

Transcript of Oral History Interview with Speaker 2

Interviewee: Speaker 2

Interviewer: Speaker 1

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Abstract: Speaker 2 talks about how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected their faith and beliefs. They also talk about how their religious community has changed due to the pandemic and how that has impacted their participation with the community. What that community has been doing in regard to community service to help those affected by issues caused by the pandemic.

Speaker 1 0:00

Okay, we'll start with the first question. How has COVID-19 affected your faith or beliefs?

Speaker 2 0:07

Um, it really hasn't affected my faith or beliefs in any way particular. I still am able to read my Bible and pray and do all the same things they would do at church just from my home. My beliefs haven't changed. Everything that I feel and believe stayed the same, especially with like, Easter that just happened. We were still able to celebrate that holiday as a family. Although we weren't like all together and at church, but the point of the holiday is our beliefs. So essentially, we were still able to celebrate that from home.

Speaker 1 0:49

Okay. Second question, is your religious community still gathering currently? And how has COVID-19 affected your participation in your religious community?

Speaker 2 1:03

Our religious community is still gathering. They're doing Zoom meetings for Bible Study. They livestream the services on Facebook or their websites. They still have things on their apps that allow us to participate in things through social media. The only way it's really affected my participation is not being able to go to the church or like I participate in a weekly Bible study, so I just haven't been able to do that. Yet we still do the Bible study, basically through social media. So.

Speaker 1 1:47

Okay. Is your religious community supplying or engaged in any kind of community service in an attempt to alleviate issues caused by the pandemic? If so, what are those efforts?

Speaker 2 2:03

Yeah, our church has done things like preparing lunches, and food baskets for families in need. And they started a fundraiser with just selling like shirts, but all the money that is made is going to small businesses in our community that are struggling due to the COVID-19. So that's just a simple way. As in, like volunteering out in the public, I don't believe there's any efforts in that

way since they're still trying to remain safe themselves as leaders, but definitely trying as much as they can do.

Speaker 1 2:43

Okay. Thank you for your time.

Speaker 2 2:46

You're welcome.