

THE INTERFAITH AMIGOS

Coming to Alpena, MI

Thursday, September 22, 2016

The Power of Interfaith Dialogue

The Keynote Event for The 30 Days of Peace 2016

The Interfaith Amigos present a crucial message in their unique humorous style, helping participants appreciate the promise and the problems of the interfaith experience.

Known for their unique blend of spiritual wisdom and humor, [Imam Jamal Rahman](#), [Pastor Don Mackenzie](#) and [Rabbi Ted Falcon](#) openly address the usual taboos of interfaith dialogue — the “awkward” parts of each tradition — in order to create a more authentic conversation.

Thursday 11 AM Workshop - *Creating Trust in an Interfaith Environment* at Alpena Community College - Granum Theatre or CTR 106

The Interfaith Amigos invite participants to engage in the kind of sharing they have found to be the essential but often missing step leading to more effective interfaith dialogue.

Thursday 2 PM Workshop - *The Value of a Core Teaching* at Alpena Community College - Granum Theatre or CTR 106

How a core teaching or a core value can serve to identify aspects of our own traditions or our own thinking that make interfaith dialogue more difficult.

For free registration at either or both workshops: call 989.657.9474 or email ifaaplana@gmail.com

Thursday Evening 7 PM – *CHALLENGES TO INTERFAITH COOPERATION* at Alpena High School - Beck Auditorium

What hinders the development of trust and lasting cooperation among different religions? Why is it we find it so difficult to transcend our tendency to demonize the other? The Interfaith Amigos explore what keeps us from greater cooperation and what heals the distance between us.

No registration is necessary for the evening presentation.

more info about the Amigos at

<http://interfaithamigos.com/Home.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=285oD1EJqFQ>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=soC_MSUo5Qo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPnZArtsG_c

<http://www.tedxrainier.com/talks/interfaith-amigos/>

For more information on the Interfaith Amigos' visit to Alpena and the other 30 Days of Peace activities, **email ifaaplana@gmail.com or call 989.657.9474.**



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If you would be interested in promoting the event in your church or community, please contact Pastor Tom Orth at 989.354.2640 or pastor@gracelutheran-alpena.org.

Pastor Don Mackenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon and Imam Jamal Rahman—now known as the **Interfaith Amigos**—started working together after 9/11. Since then, they have brought their unique blend of spiritual wisdom, warmth, and humor to audiences in the US, Canada, Israel-Palestine and Japan. Their work is dedicated to supporting more effective interfaith dialogue that can bring greater collaboration to the major social and economic issues of our time.

Their first book, *Getting to the Heart of Interfaith* (2009), brought the Interfaith Amigos international attention, including coverage by the New York Times, CBS News, and various NPR programs. Their second book, *Religion Gone Astray: What We Found at the Heart of Interfaith*, was published in 2011. The third book by the Interfaith Amigos, *Finding Peace through Spiritual Practice*, to be published in the summer of 2016, looks at the specific issues we face in a pluralistic society, and the spiritual practices that can help us transcend the roadblocks to effective collaboration on the critical issues of our time.

About the Interfaith Amigos:

Pastor Don Mackenzie, Ph.D., now living in Minneapolis, is devoting himself to interfaith work after retiring as Minister and Head of Staff of University Congregational United Church of Christ in Seattle. Previously, he served congregations in Hanover, NH, and Princeton, NJ. Ordained in 1970, he is a graduate of Macalester College, Princeton Theological Seminary and New York University. His interest in interfaith work began while a student at Macalester and continued while living and teaching in Sidon, Lebanon, in the year prior to the Six-Day War. His country music band, Life's Other Side, recorded the sound track for the documentary film *Family Name*, and has sung at the Ernest Tubb Midnight Jamboree at the Grand Ole Opry.

Rabbi Ted Falcon, Ph.D., spiritual guide, author, teacher and therapist, has taught Jewish traditions of Kabbalah, meditation and spirituality since the 1970s. Ordained in 1968 at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, he served in Los Angeles as a congregational and then a campus rabbi. In 1975, he earned a doctorate in Professional Psychology and in 1976, founded the first meditative Reform congregation. He moved to Seattle in 1993, where he also founded a meditative synagogue. He is the author of *A Journey of Awakening: Kabbalistic Meditations on the Tree of Life* and co-author, with David Blatner, of *Judaism For Dummies*. He has a private spiritual counseling practice, seeing people in his Seattle office as well as via the internet. Visit his Web site to learn more.

Imam Jamal Rahman, M.A., is co-founder and Muslim Sufi Minister at Interfaith Community Sanctuary in Seattle and adjunct faculty at Seattle University. Originally from Bangladesh, he is a graduate of the University of Oregon and the University of California, Berkeley. He has a passion for interfaith work and travels often, teaching classes, workshops and retreats locally, nationally and internationally. He is available for interfaith weddings and ceremonies and, like Rabbi Ted, has a private spiritual counseling practice. His books include *The Fragrance of Faith: The Enlightened Heart of Islam* and *Out of Darkness into Light: Spiritual Guidance in the Quran with Reflections from Jewish and Christian Sources*. Visit his Web site to learn more.

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