



THE SALAAM NETWORK

Striving to make our Beloved Community of Louisville Whole

Community-Wide Workshop Created by *The Salaam Network*, Hospitality from *St Agnes Catholic Community* and Co-sponsored By The Cathedral of the Assumption, The Guiding Light Islamic Center, The Passionist Earth and Spirit Center, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Rainbow Spiritual Education Center, Douglass Blvd Christian Church, The Temple Adath Israel Brith Sholom. St Williams Catholic Community and St Andrews United Church of Christ

CHALLENGES FOR WOMEN: ENDURING WISDOM FROM THE NATIVE AMERICAN, JEWISH, CHRISTIAN AND ISLAMIC TRADITIONS

DATE/LOCATION: Sunday October 29, 2017 2:00 pm-6:00 pm
Aloysius Hall at St Agnes Church, 1920 Newburg Road, Louisville, KY 40205

Ever feel as fragmented as a broken mirror? Torn in a thousand ways like a cloud of confetti?

Good Sisters, The Salaam Network invites you to explore with us many of the treasures of enduring women's wisdom that may serve as a catalyst to greater personal Wholeness.

Unsung and treated as second-class (or worse) in many faith traditions and cultures, Women have ultimately held it all together.

Please join us for an innovative and resourceful women's workshop on October 29, open to all.

PROGRAM

2:00 - 2:15 pm Opening Prayers: Awahili Gawoni *Calling in the Directions* from the Native American Tradition

Shaikha Camille Helminski – Sufi/Islamic Prayer Chanted

2:15 – 3:45 pm PRESENTATIONS: MODERATOR: Dr. Mary Hora

PRESENTERS:

Awahili Gawoni (Rev. C.J. Wright): *Strengths, Leadership and Challenges of Indigenous Women*

Rabbi Laura Metzger: *Gender Fluidity in Judaism*

Rev. Dr. Johanna van Wijk-Bos: *Biblical Texts : Barriers and Liberation*

Dr. Riffat Hassan: *Women in Islam: Texts which Sustain and Traditions which Constrain*

3:45 – 4:15 pm: Q & A AND PANEL- INTERACTION

4:15 – 4:30 pm: BREAK AND SNACKS (Attendees are migrated to four seating groups)

4:30 - 5:45 pm FOUR CLUSTER/GROUPS PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTERS:

Shaikha Camille Helminski: *Women of Sufism: Encompassing Freedom, Striding towards Unity*

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty: *“Unable to Fall Silent” Remembering Women’s Voices from the 16th Century Protestant Reformation*

Dr. Marcia Texler Segal: *Kol Isha: Jewish Women Speak*

Dr. Mary Ann Stenger: *Women Mystics in Christianity*

A.) Each speaker makes a presentation;

B.) gives questions for response and reflection to the participants;

C.) engages in an interactive conversation with the participants.

Each Cluster/Group has a reporter who will take notes to be summarized and later distributed to all participants who will be experiencing only one of the four groups during the day of the Workshop. Suggested reporters are Dr. Ed Segal, Dr. Brad Bowman, Dr. Greg Hutcheson and Dr. Dennis Neyman.

5:45 – 6:00 pm CLOSING CEREMONY

Limited Tickets at <https://salaamwomensworkshop.eventbrite.com>

Standard Price: \$20.00; Students (Valid ID) and Low Income: No charge

Please purchase or register at webside for all ticket options.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS AND MODERATOR

MODERATOR: Dr. Mary Hora (Ph.D. in History, University of Toronto; JD, U of L) has served as a Senior Staff Attorney at the Kentucky Court of Appeals for the past 14 years.

FIRST SESSION PRESENTERS

Rev. C. J. Wright (CTR, CTSS, CCISM) (Cherokee Name: **Awahili Gawoni** - She Who Talks with Eagle) of Cherokee and English heritage, is an Interfaith Minister and spiritual leader in the Kentucky Native American Community. She is the Director of the Rainbow Spiritual Education Center, teaching respect for all peoples and offering focused education programs and spiritual gatherings in the indigenous communities.

Rabbi Laura Metzger (Rabbinic Ordination and M.A. in Hebrew Literature from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion) might be called a community rabbi who works in a variety of settings, providing spiritual leadership, pastoral care, counseling, and teaching. She is well known in the community as a vibrant teacher, particularly in interreligious dialogue.

Rev. Dr. Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos (M. Div and Drs. Theology, Leiden University, Ph.D. Union Theological Seminary, New York) Professor Emerita of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary where she taught for 40 years. Ordained in 1977 in Rochester, New York, she has served the church through teaching, lecturing, writing and speaking for the rights of marginalized people.

Dr. Riffat Hassan (B.A. Honors and Ph. D. University of Durham, England, Doctor of Humane Letters, Meadville Lombard Theological Seminary, Chicago)) Professor Emerita at U of L where she taught for 33 years, was born in Pakistan. Widely recognized as a pioneer of Islamic feminist theology, she is also an activist and a pioneer of Jewish-Christian-Muslim interreligious dialogue in the U.S. who founded *The Salaam Network* in 2016.

PRESENTERS: GROUP-PRESENTATIONS

Camille Hamilton Adams Helminski, Co-Director, Threshold Society, has taught in the Mevlevi Sufi Tradition of Rumi for over 35 years. She is recognized as a spiritual elder by WISE (Women's Islamic Initiative of Spirituality and Equality).

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty (M. Div Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Ph.D. Union Presbyterian Seminary) is Professor and Chair of the Theology Department at Bellarmine University who often speaks on faith and public life in a variety of settings.

Dr. Marcia Texler Segal (M.A. Columbia University. Ph.D. Indiana University-Bloomington) Professor of Sociology and Dean for Research Emerita at Indiana University Southeast, has worked in countries in in sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia and Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Mary Ann Stenger (Ph.D. in Religion, University of Iowa)is Professor Emerita in Humanities at U of L where she taught Religious Studies and Women's Studies for 35 years. She is a distinguished Tillich scholar who has also taught courses on Women and Religion and World Religions.