# TANENBAUM'S 2021 IN REVIEW

#### **PEACEBUILDING**

- February: Presented at University of Wales Interfaith Studies conference on the topic of Maintaining Personal Wellbeing in Interfaith Contexts; 18 attendees.
- March: On International Women's Day,
   Tanenbaum announced two new Peacemakers in Action; the first time two women have received the award simultaneously.
  - El Salvador's Yeny Nolasco Quijada, a Catholic woman with deep connections to the Mayan Cosmovision, provides alternatives to the youth and at-risk adults of El Salvador.
  - Iraq's Fatima al-Bahadly, a Muslim woman deeply involved within her community, whose peace work targets not only those on the verge of taking up extremism but also those seeking violent recourse against it.
- March: Participated in two Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) side events with Peacemaker in Action Betty Bigombe (Uganda) on "The Role of Women in Faith-Based Organizations" and "How Religious and Traditional Actors are Advancing Women's Participation and Leadership in Public Life."
- September: The Peacemakers in Action podcast launched on the International Day of Peace, currently with over 400 unique downloads. These first two inspiring and lessons-filled new approach to case studies profile Peacemakers Buddhist peace actor Dishani Jayaweera of Sri Lanka and Christian peace actor Rev. Jacky Manuputty of Indonesia.
- All year: 22 of 29 living Peacemakers in Action from 17 countries participated in 18 Network calls. They provide updates on their work and lend solidarity to and inspire hope in one another.











## **HEALTH CARE**

- January: Released comprehensive resource on the intersection of vaccines and religion which was also adapted and disseminated to corporations.
- December: Updated Medical Manual for Religiocultural Competence to include a chapter on the Bahá'í Faith.
- December: Released updated paper on LGBTQ care at faith-based hospitals with better practices for serving this diverse community.\*
- All year: Trained over 100 medical professionals in religio-cultural competence.

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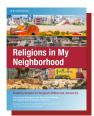


### **EDUCATION**

- April: Over 40 New York City teachers participate in professional development sessions created through a partnership with the Department of Education and developed skills of understanding, communicating, and resolving conflicts across lines of religious identity.
- May: Education trains over 60 faculty and students in the Gaynor McCown Expeditionary Learning School community on understanding and combating religious bias.\*
- June: Tanenbaum CEO, Rev. Mark Fowler speaks with the National PTA on how parents, teachers, and administrators can support religious diversity at schools.
- August: Education launches second editions of its Religions in My Neighborhood and World Olympics curricula, with new and updated lessons that are interactive, easy to use, and aligned with national learning standards. Teachers reaching over 5,000 students access the new curricula.\*
- September: Five New York City teachers join Tanenbaum's pilot Education Advisory Board to develop best practices in inclusive education.\*\*
- November: Over 40 faculty and students from the Academy of Mount Saint Ursula benefit from Tanenbaum's trainings on understanding and resolving conflicts regarding religious identity.\*
- December: Tanenbaum's Education program received a 75% increase in new funding, allowing us to update resources and provide more hands-on support to teachers incorporating lessons and practices for respect in their classrooms.
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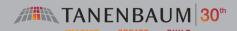


### **WORKPLACE**

• May: Completed first ever virtual Religious Diversity Leadership Summit, "Do the Work: Build a Bigger Table", with a 59% increase in registrations. The virtual format, along with the session recordings, enhanced inclusion and accessibility by accommodating a global audience of over 10 countries. Participants heard from award-winning advocate, storyteller and executive, Sarah Eagle Heart about four levels of oppression and change; learned how peacebuilding techniques can be applied in the workplace; and how being a woman faith and belief impacts employees and workplaces.

#### • Throughout the year:

- Tanenbaum now has over 50 member companies and Tanenbaum exceeded \$500,000 in revenue for the first time ever, reflecting an increased interest in understanding how religion is present in the workplace and how it intersects with other identities.
- Completed a record 60+ WP trainings conducted in front of 8,000+ employees.
- Assisted companies in building out new interfaith employee resource groups (ERGs).



#### **INTERRELIGIOUS AFFAIRS**

- February: At the University of Dublin Centre for Interreligious Dialogue, Judy Banki lectured to over 100 students, academics, and colleagues. Judy's lecture was an in-depth examination of the history of interfaith studies spanning the past 60 years, especially highlighting her historic role in the Vatican II document, Nostra Aetate.
- November: Judy was a guest lecturer at Providence College on the behind-the-scenes struggles and triumphs during Vatican Council II which resulted in the publication of Nostra Aetate. The lecture gave students a solid background on how Nostra Aetate informs the current relationship between the Catholic Church and the Jewish community.





Judith Banki, Senior Advisor, Interreligious Affairs, Tanenbaum









Tanenbaum Takes a Night Off! Tanenbaum's 2021 comedy show at Comic Strip Live