



**INAUGURATION OF RABBI DANIEL L. LEHMANN,  
EIGHTH PRESIDENT OF THE GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION**

- WHEREAS,** The Graduate Theological Union (GTU) in Berkeley was founded in 1962 as a unique ecumenical partnership between Bay Area seminaries and has grown to become a premier hub of interreligious and interdisciplinary thought, study, and practice, featuring a unique multireligious collaboration between schools, academic centers and institutes, and a cooperative relationship that enables access to the unparalleled resources of the University of California, Berkeley; and
- WHEREAS,** The Graduate Theological Union functions not only as a consortium and academy, but as a dynamic laboratory that provides scholar-innovators with a staging ground to reimagine the future of interreligious life, equips leaders to translate the wisdom of the world's diverse religions and wisdom traditions into tangible action, and serves as an educational and theological resource for local communities, the nation, and the world; and
- WHEREAS,** Rabbi Daniel L. Lehmann was selected to be the eighth president of the Graduate Theological Union, and is the first non-Christian president in the institution's 57-year history, having been chosen for his dedication to the kind of interreligious scholarship and dialogue to which the GTU and its board of trustees are committed; for his entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to academic freedom and excellence; and for his belief that the GTU can serve as a model of religious and cultural pluralism; and
- WHEREAS,** Rabbi Lehmann will be inaugurated as eighth president of the GTU on October 24, 2019, at the International House in Berkeley.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, **Jesse Arreguin**, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby celebrate the **Inauguration of Rabbi Daniel L. Lehmann, Eighth President of the Graduate Theological Union**, and encourage all local residents to honor this Inauguration day.

*Jesse Arreguin*

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Mayor



October 24, 2019