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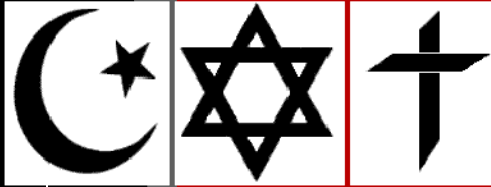


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BEING IN PRAYER

PRAYER IN OUR BEING

DAY OF DIALOGUE
Sunday
OCTOBER 23, 2011
1:30—5:00 P.M.



hosted by
First Presbyterian Church

3231 W. Tilghman Street
Allentown PA 18104

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Aligning our lives and our wills with God – how simple it sounds and how challenging it is! Our Day of Dialogue will center on the practice and experience of prayer in many of its dimensions. For some, prayer is something for us to “be in,” while for others prayer is something that is in our being. Not only between religious communities but also within them, different understandings of prayer and varied prayer practices add richness to our experience and insight.

Brief presentations by Muslim, Jewish, and Christian presenters will stimulate our dialogue throughout an afternoon devoted to small-group discussion. We will meet in mixed groups facilitated by experienced leaders affiliated with the IJCU of Muhlenberg College. The discussion will lead us into consideration of several facets of prayer, including the public-private spectrum in framing our prayer, the dynamics of formal/obligatory and free/voluntary prayer, and spoken prayer in relation to silence as prayer. Participants will share their own experience with prayer and will learn from others about very different experiences.

Prayers

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

CHRISTIAN:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

JEWISH:

Lord our God hear our voice. Have compassion upon us, pity us, accept our prayer with loving favor. You listen to entreaty and prayer. Do not turn us away unanswered, our King, for you mercifully heed your people's supplication. Praised are you, Lord who hears prayer.

MUSLIM:

Our Lord! Condemn us not if we forget or fall into error;
Our Lord! Lay not on us a burden like that which you put on those before us;
Our Lord! Lay not on us a burden greater than we have strength to bear. Blot out our sins, and grant us forgiveness. Have mercy on us. You are our protector; help us against those who stand against faith.

Pray as if everything depended on God; act as if everything depended on you. Whoever rises from prayer better persons, their prayers are answered.

PROGRAM

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Fellowship Hall

Enter the parking lot from Cedar Crest Blvd and enter the building from the north side; the Fellowship Hall will be the first room on your left

Program Schedule

- 1:00 P.M. – Registration
- 1:30 P.M. – Introductions
- 1:40 P.M. – Public/private prayer
- 3:00 P.M. – Break
- 3:15 P.M. – Obligatory/free prayer
- 4:00 P.M. – Silent/spoken prayer
- 4:45 P.M. – Wrapping up

There will be *halal/kosher* snacks and beverages available throughout the afternoon for all participants.

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Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____
Congregation/Masjid _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Make check payable to:
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Check enclosed: _____
_____ seat/s at \$10 per person
_____ seats at \$25 per entire family
(take a \$5 deduction with your IJCU program discount coupon; max: 1 per person, 3/family)

Please return this registration form by October 10, 2011 to:

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