



## **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 8, 2017, 5.30 – 7.00 p.m.**

**Venue: St. Andrews United Church of Christ, 2608 Browns Lane, Louisville, KY 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:**

**Rabbi Laura Metzger** received both Rabbinic Ordination and Master of Arts in Hebrew Literature from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion and Bachelor of Arts in Religion from the University of Pennsylvania. She might be called a community rabbi, a rabbi without walls, or an independent rabbi. She works in a variety of settings, providing spiritual leadership, pastoral care, counseling, and teaching. She is also Rabbi to the Jewish residents of Signature HealthCare at Cherokee Park, a nursing home, and to unaffiliated Jews in times of need. Rabbi Metzger is well known in the community as a vibrant teacher, particularly in interreligious dialogue. She lives a musical life, dancing in the kitchen with husband Cantor David Lipp, their daughter Natania, and fluff-ball of a dog Willy.

**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.



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