

More About Rev. Tim

Rev. Tim was born in Pittsburgh, PA, and also lived in Illinois and Ohio as a child. As a teenager, he worked as a professional magician. He also earned his Eagle Scout Award. Tim moved to Boston, Massachusetts, to attend Emerson College, where he received his Bachelors of Fine Arts in Theater Performance. He was the creator and host of "Encore," a popular Boston radio program that featured the music and stars of Broadway and cabaret. For a number of years he was also a music and theater producer in the Boston area. Prior to entering the ministry, Tim served for eight years as Coordinator of Alumni Career Services at the Harvard Graduate School of Business, providing career counseling and transition support to business professionals.

Tim's strongest spiritual influences include Buddhism, Hinduism, Sikhism and mystical Judaism, and he incorporates elements from all these traditions into his ministry and his own spiritual life.

Rev. Tim has a passion for good theater, film, NPR, the New York Times, working out at the gym, a week at the beach, rescue dogs, and eating at various ethnic restaurants. He enjoys learning about various religions and spiritual perspectives on life and the world. He has a soft spot in his heart for New Mexico and the stark and stunning deserts of the South West. One of his proudest accomplishments was hiking down and out of the Grand Canyon in one day!

Tim has twice traveled to the West Bank of Palestine to bear witness to the impact the Israeli occupation is having on ordinary Palestinians. While there, he participated in non-violent protests against the occupation, and was tear-gassed by the Israeli Defense Forces. He spent time in Afghanistan as part of a three-person delegation assessing the current human rights situation and learning how women are creating change in the country through grass roots efforts, politics, and business initiatives. He spent time in South Africa volunteering with a team of scientists and wildlife preservationists who are monitoring a pride of lions in the northeast part of the country. Tim has also traveled to

Uganda and Rwanda to learn about both African countries, to visit the Rwanda Genocide Museum, and to trek into the rain forest to track the endangered mountain gorillas. Tim has traveled throughout Iraq to see first hand the impact of the US Invasion and Occupation, to visit Islamic Holy sites, immerse himself in Mesopotamia's rich historic legacy (Sumerian, Assyrian, Babylonian, etc.) and archeological sites, and to gain a better understanding of the religious and civil tensions that are driving this war-torn land toward a new religious civil war. While in Iraq, Tim was thrilled to visit the ruins of the ancient city of Ur, arguably the oldest city in the world. Tim has also traveled to Iran, spending time talking with Iranians about their history and present circumstances, seeing archeological sites, and visiting some truly stunning Mosques, palaces, and gardens. Most recently, he traveled in Uzbekistan.

Passionate about social justice, Tim has been involved in advocating for a immigration reform, #blacklivesmatter, gun control, living wage, environmental sustainability, death with dignity, and other progressive movements. An out and proud gay man, Tim has also been a voice for marriage equality and LGBTQ rights. Prior to coming to Fresno, Tim served on the Board of UU Mass Action, the Massachusetts legislative advocacy group that lobbies for liberal religious values at the Statehouse. He also served as President of the Massachusetts Bay District Chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association. He currently is a member of the Clergy Caucus for Faith in Fresno, the Interfaith Alliance of the Central Valley, and the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California Immigration Justice Working Group.

Feel free to contact Rev. Tim if you have any questions about the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno, his ministry, or if you would like to discuss how Unitarian Universalism might fit into your spiritual journey. He can be reached by phone at 559-322-6146 or by email. ([Click here to read a message from Rev. Tim](#))