

## Obama names 18 new faith-based council advisers

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(RNS) President Obama last week (September 24) announced the names of 18 people who will serve on his third advisory council on faith-based issues.

They include leaders of religious groups and nonprofits—from a former president of a historic black denomination to the head of an anti-hunger group to an executive of a Sikh organization.

Additional names will be announced later. Here are the appointees so far:

**Carroll A. Baltimore**, bishop and former president, Progressive National Baptist Convention.

**Preeta Bansal**, president of Social Emergence Corporation.

**David Beckmann**, president of Bread for the World.

**Kara Bobroff**, executive director of Native American Community Academy.

**Jennifer Butler**, CEO of Faith in Public Life.

**Steve Gutow**, president of Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

**Aziza Hasan**, executive director of NewGround: Muslim Jewish Partnership for Change.

**Lanae Erickson Hatalsky**, vice president, social policy and politics program, Third Way.

**David Jeffrey**, national Commander, Salvation Army USA.

**Jo Anne Lyon**, general superintendent, the Wesleyan Church.

**Michael McBride**, urban strategies director, People Improving Communities through Organizing (known as PICO).

**Nipun Mehta**, founder, ServiceSpace

**Kevin Ryan**, CEO and president, Covenant House International.

**Gabriel Salguero**, president, National Latino Evangelical Coalition.

**Stephen Schneck**, director, Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies, the Catholic University of America.

**Jasjit Singh**, executive director, Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

**Alexie Torres-Fleming**, executive director, nonprofit Access Strategies Fund.

**Deborah Weinstein**, executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.