It is a privilege to recognize the Hoosier individuals who are part of the Ascension St. Vincent Hospital team and who have made significant contributions to their community with selfless devotion. The residents of Carmel join with me in sending congratulations and best wishes as you enjoy the many accolades you will undoubtedly receive for the well-deserved honor.

Very truly yours,

James Brainard  
Mayor

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*Lynn & Bill Jackson*



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Don Knebel  
*Founding CIC Board Chair*

**2016**

KP Singh

**2017**

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**2018**

Sister Norma Rocklodge

**2019**

Imam Michael Sahir

**2020**

Betty Brandt



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**Ek Onkar**  
(God is One)



*Seva karat hoai  
nahkamee  
Thiss ko hoth paraapath  
suaamee*  
“...Those who serve  
humanity  
with no ulterior motives,  
Simply in the love of God,  
They shall obtain union  
with the Lord...”

*Congratulations to  
Ascension St. Vincent Hospital !!!*

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