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RNS at 90: A Legacy of Trustworthy Journalism

IN 2024, RNS CELEBRATES ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY with a distinguished journalism legacy. During the 20th century, that legacy included coverage of World War II and its repercussions, the Cold War, Vietnam War, anti-apartheid movement, and civil rights, women's rights, and gay rights movements. In more recent decades, RNS covered 9/11 and its

aftermath, America's growing religious diversity, political struggles arising out of religious nationalism, the racial reckoning, pandemic, increasing secularism, and war in the Middle East.

What many people don't realize is that RNS traces its heritage to a tumultuous time jarringly similar to today. The 1920s and '30s saw increasing American ethnic and religious diversity that caused fear and backlash; the arrival of new forms of media, including radio and film; income inequality giving rise to labor unions; and the emergence of far-right ideology as an answer to upheaval.

Journalist Louis Minsky observed the role religious leaders played in fanning hatred – but also in bringing people together. So he founded what was then called "Religious News Service" to provide impartial coverage of religion at a time when no other news organization was paying attention.

RNS began as a six-page digest sent to church periodicals, eventually growing to become the only news organization of its kind, covering religion nationally and globally. At

its height, RNS produced 75 stories daily and served 100 newspapers and magazines, 200 radio stations, a dozen TV stations, and 350 church periodicals. Its clients included The New York Times, Time, Newsweek, and Life.

In a 1960 speech at the University of Missouri School of Journalism, then-managing editor Lillian Block noted that RNS provided a specific and invaluable service.

"RNS has been responsible for letting great masses of people ... know what religious groups are doing and thinking," Block said. "Recording what men of religion are saying on the spiritual implications of fast-moving developments in the fields of politics, science, economics, and education ... helping to break down the traditional hands-off policy toward religion among secular newspapers."

As we celebrate this legacy, our nation and world again confront deep uncertainty. But the RNS North Star remains nuanced, balanced, and authoritative journalism. Thank you for your support. We are honored to do this work.

Deborah Caldwell
CEO & Publisher, Religion News Foundation/Religion News Service

Nine Decades of Religion in the News

IN LATE 1920S AND EARLY 1930S AMERICA, antisemitism was ascendant, and the presidential campaign of Al Smith, the first Catholic to run for the office on a major-party ticket, heightened anti-immigrant and anti-Catholic sentiment. Meanwhile, the modern Ku Klux Klan reemerged.

In response, the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) – whose advisers included activists and politicians Jane Addams, Henry Morgenthau, and Theodore Roosevelt – formed in New York with the goal of uniting a diversifying and fracturing country.

The group realized the best way to reach the public was through newly emerging mass media. So when journalist Louis Minsky approached the NCCJ in 1934 with the idea for a news service, the NCCJ backed the idea. They believed if Americans could read about people of differing faiths and ethnicities, they would understand each other and be more inclined to get along.

So began RNS: the only news service of its kind. Here is a timeline of our history.



2020s

COVID-19 PANDEMIC
Remote worship, church attendance drops, continued rise of the "nones," First Amendment fights.



1930s

BEGINNINGS
Louis Minsky and the NCCJ found RNS.



1940s

MIGRATION
displaced people from WW2 (pictured), Partition of India, start of Second Great Migration in the U.S.



1950s

LEADERS EMERGE
Queen Elizabeth II (pictured), Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, Mother Teresa, and in the U.S., Martin Luther King Jr., Billy Graham, Pat Robertson, and Rabbi Abraham Heschel.



1970s

WOMEN'S RIGHTS
Philadelphia 11 ordained, Equal Rights Amendment, Roe v. Wade.



1960s

CULTURAL SHIFTS
Civil Rights Movement, Vietnam War and protests, countercultural movements, and Black power.



1980s

RELIGIOUS RIGHT RISES
SBC conservative takeover, influential Moral Majority, Satanic panic.



1990s

ATTEMPTED ACCORDS
Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin (left), American president Bill Clinton (middle), and Palestinian political leader Yasser Arafat (right) at the White House in 1993.



2010s

MAJOR SEPARATIONS
Ukraine splits from Russian Orthodox (pictured), Pope Benedict XVI resigns, Francis becomes pope, MeToo and ChurchToo abuse movements.



2000s

TESTING TIMES
Islamophobia rises after 9/11 attacks, Catholic clergy sex abuse scandal, "Left Behind" series, faith-based government programs.

Chronicling a Changing America



THE FOUNDING of Religion News Service 90 years ago reflected in part an expanding American view of the country's

religious landscape, not least to recognize the important contribution American Jews were making a half-century after the great tide of immigration from Europe had begun. Today, nearly 60 years after the Immigration Act of 1965 allowed entry into the U.S. of more people from Asia and the Middle East, among other places, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and others are taking their own place in American society, carving their path out of first-generation immigrant communities to make a difference

in philanthropy, politics, business, culture, and other fields.

In all these efforts, these Americans have brought the values of their faiths to bear on our national life. From Muslim relief workers answering the call when disasters strike to Hindus fighting poverty through community organizing to Buddhist doctors opening free clinics for asylum-seekers, people of faith are speaking up not just for themselves but for everyone in their communities.

Just as we did 90 years ago, RNS is chronicling this essentially American, essentially spiritual story of people lifting themselves up through faith, inspired public action, and personal pilgrimage. RNS covers these movements with a staff that

is increasingly as diverse as those who appear in our articles, and with columnists and commentators who are living the story themselves. We report on the ways longer-established faith communities are working with these groups to close the circle of need.

Detailing the changes to America's religious landscape is not only our brief as journalists, it's part of the mission RNS was born to pursue for the good of all Americans no matter their faith. It's a job we're proud to do every day.

Paul O'Donnell
Editor-in-Chief
Religion News Service

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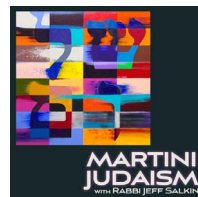
We hit record downloads, added two new shows and made plans for three more in 2024



Saved by the City

Co-hosted by Roxanne Stone & Katelyn Beaty

In its third year, this award-winning podcast continues its diverse array of guests and topics, punctuated with candor, humor, and insight as the co-hosts explore faith, friendship, and romance.



Martini Judaism

Hosted by Jeffrey Salkin

Join one of American Judaism's most prolific thought leaders and his special guests as they talk about the current state of Judaism, American culture, politics, religion, and spirituality.



The State of Belief

Hosted by Paul Brandeis Raushenbush

Explore the intersection of religion with politics, culture, media, and activism with the goal of promoting diverse religious voices in a religiously pluralistic world.



Complexified (coming 2024)

Hosted by Amanda Henderson, Iliff School of Theology

A podcast that dives into the places where religion and politics collide with real life, so we can get unstuck and make real change.

Five Stories that Defined a Turbulent Year

1



Votes on war force Washington Democrats to reckon with faith, conscience, and politics

by Jack Jenkins DECEMBER 6, 2023

The Israel-Hamas war widened existing fissures in the Democratic Party and challenged religious loyalties, with members feeling caught between their conscience and political calculation as they voted on what many saw as the fate of Israel and the future of Palestinians.

2



Breakaway Texas UMC megachurch reveals plans for new Methodist denomination

by BeLynn Hollers and Emily McFarlan Miller MAY 9, 2023

Since 2019, thousands of churches have broken from the United Methodist Church over ordaining or marrying LGBTQ members, many joining the conservative Global Methodist Church. But White's Chapel, near Dallas, showed that a larger church may chart its own course with local networks of Methodists.

3



Amid threats, California lawmaker calls bill barring caste discrimination 'right thing to do'

by Alejandra Molina APRIL 25, 2023

People of South Asian descent, particularly Dalits at the caste system's lowest strata, called the bill crucial to protect them from discrimination in housing, education, and tech sectors. But other Hindu organizations objected, saying the bill unfairly singles out Hindus and Indian Americans. (The bill later was vetoed.)

4



When making exceptions for Ramadan is no longer the exception

by Dilshad Ali MARCH 23, 2023

From high school sports practices to retailers' holiday calendars, Ramadan is at last becoming baked into American life. The shift comes after decades of efforts by American Muslim organizations and parents working at the grassroots to educate our communities.

5



Why students at a Kentucky Christian school are praying and singing round the clock

by Bob Smietana FEBRUARY 14, 2023

For more than two weeks, students at Asbury University packed their chapel and overflow spaces, holding round-the-clock prayer and worship that defied statistics on declining religiosity among Gen Z. "Authentic revivals return the church to what it is supposed to be," said one seminary professor.



White #MAGA QAnon Jesus carried during the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol. (Tyler Merbler/CC BY 2.0)

Covering Faith Amid Crisis & Change

RNS journalists cover the top issues of the day with comprehensive storytelling about important national and global issues that shape our nation and world, including:

Christian Nationalism after Jan. 6

RNS probed the ideological and theological implications of the idea that America was founded by and still belongs to Christians, and how it colored American politics and Christianity itself. We traced the phenomenon from the 15th

century Doctrine of Discovery, which justified European Christian explorers' domination of "newly discovered" lands and peoples, to the 1930s version that used the fear of communism to embrace prejudice to our contemporary attempts to weaken American democracy.

Catholic Church Reforms

Pope Francis' agenda includes welcoming LGBTQ believers, expanding women's roles, and reaching out to the farthest reaches of the globe, even as he tackles corruption with a historic prosecution of financial mismanagement and fraud. It's a tall order, especially in the face of criticism from traditionalists and the draining fight against sexual abuse. RNS has covered the Catholic story in all its complexity from Rome and Washington.



Pope Francis at the Vatican, March 15, 2023. (AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino)



Earthen lamps lit for Diwali. (Udayaditya Barua/Unsplash)

Ukraine Under Attack

Russia's invasion of Ukraine had profound implications for the Russian Orthodox Church and its fight to suppress the breakaway Orthodox Church of Ukraine. But faith was felt everywhere in the conflict, with religious groups delivering aid and resettling refugees in Poland, the U.S.,

and elsewhere, and American Jews who trace their lineage to Ukraine, conscious of the failure to save European Jews during World War II, mobilizing on behalf of the Jewish community under attack today.

War in the Holy Land

RNS has published more than 150 stories since the Oct. 7 Hamas attack and Israel's ensuing incursion into Gaza, including on-the-ground stories from Jerusalem, coverage of religious reactions globally, and reports on the rise of antisemitism and Islamophobia in the U.S. RNS also reported on the growing fissure between Israeli and American Jews that has prompted questions about the nature of Jewish identity.

Southern Baptist Divisions and Debates

RNS honed in on the turmoil in the Southern Baptist Convention over its own attempts to get a handle on sexual abuse reporting, even as it enforced its rules against women in leadership, disfellowshipping two churches with female pastors, including one founded by one of the country's most beloved and best-known preachers, Rick Warren.



A Banned Books Week display in San Jose, California. (San Jose Public Library/ CC BY-SA 2.0)

Hindu Americans Make their Mark on American Politics

A debate in California's Legislature over a bill barring caste discrimination exposed polarization among American Hindus. But the campaigns supporting and opposing the bill showcased Hindu American voices and their newfound influence in the public square. Combined with the candidacy of GOP presidential hopeful Vivek Ramaswamy, 2023 may

be remembered as the year Hindu Americans came of age politically.

The Culture War Goes Local

Since the Dobbs decision overturned Roe v. Wade, sending the abortion issue to the states, so too have a raft of other questions that divide Americans, from transgender rights to library books, become the concern of state lawmakers, mayors, and even school boards. RNS has covered how the national culture war has turned into a series of skirmishes, with local clergy and religious groups on the front lines.

Experimental Religion

RNS has kept a watchful eye on important trends and their religious impacts, including the increase in the numbers of the religiously unaffiliated, or so-called "nones," who include atheists, agnostics, "nothing in particular," and those who hold strong spiritual beliefs; people whose lives have been transformed by, not faith, but psychedelic drugs through which they have healed and connected to the mystical and divine; and the impact of artificial intelligence as it begins to play a role in faith communities and expression.

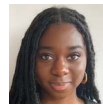


The thousand-year-old Monastery of Caves, the holiest site of Eastern Orthodox Christians, in Kyiv, Ukraine. (AP Photo/Evgeniy Maloletka)

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Honorable mention for coverage of how Sunday school is different since COVID-19

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Second Place in News Analysis

Father Tom Reese

Third place in commentary: “Signs of the Times”

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