



# MISSION MATTERS

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### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive."*

Dalai Lama XIV

### CATHOLIC Q&A

What are the rights of workers ?

click [here](#) to hear more

### INTERFAITH CALENDAR

click [here](#) for more information

11/01: All Saints Day - Christianity  
11/02: All Souls day - Christianity  
11/12: Birth of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i  
11/20: Christ the King - Christianity  
11/21: Yule-Winter Solstice - Pagan  
11/24: Martyrdom of Guru Bahdur- Sikhism  
11/26: Day of Covenant - Baha'i  
11/30: St. Andrew's Day - Christianity



### A NOVEMBER TO NOTE!

November 1-30: Native American Heritage Month - click [here](#) for more information.



November 11: Veteran's Day - click [here](#) to learn more.



November 14-18 - National Bible Week - Take the Bible Week Student Trivia Quiz - Win Prizes! Check your emails!



November 17: Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service at 11:15 am Recital Hall



November 21: Felician Sisters Founders Day, click [here](#) to learn more!



### HOW TO FIND YOUR VOICE

by Lauren McKeithen

Your voice matters. You hold and have experienced a unique and one-of-a-kind story that belongs to you and you alone, and it matters to the world to hear your voice. It can be complicated even to begin finding our voice for many of us, but once we do and we step into fully embracing who we are and who we were made to be, sharing your voice will follow. Here are some ways to find and embrace your voice.

#### Recognize your passions.

There are passions within each of our hearts that illuminate our lives and spark excitement. Part of finding your voice is investing in your desires because they help to fuel what you have to share.

#### Recognize your strengths.

What are some of your strengths? Are there places that you naturally excel in, and practicing towards those strengths only adds to the level of skill you have? These strengths can be a conduit towards finding your inner voice.

#### Pray for clarity and discernment.

The most vital step in discovering and embracing your voice is partnering with the Lord. Ultimately, using your voice should glorify Him who graciously gave you that voice, but there must be a connection to understand how, when, and what context to use.

#### Boldly step up into your voice.

In accepting your voice, your true self, and who you were made to be, there will be a call towards becoming bold. This may look like sharing in front of great crowds, or this could look like taking a courageous leap from something you never thought you'd have the bravery to do.

#### Challenge yourself.

Life is full of challenges, whether they come from inevitable outside places or from an inner call within to give yourself a challenge or goal. At times, an internal motivation to rise is needed to get you to your next level. Click [here](#) to read full article.

## OUR CORE VALUES

*Solidarity with  
People in Need*



*Transformation*



**COMPASSION**



*Respect for  
Human Dignity*



*Justice  
and Peace*

2022-2023 Focus

## PUTTING COMPASSION INTO ACTION!

### Keep COVID-19 Testing Free For All!

As of March 22nd the federal government ran out of funds for COVID-19 testing. Without immediate action this will result in millions of Americans losing access to critically important testing.

The Federal decision to not fund COVID-19 testing thru the HRSA will adversely impact the access for uninsured to receive reliable testing.

Phoenix, AZ: Embry Health has been providing COVID-19 services to different communities across Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, New Mexico, and Washington, when communities worldwide needed a test that could result in a life-or-death situation.

We have offered over 4,000,000 tests and seen over 2,000,000 unique patients over these past two years.

Unfortunately, with the recent announcement of the HRSA program losing funding, everyone will be impacted, from medical providers to patients. Embry Health has been forced to end free testing for uninsured patients, resulting in many of our patients being affected.

"If people do not have free COVID-19 testing available, they will not get tested, putting families and loved ones at risk. Therefore, Embry Health continues to encourage Congress to authorize additional timely funding for COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccinations. This funding is critical to ensure the testing and vaccine infrastructure built by labs and providers across America remains available for all patients, regardless of insurance status," said Embry CEO Raymond Embry.

To those who have been our supporters and community partners, we thank you, because of you, we made a difference together during this pandemic. We encourage you to sign this petition to ensure that those who are not covered by insurance can continue to rely on the HRSA fund to cover claims submitted for uninsured patients who still need to be able to have access to free COVID-19 testing.

Click [here](#) to sign petition!



## THANKSGIVING - NOVEMBER 24, 2022

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

**Baha'i:** O Thou kind Lord! This gathering is turning to Thee. These hearts are radiant with Thy love. These minds and spirits are exhilarated by the message of Thy glad tidings. Confirm this revered nation to upraise the standard of the oneness of humanity, to promulgate the Greatest Peace, to become thereby most glorious and praiseworthy among all the nations of the world. Make it precious and near to Thee through Thy bounty and bestowal.

**Buddhism:** Expressions of gratitude to repay the kindness of the Buddhas whose words open the door to liberation, to our mothers for their boundless love, and to our enemies for assisting us in developing patience: What way is there to repay the Buddha who grant immeasurable benefit and who befriends the world without pretension other than by pleasing sentient beings?

**Christianity:** Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite; as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day with gratitude for your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for every man, woman, and child, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Islam:** Praise be to Allah who created us from His light with His hand and dignified us over His creatures and made us trustees of His creation and His revelation. The command of Allah has come, do not rush it. Glory be to Him; exalted above what they associate. Allah is with those who are righteous and those who are virtuous.

**Judaism:** We thank You that You are Adonai our God and God of our ancestors throughout all time. You are the Rock of our lives, the Shield of our salvation in every generation. We thank you and speak your praises for our lives that are in Your hand, for our souls that are in Your charge, for Your miracles that are with us, and for Your wonders and Your gifts that are with us at all times—evening, morning, and noon.

**Native American:** Great and Eternal Mystery of Life, Creator of All Things, I give thanks for the beauty You put in every single one of Your creations. I am grateful that You did not fail in making every stone, plant, creature, and human being a perfect and whole part of the Sacred Hoop. I am grateful that You have allowed me to see the strength and beauty of All My Relations.



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