

PBS AMERICAN PORTRAIT

EVERYONE HAS A STORY. TELL YOURS.

FAITH STORIES/TRADITIONS - FOR PBS STORY-SHARING PLATFORM

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PBS' crowdsourced storytelling project, *American Portrait*, is looking to hear from **religious communities!** Currently, we're looking for participants to answer the prompt "**The tradition I carry on is...**" with stories about religious/faith traditions they're ending, changing, adjusting, adapting and/or creating because of any of the reasons listed below:

- the pandemic (health & safety concerns)
- money problems (can be micro or macro -- personal/family finances or institutional budget shortfalls, etc.)
- social change (i.e.: traditions that were racist, sexist, exclusionary, etc.)
- technological change (new possibilities in the digital age)
- generational change (changing interests, priorities, etc.)
- environmental change (disappearing coastline, changing weather patterns, etc.)
- theological change (changing ideas about God(s), changing interpretations of sacred texts, etc.)

Share your story with *American Portrait*, and you could be featured on the American Portrait TV Show, website or social media channels! With YOUR story, you get to represent and give a voice to others in your community via a short-self-recorded video answering the prompt "**The tradition I carry on is...**"

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Participants can be **located ANYWHERE in the United States.**
- Your story, once uploaded, will live on the online story-telling platform.
- Your submission might be included in one of American Portrait's featured collection, social media highlight reel, or for the documentary series slated to broadcast nationally on PBS in late 2020 & 2021.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE - 5 EASY NEXT STEPS:

- 1) Visit [PBS American Portrait](#)
- 2) Go to our website, select the prompt "The tradition I carry on is..." and think of how you will complete it with your story. **SHOWING US THESE TRADITIONS (through visuals and actions) vs. Telling us is encouraged!**
- 3) Create a 20-60 second (approx) self-recorded video answering the prompt (*ideally in the next 48 hours*). The more visual, creative (i.e. showing a part of your life or narrating over photos, etc.) the better, but not required. **NOTE: No need to introduce yourself on video, simply start video with your selected prompt and then get right into your answer.**
- 4) [Upload to the website](#) - this will require to register your email, and you will receive a link once uploaded. **NOTE: DO NOT email your video or send as an attachment. It must be uploaded to the platform (Chrome recommended over Safari) [HOW TO UPLOAD STORY TUTORIAL](#)**
- 5) *Optional:* Once your story is uploaded, you will receive a link to share. Please share your story to your Social Media page/s and nominate a friend or family member whose answer you'd like to see (related to your topic or another topic)

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Videos strongly encouraged. Other options include compelling/visual photo with caption that answers a prompt, or a text response answering a prompt (800 characters)