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Press Release

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## **Bishop Irish to Speak on Finding Common Ground**

At the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Common Good Award Luncheon, **Bishop Carolyn Tanner Irish, the 10<sup>th</sup> bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah will speak on “What’s Common about the Common Good?” The Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Leigh von der Esch and the Utah Film Commission will also be honored at the event on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at the Little America Hotel (500 South Main Street). The event is from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lt. Governor Greg Bell will also provide remarks.

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir originated in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and ever since has inspired Utahns and brought positive attention to our state. Since 1929, the Choir has produced its weekly *Music and the Spoken Word*, the nation’s longest-running continuous broadcast. In 1962, the program began to be televised. Today, *Music and the Spoken Word* is heard on more than 2,000 radio and TV stations and cable systems. The Choir is composed of 360 volunteer singers, ages 25 to 60.

Formed in 1974, the Utah Film Commission is a part of the Governor's Office of Economic Development and encourages companies from around the world to use Utah as their backdrop. More than 800 films and TV movies have been filmed in the Beehive State.

From 1985 to 2008, Leigh von der Esch served as director of the Utah Film Commission, helping to greatly increase the state’s visibility for TV, film and magazine productions. While she continues to oversee the Utah Film Commission, she is also the managing director of the Utah Office of Tourism, marketing Utah to the world.

In 1996, Envision Utah created the Common Good Award to recognize organizations and individuals whose values and actions benefit the community as a whole. Envision Utah is a nationally recognized, non-partisan, non-profit organization of community leaders that engages people to create and sustain communities that are beautiful, prosperous, healthy and neighborly for current and future residents.

The public is welcome. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$500 for a table of ten (\$26 per ticket or \$260 per table is tax deductible).

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