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- McLean Community Center
- Rumi Forum
- 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' 9th Community Dialogue ...

Our Many Traditions



Iftar Dinner Hosted by
the
Rumi Forum

Thursday, September 25, 2008

McLean Community Center
6:15 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.

- Registration
- Welcome Dr. Jackie Eghrari-Sabet, Chairperson
McLean Community Connections
- Iftar Dinner Jena Luedtke, Director
Center for Interfaith and Intercultural
Dialogue
Rumi Forum
- Dialogue Leah Rampy, Ph.D.
Chairperson, Facilitation Subcommittee

Imam Mohamed Magid
Executive Director and Imam
All Dulles Area Muslim Society Center
- 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.