

I Am My Brother's Keeper: Confronting Islamophobia

A premiere interfaith conference of Jews, Christians and Muslims will take 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 will be sending weekly previews to better acquaint you with a few of our featured speakers, workshops, and special events being presented at the conference.

A dozen outstanding workshops are planned, with such critical topics as:

“Encounter Between Muslims and the West”, led by Yvonne Haddad, professor of the History of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations at the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at George Washington University. Her fields of expertise include twentieth-century Islam, intellectual, social and political history in the Arab world, and Islam in North America and the West. A Syrian Christian (Presbyterian), she is the author and editor of a number of books, including *Muslim Christian Encounters* and *Islam, Gender, and Social Change*. Professor Haddad will also be a keynote speaker at the conference.

“Islamophobia in U.S. Middle East Policy”, with Kathleen Christison, former CIA political analyst focusing on the Middle East and the Israeli-Palestine conflict, and author of *Perceptions of Palestine* and *The Wound of Dispossession*.

“Jesus Christ and His Mother Mary: A Muslim Point of View” led by Alaa Badr, an activist in the areas of Islamic Education and outreach programs for inter-faith dialog, an engineer by background, he spends about 50% of his time traveling to different countries. He is also a major proponent of Social Media and Open Source one of the engines for growth for the software industry in emerging economies.

“Three Cups of Tea”, God's creative diversity, co-led by Iman Jamal Rahman, a Sufi minister and co-founder of Seattle's Interfaith Community Church, adjunct faculty at Seattle University, radio host and author of *The Fragrance of Faith*; and Rabbi Ted Falcon, internationally known spiritual guide, author of *Getting to the Heart of Interfaith*, teacher and student of Jewish meditation and Kabbalah for over forty years. Imam Jamal will also be one of the conference keynote speakers.

For more information about the conference click on the site below. Tickets are selling fast!

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