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Online Conversation About Faith, Race, and Ethnicity

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On Sunday, January 17 at 7 p.m. Adrian Miller, Executive Director of Colorado Council of Churches, will moderate the third online Changing the Legacy of Race & Ethnicity panel conversation titled “Of the Spirit,” with live Q & A. Faith leaders in Colorado Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities will discuss racial justice through a theological lens. Featured panelists are Diana Thompson, Joan Bell-Haynes, Carlos Zarur, and Kamel Elwazeir.

Rev. Diana Thompson is a Kaikyoshi minister at the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple.

Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes is the Executive Regional Minister of the Central Rocky Mountain Region, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Carlos Zarur has taught in the University of Colorado Anthropology Department and The Jewish Studies Program and is currently finishing his doctoral dissertation on Sephardic Jews in Syria and Lebanon.

Kamel Elwazeir is President of the Islamic Society of Colorado Springs.

This is the third event in Colorado Humanities’ “Changing the Legacy of Race & Ethnicity: Conversations for One America” series with the goal to encourage understanding and drive a broad discussion about the legacy of race in America and how to make changes now for a more just future. The first two panel presentations aired on the Colorado Humanities’ and select partners’ [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages, and can be viewed by clicking those links.

This series is free and broadcast live on YouTube and Facebook, thanks to our growing list of community partners and sponsors.

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