



VAIL INTERFAITH CHAPEL

— 50 Years —

The Spiritual Heart of Vail

ABOUT

The Vail Religious Foundation greatly appreciate your interest in keeping alive the faith, spiritual and community center that has served us so well since 1969.

MISSION

For over 50 years, the Vail Religious Foundation has welcomed six congregations under one roof at the Vail Interfaith Chapel. We support and enrich the spiritual life of our community as a center for faith and worship, education, emergency services, support groups and the arts. We cultivate collaboration through interfaith dialogue, celebrating unity and cherishing diversity as part of one global human family.

VISION

- The Vail Interfaith Chapel remains as a foundational center of faith and spiritual life for residents and guests of the Vail Valley and beyond.
- The Vail Interfaith Chapel continues to be the Town of Vail's vital community center for weddings and life events, arts, education, faith, stranded travelers, support groups, and more.
- The Vail Interfaith Chapel continues to be a nonpartisan sanctuary for residents and guests together for dialogue, inspiration, healing and joy.
- As a founding interfaith chapel in the United States, Vail's will continue to provide a framework for and inspire others, both new and old.

HISTORY

The Vail Religious Foundation was formed in 1963 to explore the construction of a mountain chapel dedicated to worship and community service. It was a novel idea in the early 1960s, as the chapel at the Air Force Academy was the only such building in Colorado, and one of very few in the country.

After receiving a general land grant from Vail Associates on the banks of Gore Creek, the VRF broke ground in 1968, and the Vail Interfaith Chapel was completed in November, 1969. A packed house witnessed Pastor Tom Stone of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Pastor Don Simonton of Mount of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church as they co-dedicated the new building.



The North Chapel, a caretaker's apartment and the adjacent Ministry Building were added in 2000, augmenting the Vail Interfaith Chapel's capacity to serve not only B'nai Vail Jewish congregation and several Christian faiths, but the community as a whole.

One of the most important uses of the Chapel buildings is as an aid station and emergency shelter for stranded tourists. It now hosts nearly 20 Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon and similar support group meetings every week. In the summer, the Chapel is host to 12 Bravo! Vail chamber concerts and discussions, Vail Symposium presentations, and bridge groups, knitting groups, bible studies, meditation, Mahjong and more.

We ask for your help in ensuring the Vail Interfaith Chapel's place in the history of the Town of Vail and the Vail Valley, and securing it as the spiritual heart of Vail for future generations.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support!

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