

I Am My Brother's Keeper: Confronting Islamophobia

Conference Preview Number Two

A premiere interfaith conference of Jews, Christians and Muslims taking place Friday and Saturday, May 6th and 7th at Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Seattle: "*I Am My Brother's Keeper: Confronting Islamophobia*." In anticipation for this conference, we are sending out weekly previews to better acquaint you with a few of our featured speakers, workshops, and special events being presented at the conference.

Here are five more of the outstanding workshops being offered at the conference:

"Sharia, Canon Law, and the Constitution", a panel discussion with Seattle-based attorney Salah Dandan, an advisor on Saudi law and Sharia issues; and Jim Brooks, a judge with the three Washington State Roman Catholic dioceses as well as two in Alaska and the Archdiocese of Portland.

"Building Alliances to Protect Civil Liberties", focusing on communities of faith, and co-led by Arsalan Bukhari, state executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the largest national organization presenting Islamic perspectives on issues important to the public; and Marilyn Mayers, of the East Shore Unitarian Church, Bellevue, and former teacher of Modern Near Eastern Studies.

"The Revolution Will Be On the Web" How to respond to hate propaganda on the internet will be this workshop's focus, led by Abigail Stahl, state outreach coordinator for CAIR and former intercultural director of Seattle Pacific University's associated Students, and with studies in South Africa.

"Myths About Islam", a panel of six local Muslims from very diverse backgrounds responding to myths, misunderstandings, and conspiracy theories about mainstream American Muslims.

"Love of God and Neighbor: The Islamic Perspective": an examination of the teachings and traditions of Islam and how in recent years these have been misused. Led by Mohammad Fani, interfaith chair at the Islamic Educational Center, Seattle, a manager in a real estate business, an instructor at Edmonds Community College, and whose view is to raise awareness of the dignity of differences between religious beliefs; Hameed Afsari, Microsoft software engineer who works with Muslim youth and children to both preserve Muslim tradition and culture as well as to build inter-faith bridges; and Shirley Gazori.

For more information about the conference click on:

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