

# Transcript of Oral History Interview with Speaker 2

**Interviewee:** Speaker 2

**Interviewer:** Speaker 1

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**Abstract:** Speaker 2 talks about how COVID-19 has affected their faith or beliefs. They also talk about how their religious community has changed to adjust to COVID-19 restrictions as well as what community service activated, they have engaged in.

**Interviewer 00:00**

How has COVID-19 affected your faith or beliefs?

**Interviewee 00:04**

Affected? Well, I guess it's affected my faith or beliefs because my religious practice has been affected. So, I'm a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and we have our biggest bi-yearly conference in May and April, and that conference was canceled and it was done all remotely. So that's a big deal, that's never been, that's never happened in the history of our church. And, also, our weekly meetings and all of our activities have been changed to remote. So it's, it's a big change. Yeah.

**Interviewer 00:49**

Interesting. Is your religious community still gathering currently? How has COVID-19 affected your participation in your religious community?

**Interviewee 01:00**

Hmm. So, like, I, like, I said in the first response, the first question, we are still meeting, usually on Zoom. Zoom has been very useful for us video chatting. Other than that, we deliver, we take the sacrament every week and that has been done, it was actually cancelled for a while and, as things got better, we did it through kind of delivering the bread and the water. So, it's through, it has changed the way that we engage with each other but, with all the technology that exists, it's allowed us to continue meeting in ways that are conducive to the social distancing.

**Interviewer 01:51**

And last question: is your religious community supplying or engaged in any kind of community service and attempt to alleviate issues caused by the pandemic? If so, what are those efforts?

**Interviewee 02:04**

Yeah, so there's a variety of things. One thing that we did is a variety of fasts. And what we do when we fast is we fast for 24 hours and then we donate the money that we would have spent on money. Or sorry, the, yes, the money that we would have spent on food, we donate that money. And we've had a

few of those fasts. Other than that, for religion, we are tithing is 10% of our income. So a lot of that tithing fund, as of lately has been spent on food banks and donating to charities, things like that. Um, other than that, everything that our church does is pretty localized with regards to community service. So yeah.

**Interviewer** 02:56

Very cool. Thank you so much for your time.

**Interviewee** 02:59

No, thank you for your time.