

## ***Interfaith Discussion Series – February 2020***

*“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8*

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*“People, We created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes so that you should get to know one another.” Holy Qur'an: Chapter 49:13*

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*"He has told you, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: only to do justice And to love goodness, And to walk modestly with your God." Micah 6:8*

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Masjid As-Salaam, Beth Shalom Synagogue and Forest Lake Presbyterian Church are sponsoring an interfaith discussion on three Thursdays (6:30-8:30pm) in February 2020. Imam Omar Shaheed, Rabbi Jonathan Case and Rev. Ellen Fowler Skidmore invite you to participate in a three part, interfaith discussion to celebrate what we share (as the world's three Abrahamic, monotheistic faiths), to learn more about our different beliefs and practices, and to build relationships with our Columbia neighbors. Dr. Walter Edgar, (USC Professor Emeritus) will be our moderator for each evening.

Thursday, February 13 – Beth Shalom Synagogue  
5827 N. Trenholm Road Columbia 29206

Thursday, February 20 – Masjid As-Salaam  
@ Lutheran Theological Seminary – Stavros Auditorium  
1010 Wildwood Ave. Columbia 29203

Thursday, February 27 – Forest Lake Presbyterian Church  
6500 N. Trenholm Road Columbia 20296

Each evening will begin with an educational introduction to the worship practices and sacred spaces of each congregation. Then, the three clergy will speak to a question, which will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Edgar.

These events are free of charge, but **to be admitted you are required to have a ticket and identification.** This means that there are a limited number of tickets for each night based on seating, and that participants will not be admitted without a ticket from their congregation.

This measure is both to control the size of the event and for security purposes. You will be asked to leave your backpacks and bags at home or in your car. Questions for this moderated discussion will be collected in writing both before you come and also each evening. Following the presentation each evening, all participants will be invited to share in a light reception.

**Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis and each individual can reserve as many as three tickets for each night, but every ticket must be associated with the name of the person attending, which will be confirmed at the door. To reserve your tickets CALL the church office beginning on January 6th. Questions that you would like to have addressed should be emailed to [ellenskidmore@flpc.org](mailto:ellenskidmore@flpc.org) with "Interfaith Discussion" in the subject line.**

Education Ministry and Session are proud to sponsor this discussion and hope that it will provide both accurate information about the beliefs of our Jewish and Muslim neighbors, and will also allow us to stand together for mutual respect and understanding, and against hate.