

## Part Two of the Panel-Presentation on: *Inheriting Abraham: One Ancestral Family – Three Faiths*: An exploration of the legacy of Abrahamic tradition in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

**Time**: May 15, 2017, 5.30 – 7.00 p.m.

**Venue**: St. Andrews United Church of Christ, 2608 Browns Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40220 (St. Andrews UCC is co-sponsoring this event as part of its Community Forum Spring 2017; other participating organizations include Temple Beth Shalom, St Mark United Methodist Church St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Church of the Ascension, and The Guiding Light Islamic Center)

## THE PRESENTERS:

Cantor David A. Lipp was born in Madison, Wisconsin, and grew up in Jerusalem, Haifa and Minneapolis. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Minnesota and earned a Masters of Sacred Music degree from the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary. He came to Congregation Adath Jeshurun as Hazzan in 1994. He currently leads worship services, co-officiates at all life-cycle events, does pastoral work, directs the Adath Jeshurun Adult Choir, and engages in interfaith events. He was the featured soloist for one of Louisville's finest volunteer choruses, Voces Novae, on their first CD, *Soul of the Synagogue*. Cantor Lipp is an inspiring leader of worship and transmitter of Jewish musical tradition. He is married to Rabbi Laura Metzger and they are the parents of a daughter, Natania.

The Rev. Dr. Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos is Dora Pierce Professor of Bible and Faculty Liaison for the Women's Center at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where she has taught for the past 40 years. Ordained to the professional ministry in 1977 in Rochester New York at the Downtown United Presbyterian Church she has served the church through teaching, lecturing, writing and speaking for the rights of those who are denied equality and full participation in religion and society. She contributes regularly to interfaith conferences and discussion groups, most recently through teaching at the University of Lund, Sweden, and the Swedish Institute in Jerusalem, Israel.

**Dr. Riffat Hassan**, Professor Emerita at U of L where she taught for 33 years, was born in Pakistan and educated at the University of Durham in England from where she obtained a B.A. Double Honors degree in English and Philosophy, and a Ph.D. for her thesis on the philosophy of the outstanding Muslim poet-philosopher Muhammad Iqbal. Widely recognized as a pioneer of Islamic feminist theology, she is also an activist who has traveled extensively addressing diverse audiences about the Qur'an's strong affirmation of women's equality with men and interreligious dialogue especially amongst Jews, Christians and Muslims. Recipient of many honors and awards, Dr. Hassan was inducted into the U of L College of A & S Hall of Honor in 2012, and received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago for "outstanding academic achievement and commitment to peacemaking and interreligious dialogue" in 2013.

