

**Matter of Faith – 2012 Summer Series**

# ***Interfaith Journey: History and Hope***

***All sessions will be held in the***

***Temple Beth Israel Social Hall, 3004 Union Avenue, Altoona PA.***

(Parking is available across Union Avenue in the Altoona Bible Church lot.)

**Tues., July 17 - 7:00 p.m. **Christian Trio****

To set the stage for this series, Monsignor Michael Becker will present a brief discussion of the Vatican Council (1962-65) which has had a significant impact on faith traditions around the world. Msgr. Becker, Yolanda Avent and Deacon Jack Hoffer will also share personal reflections on their own Interfaith Journey as well as the changing dialogue in their faith tradition.

**Tues., July 24 - 7:00 p.m. **Jews and Latter Day Saints****

Rabbi Audrey Korotkin and Jim and Marguerite Hite will share personal reflections on their own Interfaith Journey as well as the changing dialogue in their faith tradition.

**Tues., July 31 - 7:00 p.m. **Muslims and Buddhists****

Shamsa Anwar and Michael Allison will share their personal reflections on their own Interfaith Journey as well as the changing dialogue within their faith tradition.

***Each session will include Round Table Discussion***

***Refreshments and fellowship following the program.***

**The Presenters**

*Michael Allison - Buddhist*

*Shamsa Anwar - Muslim*

*Yolanda Avent - Pentecostal Christian*

*Msgr. Michael Becker – Roman Catholic Christian*

*James & Marguerite Hite – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*

*Deacon Jack Hoffer – Episcopal*

*Rabbi Audrey Korotkin - Jewish*

**Facilitator: Cindy Baney**

*“The whole purpose of religion is to facilitate love and compassion, patience, tolerance, humility and forgiveness”*

Dalai Lama

*“Even as the fingers of the two hands are equal, so are human beings equal to one another. No one has any right, nor and preference to claim. You are brothers”.*

Final Sermon of Muhammad

*...”and he inviteth them all to come unto him and partake of his goodness; and he denieth none that come to him, black and white, bond and free, male and female; and all are alike unto God, both Jew and Gentile.*

2 Nephi 26:33, Book of Mormon

*When we come into contact with the other person, our thoughts and actions should express our mind of compassion, even if that person says and does things that are not easy to accept. We practice in this way until we see clearly that our love is not contingent upon the other person being lovable.*

Thich Nhat Hanh

*“I was a stranger, and you took me in.”*

Matthew 25:35, Bible

*“Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.”*

Exodus 23:9, Torah

## OVERVIEW

The current public discourse tends to stereotype religion as divisive and fractured. So, it is more important than ever to learn from each other and to seek the commonalities which can unite us.

Even though we come from very different cultures and religious traditions, we are all human.

Even though we may have differing spiritual understandings, we can still respect those differences.

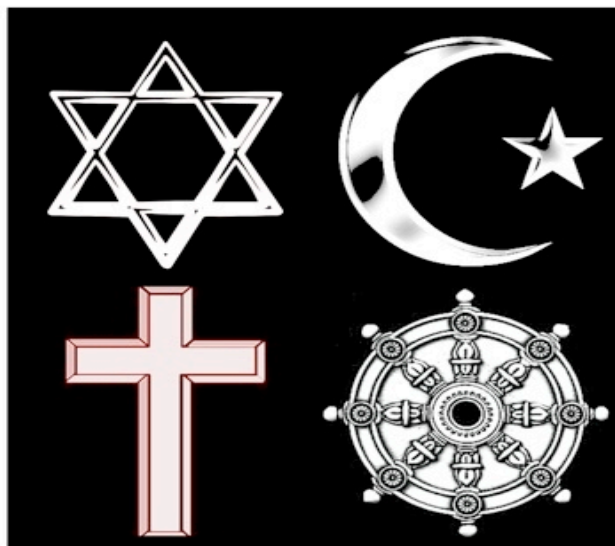
This series will explore the ways our faith traditions teach us to interact with the "other" and what it is that brings us to this interfaith journey?

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Three Tuesday Evenings

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