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

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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McLean Community Connections'
Community Dialogue ...

*I'm Right! You're wrong!
Can We Talk?*



Thursday, November 1, 2007

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
- Dialogue Leah Rampy, Ph.D.
Chairperson, Facilitation Subcommittee
- Report Out Leah Rampy, Ph.D.
- Conclusion Dr. Jackie Eghrari-Sabet, Chairperson

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