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- Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center
- John Calvin Presbyterian Church
- Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
- Mustafa Islamic Center
- Ravensworth Baptist Church
- St. Alban's Episcopal Church
- St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
- Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action
- Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services
Community Interfaith Liaison Office

Facilitators ...

We wish to express our appreciation for the facilitators who have generously donated their time to support the dialogue tonight.:

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Interfaith Communities for Dialogue

Fear and Faith In Our Community: Sacred texts as instruments of peace or hate



**Sunday, November 14, 2010
John Calvin Presbyterian Church
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Dialogue Ground Rules ...

- The time is shared equally.
- One person speaks at a time.
- Speak from your own experiences; use "I" not "we/they."
- Listen carefully and respectfully to increase your understanding – not to formulate your response.
- Ask questions out of curiosity.
- Be willing to examine your assumptions and judgments.

The Ground Rules will foster community dialogue:

Open-mindedness by listening to and respecting all points of view

Acceptance by suspending judgment

Curiosity by seeking to understand rather than to persuade

Discovery by questioning old assumptions; Looking for new insights.

Sincerity by speaking for yourself about what has personal heart and meaning

Brevity by going for honesty and depth

Program ... 1:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

1:45 p.m. Registration

2:00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction of Maureen Fielder
Marie Monsen, Chairman
Interfaith Communities for Dialogue

2:05 pm The Panel
Maureen Fielder, Moderator
Rabbi Ita Paskind, Olam Tikvah
The Very Rev. Grayce O'Neill, St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Imam Zia, Mustafa Center

3:20 pm Small Group Dialogues

4:05 pm Small Group Dialogue Report Outs and
Questions and Answer Session

Dialogue Questions

1. Which comments from the clergy did you find most valuable?
2. Describe personal experiences in which a member of your faith either:
 - a) used text from your faith to justify fear or intolerance toward members of another faith;
 - b) or cited text from another faith that appeared to justify fear of that other faith and its members' motives.
3. How did you feel about being put in that situation? How did you respond? Did the clergy's comments give you any ideas for how to deal with a similar situation in the future?
4. What are the key take aways for you when you leave this dialogue?

(Facilitator will brief back to the larger group)