

## **I Am My Brother's Keeper: Confronting Islamophobia**

May 6-7, 2011

Saint Mark's Cathedral  
1245 10th Avenue East  
Seattle, WA

When the poison of prejudice infects a society, it is as much at risk as the victims of intolerance. In the United States we are infected with many hatreds. Among those most in danger are Muslims. How we confront Islamophobia will determine the health of our society. Though other ethnic and religious groups have been targeted, it is the misunderstanding of Islam that is among the most pervasive.

Disdain and fear of Muslims exists among rich and poor, liberal and conservative. Islamophobia has increased in virulence and reminds many of the rise of anti-Semitism in Germany in the 1930s.

*“Never again” is the rallying cry for our conference.* To grapple with this issue a coalition of Jewish, Christian and Muslim local groups will host a conference on Islamophobia on May 6-7 at Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle.

This event will include outstanding speakers, workshops, and an interfaith prayer service, ending with dinner at one of several mosques.

### **Keynote Speakers:**

**What's Right with Islam: A New Vision for Muslims and the West - Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf** is an American Sufi, imam, author, and activist whose goal is to improve relations between the Muslim world and the West. Imam Abdul received national attention for his plans to build The Cordoba Center/Park51, an Islamic community center, two blocks away from Ground Zero in Lower Manhattan

**Getting to the Heart of Islam – Jamal Rahman** is a Muslim Sufi minister, co-founder and co-minister at Interfaith Community Church in Seattle, Washington, co-host of Interfaith Talk Radio, and adjunct faculty at Seattle University. He is the author of *The Fragrance of Faith: The Enlightened Heart of Islam*

**Islam and the West: The Burden of the past and the Challenge of the Future - Yvonne Haddad** PhD is Professor of the History of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations at the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding. Professor Haddad's fields of expertise include twentieth-century Islam, intellectual, social and political history in the Arab world, and Islam in North America and the West.

## **Workshops and Panels include:**

*The New Fault Line in Encounter Between Muslims and the West* – Yvonne Haddad

*The Common Word – The Qur'an and the Bible* – Andy Larsen

*Don't Believe it: Myths about Islam* – Arsalan Burkari and Tarek Dawoud

*Meeting The Other: the Heart of Interfaith* – The Three Amigos

*Islamophobia as Attack on Core American Values: Religious Freedom and Free Speech* – panel with Richard Silverstein, Jeff Sidiqui, Arsalan Burkari

*Building Bridges Across Faith Traditions to Protect Civil Liberties* - Arsalan Burkari and Marilyn Mayers

*Islamophobia in US Middle East Policy* – Kathleen Christison

*Propaganda in the Digital Age* - Abigail Stahl, CAIR Outreach

*What does it mean to be an American Muslim?* - Jennifer Gist, CAIR Civil Rights Coordinator

## **Information and Tickets**

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## **Prices**

*Friday and Saturday* \$45 (Includes lunch but not dinner)

*Friday night keynote* with Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. \$10

*Saturday* 9:30 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. \$35

*Dinner at a mosque Saturday* 6:30 p.m. \$10