

THE INTERFAITH BRIDGING INITIATIVE and the
HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA Present



Sunday, October 19, 2008 • 1:00–7:30 PM
University of Minnesota Law School, 229 19th Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Keynote Speaker: Kenneth Fox

Director: Conflict Studies Programs, Hamline University

Admission: \$20.00 (Includes dinner and parking). Students: \$10.00.

Events and Activities

- Breakout Sessions
- Art Show: Paintings from Najaf, Iraq and the Twin Cities
- Dinner
- Dance Performances
- Music

We are confronted with many contentious issues... **Abortion** **Immigration**
Separation of Church and State **Fundamental Differences in Faith**
Gay Marriage

Seven different Breakout Sessions will be offered – each providing tools for dealing responsibly and compassionately with these and many other areas of conflict.

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THE GIFTS AND CHALLENGES OF CONTROVERSY: TOOLS FOR DEEP CONNECTION

With the emergence of our global village, it is becoming increasingly difficult to turn our backs on those whose world views conflict with our own. Fortunately, new ways of understanding conflict and new tools for responding to it have become available. Participants in this conference can expect to come away with: (a) a heightened appreciation for how deeply difficult situations can become bridges to deepened connections and (b) practical tools for handling controversy... whether religious, political, ethical or otherwise.

BREAKOUT FACILITATORS:

Arvint Auluck-Wilson
Joan Haan
Cheryl Kartes
Carolyn Levy
Margarita Mack
Barbara Nordstom Loeb
Jeanne Zimmer

DANCERS

Mary Easter
Kairos Dance Theatre
Virginia Rovainen
Joan Haan
Ira Gordon

CO-SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

The Center for Religious Inquiry (CRI)
The Community of Christ, Headwaters Division
The Interfaith Performing Arts Ministry
The Minneapolis Council of Churches

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

The Dispute Resolution Center
Hamline University, Conflict Studies Programs
The Islamic Center of Minnesota
Mayim Rabim Reconstructionist Congregation
The Minnesota Council of Churches
The Minnesota Rabbinical Association
The St. Paul Area Council of Churches
The St. Paul Interfaith Network (SPIN)
United Way Cultural Dynamics

ART SHOW CURATED BY:

Mayr Boros
Heather Muller
Ira Gordon

MUSIC

David Nyberg
Chris Kliesen Wehrma

PRE-REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

To register go to
www.interfaithings.org
and follow prompts to register.

Or make your check payable to Mall Area Religious Council and mail to: **Gifts and Challenges Conference, MARC, 305 E. 77th St., Richfield, MN 55423.** On the memo line, be sure to write GCC. Also please include an e-mail address or, absent that, a postal address and a telephone number.

All pre-registrants will receive a packet of information in advance of the conference including exact travel instructions.

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