

# Celebrate International Human Rights Day!

**Free - Open to Everyone**

**Thursday Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm – 5:00pm**  
**Downtown Public Library, Main Auditorium**  
**615 Church Street, Nashville TN 37219**

The 2010 United Nations theme for Human Rights Day is to honor "Human Rights Defenders who Act to End Discrimination." Speaking to that will be the **Rev. Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, Jr.**, son of the late Rev. Kelly Miller Smith, Sr., noted for his prominent role as an activist and leader during Nashville's civil rights movement.

An awards ceremony will honor three lifelong human rights advocates for their dedication to and courage in making human rights a reality for us all. Receiving the awards will be:

- **Rev. Dr. Don Beisswenger**, retired Vanderbilt Divinity School professor, who was imprisoned in 2004 for his act of civil disobedience against the School of the Americas
- **Dr. Tommie Morton-Young**, author, scholar and activist advocating for women, minorities, and the disadvantaged, who initiated hearings by the US Commission on Civil Rights on pay equity for women and minorities and school placement of students.
- **Ms. Jocelyn Dan Wurzburg, J.D.**, attorney and civil rights activist, who authored Tennessee's first law on antidiscrimination in employment and public accommodations and founded the Memphis Chapter of the Panel of American Women to help heal the breach following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Members of a panel will discuss the paths they took to become human rights defenders and the challenges they face in Nashville. Panelists include:

- **Ms. Kasar Abdulla**, Director of Advocacy and Education, Tennessee Immigrants and Refugees Rights Coalition
- **Father Joseph Breen**, Pastor, St. Edward's Catholic Church
- **Mr. José González**, Co-founder, Conexión Américas and Instructor, Belmont University
- **Dr. Oscar Miller** (TSU) Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Sociology, Tennessee State University
- **Ms. Hedy Weinberg**, Executive Director, Tennessee ACLU
- Moderator: **Ms. Mary Pat Williams Silveira**, President, Nashville Cordell Hull Chapter, United Nations Association-USA

**Ms. Beverly Watts**, Executive Director, Tennessee Human Rights Commission, will be Master of Ceremonies for the event.

More details on the website:

[www.NashvilleHumanRights.org](http://www.NashvilleHumanRights.org)



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