

Transcript of Oral History Interview with Speaker 2

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Abstract: Speaker 2 talks about how the COVID-19 pandemic affected their faith and beliefs. They also talk about how their religious community has been affected by the pandemic and what community service activities it has engaged in.

Speaker 1 0:00

How has COVID-19 affected your faith or beliefs?

Speaker 2 0:03

Ah, I mean, kinda, not in a huge sense. Some things have changed, of course, but I don't know, reading Bible and such, kind of expected things like this to happen so it's not really as much of a shock, if that makes sense. But it's definitely, we definitely do take the precautions, though, and definitely done some stuff in the whirlwind. But other than that, so business as usual.

Speaker 1 0:29

Is your religious community still gathering currently? An how has COVID-19 affected your participation in your religious community?

Speaker 2 0:35

So, we're doing online stuff over Zoom, we haven't really done- we've cancelled everything, which kind of sucks who had this big of that plan for like July or something supposed to be, like, 10,000 people or something. So I had to cancel that. We do a little thing for Memorial of Jesus Christ's death, we had to cancel that when do that over Zoom, which was different was weird. It was interesting. I guess participation. As for me, personally, it's changed. But that's not really because of my future religion, just because of my work situation. They revamped everything at work through the whole thing going on. And so, I've just been half at work half at home this entire time. And slowly more is pulling me towards work, so I haven't been able to give as much as I wanted to that. But that's, that's the main reason I haven't participated much. Plus, I'm not a really big online person. I'm one of the young people don't like technology. So, when it comes to the zoom and stuff, I don't, I don't really, I don't really enjoy it. But it lets me stay home in my jammies and listen to the word so I ain't mad.

Speaker 1 1:33

Okay. Did your religious community supply or engaged in any kind of community service in an attempt to help alleviate issues caused by the pandemic? And if so, what are those efforts?

Speaker 2 1:43

Not that I know of I know we're doing stuff with I like our members. Pretty strong worldwide. So, I know we're doing stuff in, in our community. Those who are in the health field, those who are affected by. I know, when Italy got hard hit hard on our members over there, they died, they were pretty devastated that we had three or four deaths. They kind of, they reached out and help them so as far as inner, inner community going, Yeah, we've been very, very helpful to one another, but that's something we just usually do. So, but as far as outwards to the community, nothing that, I nothing out of the ordinary, um, we tried to talk to people a little bit more and try to share a little bit of good news. But as far as I know, it was gone. We're not donating much to the cause. Of course, when someone asked us for help, we're not going to say no, if you ask me right now to give me some toilet paper, asked me to read you a scripture. I'm gonna do it, but I'm not you know, I'm not gonna go out of my way to throw toilet paper over your wall, throw some masks at you. Email you scriptures every 30 seconds. That's not really what I'm here for.

Speaker 1 2:45

That's great. Thank you.