

# DEATH PENALTY ACTION

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## Idaho Execution Opponents to Gather Sunday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Boise, ID, February 25, 2024: Faith communities and civil rights advocates across Idaho are holding events and organizing protests opposing the first scheduled execution in Idaho since 2012 on Wednesday, February 28. "Conversations About the Death Penalty" events took place on Friday at Ahavath Beth Israel synagogue in Boise and on Saturday at First United Methodist Church of Pocatello. The Cathedral of the Rockies will host a community-wide discussion at 2pm Sunday (2/25) to continue engaging Idahoans in dialog on the issue as the state's first execution since 2012 approaches.

The programs invite conversation following presentations by the daughter of a murder victim who was herself stabbed and left for dead and a former supporter of the death penalty who now heads the leading anti-death penalty organization in the country. Sunday's event in Boise will include Pastor Duane Anders of the Cathedral of the Rockies, Rev. Karen Hernandez, Sage District Superintendent for the United Methodist Church, Rabbi Dan Fink of Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel in Boise, and Leo Morales, executive director of the ACLU of Idaho. This event will be live-streamed on the social media channels of Death Penalty Action and the web page and social media channels of the [Cathedral of the Rockies](#).

Speakers (listed below, along with resource links) are also available for interviews and public policy talk shows on February 25, 26, 27 and 28. They will be present along with Idahoans at the following events.

Conversations About The Death Penalty public events will take place as follows:

- 2pm Sunday, February 25 at Cathedral of the Rockies in Boise
- 11am Tuesday, February 27 in front of the Idaho State Capitol - Delivery of thousands of [petition signatures](#) to the office of Idaho Governor Brad Little
- 7pm Tuesday, February 27 at Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Garden City
- 9am Wednesday at the entrance to the prison complex
- 9am via zoom and streaming on Death Penalty Action social media channels, a live Virtual Execution Vigil will gather death penalty opponents from across Idaho and beyond. The media is welcome. Register at [bit.ly/ThomasCreechVV](https://bit.ly/ThomasCreechVV)
- 10am Wednesday - Churches across Idaho are invited to participate in the [ForWhomTheBellsToll.org](https://ForWhomTheBellsToll.org) project, tolling their bells for two minutes at the scheduled time of execution. A list of churches known to be participating will be available on Wednesday.

These events are co-sponsored by a growing list of Idaho organizations, including the hosting faith communities, The ACLU of Idaho, Journey of Hope ... From Violence to Healing, and Death Penalty Action.

**Featured Speakers:**

Abraham Bonowitz, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Death Penalty Action and Co-Founder of L'chaim! Jews Against the Death Penalty. [Click here to watch Bonowitz's remarks at Ahavath Beth Israel synagogue in Boise on Friday, 2/24. Jump to minute 42.](#)

SueZann Bosler, daughter of Rev. Billy Bosler - Founding Board Member of Journey of Hope ...From Violence to Healing. **RESOURCE:** [Click here to find news clippings and photographs](#) from SueZann's journey from being stabbed and left for dead to winning her struggle to change the death sentence of her fathers murderer to four consecutive life sentences.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCE:** [Non-mugshot Photo of Thomas Creech](#)

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