



## CELEBRATION OF RAMADAN THROUGH AN INTERFAITH PRESENTATION ON FASTING IN THE JEWISH, CHRISTIAN AND ISLAMIC TRADITIONS

**Time: June 20, 2017, 5.30 – 7.00 p.m.**

**Venue: The Sanctuary of St. Andrews United Church of Christ, 2608 Browns Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40220. This Program is being co-sponsored by St. Andrews UCC and *Islamic Research Foundation International, Inc.***

**Rabbi David Ariel-Joel (*Reform Judaism*)** is Senior Rabbi at the temple, the oldest and largest Jewish congregation in Kentucky, also an adjunct faculty member at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He obtained his B.A. and M.A. degrees in Jerusalem and was ordained as a rabbi in 1994.

**Professor Emeritus Dr. Edwin S. Segal (*Conservative Judaism*)** is Cultural anthropologist who regularly taught Comparative Religious Systems, during his 40 years tenure at U of L. He is a member of the Jewish Community Relations Council and is on the faculty of the Melton Program at Adath Jeshuran Synagogue.

**Dr. Joseph Brennan (*Catholic Christianity*)** obtained his MDiv from St. John's Seminary Brighton (1970), MSW from the University of Puerto Rico (1975), and Doctorate in Social Work from the Catholic University of America (1984). He has worked as Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities in Tampa, and is currently the Director of the Kentucky Labor Institute.

**Professor Emeritus (U of L) and Pastor Emeritus of Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church, Dr. Charles Brockwell (*Protestant Christianity*)** is Director of Methodist Studies in Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Parish Associate with Highland Presbyterian Church. He has participated in national and international ecumenical commissions and dialogues.

**Dr. Ibrahim Syed (*Islam*)** obtained his Doctorate in Nuclear Medicine from Johns Hopkins University and worked at Clinical Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine (U of L). Recipient of several awards, he is the Founder/ President of *Islamic Research Foundation International, Inc. (IRFI)*, which promotes Critical Thinking as a means of bringing about an Islamic Renaissance.

**Professor Emerita Dr. Riffat Hassan (*Islam*)** obtained her B.A. Honors and Ph. D degrees from the University of Durham (U.K.) and taught at U of L for 33 years. Recipient of many honors and awards, she is widely recognized as a pioneer of Islamic feminist theology and a reformist, modernist thinker and activist whose work has influenced Muslims across the world.

**Imam Azam Efendira (*Islam*)** will offer the opening and closing prayers, and will lead *Zikr* (chanting of the Names of God or other sacred words) by a Bosnian group comprised of **Edis Aganovic, Amil Alic, Salih Efendira, and Mirac Ozkirk.**



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