Supporters ...

- All Dulles Area Muslim Society Center (ADAMS Center)
- Baha'i McLean and Great Falls Spiritual Assembly
- Chesterbrook Baptist Church
- Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action
- Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services Community Interfaith Liaison Office
- Lewinsville Presbyterian Church
- McLean Community Center
- Rumi Forum
- Temple Rodef Shalom

Facilitators ...

We wish to express our appreciation for the facilitators who have generously donated their time. McLean Community Connection Dialogues are supported by trained facilitators including;

Mogitha Alkibsi
Sandra Amen-Bryan
Gisou Eskandaran
Taalibah Hassan
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McLean Community Connections' 12th Community Dialogue ...

What Hate Brings to our Community

McLean Community Connections

Fostering interactive, multicultural dialogue for better understanding within communities...

Questions for our Community

Thursday, May 13, 2010
McLean Community Center
7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

McLean Community Connections Dialogue . . . . . May 13, 2010

What is a dialogue?

Dialogue is an open, respectful exchange of ideas and opinions that allows a group of people to explore differences, find commonalities, and think together.

What is the purpose of these dialogues?

- To provide persons of different cultural, ethnic, and faith groups with an opportunity to share and interact in a safe, facilitated setting as a way to promote deeper conversations and understanding.
- To help create resilience within the community to more effectively deal with any future emergencies.

How did these dialogues get started?

- Community dialogues were initiated in 2003 by McLean Community Connections, a group of McLean residents.
- Dialogues were prompted by the growth of a post 9/11 environment reflecting signs of fear, distrust and anger.
- Dialogue partners have included the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office, Federal Government-Community Resilience Project, Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action, and the George Mason University Institute of Conflict Analysis and Resolution.
- The McLean Community Connections dialogues received a 2004 National Association of Counties Achievement Award.

Program ... 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

Welcome	Dr. Jackie Eghrari-Sabet, Chairperson McLean Community Connections (MCC)
Dialogue	Jean Wise, Co-Chair MCC Facilitation Subcommittee
Report Out & Conclusion	Dr. Jackie Eghrari-Sabet, Chairperson

Dialogue Questions ...

- What have been your experiences with hate in our community?
- What happens in our community when there is hate?
- How do we learn to hate?
- What can we do as individuals and as a community to turn hate into understanding?

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.