

# Transcript of Oral History Interview with Speaker 2

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**Abstract:** Speaker 2 discusses how their faith and beliefs have been affected by COVID-19. Although no longer active in the religious organization they were raised in, they provide insight into what the community has been affected and what community service it engaged in through information given by their mother.

**Speaker 1 00:00**

How has COVID-19 affected your faith or beliefs?

**Speaker 2 00:06**

I would say it hasn't really impacted me directly in terms of my personal beliefs. But I did grow up in a faith, or an organized religion if you will. That definitely takes its, its strengths, and its inspiration from gathering and sharing in, you know, social activities with one another. So I could imagine those who partake in those activities, you know, are probably having a difficult time at this moment.

**Speaker 1 00:43**

Thank you. Is your religious community still gathering currently?

**Speaker 2 00:51**

To my knowledge, they, they currently are not. Again, I will reiterate that I have not partaken in any gatherings for, for quite some time but in the times that I was definitely under these guidelines, they're very conscientious with, you know, obeying local laws and the authorities and they simply are not, are not gathering at this time, for obvious reasons.

**Speaker 1 01:24**

How has COVID-19 affected your participation in your religious community?

**Speaker 2 01:30**

My personal participation really hasn't been affected by it, just speaking on my, on my behalf. If I still partook with the organization that I grew up with, and that I was raised with, I would imagine those who are devout in that faith would find it very difficult to cope with not being able to gather and being able to share and many activities.

**Speaker 1 02:00**

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

**Speaker 2 02:16**

The organization is very well known internationally. So, I, to my knowledge, and based on what you know, my mother tells me because she's very devout in this particular organization, and they are very much in contact with her. They do have online resources, and I would imagine they do have community outreach programs. You know, to help to help where the help is needed among their faith, obviously, keeping in mind that there are laws and there are there are rules in place health guidelines as they are very good with, with following those, those orders.

**Speaker 1 03:01**

Awesome. Thank you so much.