



## Partners ...

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

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**McLean Community Connections**  
presents a community dialogue...



**Thursday, April 6, 2006**

**McLean Community Center**  
6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

## 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, 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 ... 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

- Reception/Registration
- Welcome ... Dr. Jackie Eghrari-Sabet, Chairperson  
McLean Community Connections
- Guidelines/Facilitation ... Leah Rampy, Ph.D.  
Chairperson, Facilitation Subcommittee
- Film Clips from "Crash" ... Gregg Skall
- Dialogue
- Dialogue Report Out
- Conclusion

## 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.

## Dialogue Questions ...

- Have you had an experience when you were treated disrespectfully because of race, religion, or ethnic origin? What are ways in which we may create victims in our community?
- Can you think of a time when a crisis seemed to generate fear and bias for you or those around you? How did you deal with that situation? Would you do anything differently today?
- The police detective says, "I think we miss that touch so much that we crash into each other just so we can feel something." What did you think about that statement? Are there times in our community when we miss the "touch" and, if so, what are the consequences? What might you be willing to commit to for the sake of more "touch" in our community?