

Transcript of Oral History Interview with Speaker 2

Interviewee: Speaker 2

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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 and hasn't been impacted by the pandemic. There is also a brief discussion about any type of aid their church is offering to those in need of assistance due to the effects of the pandemic.

Speaker 1 0:00

How has COVID-19 affected your faith or belief?

Speaker 2 0:05

Personally, it has not affected my faith or my belief. I've always had a very strong faith. And I've always had strong faith because I'm a person who has pretty much been, has knocked at death's door more than once. I've been on life support. So I look at COVID-19 as another stumbling block. And with my faith is just something that another block that I can crawl over just like before.

Speaker 1 0:52

All right, next question is: are your religious communities still gathering? How has COVID-19 affected your participation in religious community?

Speaker 2 1:02

No, they are not gathering at this time. We believe that you should be safe than sorry. There are things that are within our control. However, we do believe that the power of, with the power of prayer that the COVID-19 will soon go away. It'll be something that just like any other illness or plague it'll go, go down in history. And has it affected participation in a community? Of course, you know. You're not meeting, you're not going to church on Sunday, you're not doing Bible study. It hasn't affected because everybody still has their Bible. You can always reach out for prayer over the phone. So no, it has not, not affected anything.

Speaker 1 2:10

Alright, one last question. Is your religious community supplying or engaged in any community service and attempts to alleviate the issues caused by the pandemic? If so, what are they trying to do?

Speaker 2 2:23

Well, at this time, I don't know of any churches that are doing anything. As far as like passing out food boxes or anything like that, that's something that can be given by the food bank.

However, the church does have a fund to where if people are need, because I know people are not working, if they're needing money to like pay rent, or pay the light bill, or water bill or anything like that. There, there are funds within the church that would help, and I mean, that's just a phone call away. So.

Speaker 1 3:05

Alrighty, thank you so much for doing this interview with me. I hope you have a nice day.

Speaker 2 3:10

No problem. Let me hear it.