



With the tragic events of 9/11 and the subsequent U.S. invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq, people of the Islamic faith in the United States have been the targets of distrust and hatred.

In an effort to bring together the Muslim and non-Muslim segments of the Central Ohio community, IVC has developed a series of neighborhood dialogues to encourage interaction and mutual learning among Americans of all faiths.

We hope you will consider attending one or all of these events to help IVC make it a safer world in which to study, trade and travel abroad, bringing us a world of peace free from the threat of terror.

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Diverse Traditions-

Common Ideals

A Neighborhood Dialogue Series

Jun. 10, 2003 Muhammad-Legacy of a Prophet
OSU-Longaberger House
2200 Olentangy River Road, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Join IVC at this first in a series of neighborhood dialogues as we explore "Diverse Traditions-Common Ideals". Using the PBS documentary "Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet" Ahmad Al-Akhras, President, Council on American-Islamic Relations, Ohio will facilitate a discussion of Muhammad and Islam. Free.

Jul. 17, 2003 Women in Islam
Sun Rise Academy
5657 Scioto-Darby Road, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Join IVC at this second in a series of neighborhood dialogues as we explore "Diverse Traditions-Common Ideals". Ms. Dee Stickley-Miner of West Ohio United Methodist will facilitate this discussion featuring Dr. Asma Mobin-Uddin, Vice President of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Ohio, as well as other women of Muslim faith. The panelists will discuss the roles and beliefs of women in Islam and compare and contrast experiences of women in non-Muslim faiths. Free.

Jul. 31, 2003 The American Muslims: Who are they?
The Columbus Metropolitan Library
96 South Grant Avenue, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Join IVC at this third and final neighborhood dialogue as we explore "Diverse Traditions-Common Ideals". Columbus has recently experienced a large influx of new immigrants of Muslim faith, but also has a fairly large population of established immigrants and American-born Muslims. This evening will feature a panel of new and established leaders of the Islamic community to share their perceptions and challenges of assimilating into the greater Central Ohio community. Free.

Aug. 9-12, 2004 Journeys of Faith, Freedom and Justice
OSU-Ohio Union
1739 North High Street

In follow-up to the Diverse Traditions – Common Ideals Neighborhood Dialogue series, IVC is proud to co-sponsor the 2003 North American Interfaith Conference with the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio as a public event to promote interfaith dialogue and understanding. Join IVC on Monday morning to hear Dr. Paul Knitter speak on "Bringing Interfaith Work to Bear on World Conflicts" followed by workshops 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Full Conference Registration Fee: \$95, scholarships are available.)

To register or for more information, call **(614) 225-9057** or e-mail kevin@columbusivc.org. Seating is limited so register early.

IVC's mission is to build partnerships between Central Ohioans and citizens of other countries that strengthen democratic ideals, encourage economic development, and promote cultural understanding through the exchange of ideas and knowledge.

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