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**Sana Masnavi**
Diverse perspectives on faith and justice. Ms. Masnavi is a Change Agent for Social Change. She is the Director of Strategic Initiatives at Essential Partners, a national ethical leadership organization. Ms. Masnavi has facilitated, designed, and supported dialogue initiatives in the U.S. and internationally. She contributed to President-Elect Joe Biden’s AAPI Faith Advisory Council. Ms. Masnavi holds a PhD, MPhil, and MA from Columbia University, an MTS from the University of Cambridge, and a B.A. from Smith College.

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Designing, facilitating, and supporting dialogue initiatives to help people come together respectfully and listen to one another, drawing on her background as a teacher, urban planner, and community organizer. Petalos previously served as the Director of Strategic Initiatives at Essential Partners.

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Advancing civic engagement and religious freedom in the US. She is the author of America’s Faiths: An Interfaith History of America and founding director of the Interfaith Center of New York.

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**Russell Muñoz**
Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame. He is the author of two books on constitutional law, including Religious Liberty in the United States and The First Amendment’s Religion Clauses: A Constitutional History. He has won the Wig Award for Excellence in Teaching three times.

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An expert in education research. Rana likes to spend her free time volunteering at different NYC organizations.

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Post-doctoral researcher at the University of Pennsylvania and astrobiologist. She is currently working on understanding the evolution of life on Earth.

**Susan McWilliams Barndt**
A sociologist specializing in political thought, American political philosophy, and American political history. She is currently working on a book on the history, meaning, and future of liberal education and is writing a book for Princeton University Press about his experiences as a student and teacher.

**Roger Williams University and Dartmouth**
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**Roosevelt Montás**
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