

THIS EVENING'S SPEAKERS:

Imam Mohamed Ibrahim has been an Imam and teacher for 27 years at several Mosques in the United Kingdom and the United States. For the last 16 years he has been Director of the Islamic Society of the Seacoast Area and Imam at the Mosque in Dover. American by birth, he spent most of his childhood in Iraq and received Islamic and Arabic education in Baghdad. He continued his education in the UK, focusing on Qur'anic studies and history while also pursuing graduate studies in Engineering. He lives with his family in Portsmouth and works as a Principal Engineer in the power generation industry.

Rabbi William Leffler was a Reform Rabbi of Jewish congregations in Concord, NH, and Lexington, KY. He is also the author of two books, "Jews and Mormons: Two Houses of Israel" and "The Structure of Religion: Judaism and Christianity". Rabbi Leffler currently lives in Kennebunkport.

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland joins us as both moderator and participant on behalf of First Parish Church in York, Maine, a member of The United Church of Christ. Before coming to First Parish five years ago, Pastor Anna pastored churches in Chicago and northern Colorado in a ministry that spans nearly three decades. She is a proponent of Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue, serving 11 years as a Trustee for the Chicago Theological Seminary and as a Board member for the Fund for Theological Education in Atlanta. She is the author of the Pastor's Pen weekly devotional series and a book called "Sex and the Spirit", published in 2014.

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INTERFAITH PROGRAM

Islam, Judaism and Christianity: Distinct Voices, Common Ground

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NEXT IN THE SERIES ~

Thursday, September 14:

How Does your Faith Tradition Respond to Environmental Issues?

What does your Faith Tradition teach us about respect and reverence for our shared home?

With Faith Leaders from Green Acre Baha'i School, First Parish Church, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, and St. Joseph's College

Moderator: Jeff Wilford, Science Educator, Freelance Writer and Environmentalist

Thursday, September 28:

What is the Role of Peacemaking in Your Faith Tradition?

With Faith Leaders from St. George's Episcopal Church, York-Ogunquit United Methodist Church, Dover Friends Meeting, South Parish Unitarian Church, and Native American Northern Cheyenne

Moderator: Ron McAllister, retired Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and Columnist for the York Weekly

TONIGHT'S DISCUSSION ~



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