

REGISTRATION FORM
Neighboring Faiths

August 11-13, 2016

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

District: _____

Course fee: \$285.00

Students will also be asked to contribute a modest fee (not to exceed \$10) to cover vehicle costs for site visits.

I will be taking this course for:

- One TRIM Credit
- One EFSM Learning Unit
- Two Cont. Ed. Units*
(*ordained pastors)
- Personal Enrichment

Mail this registration form with payment
by July 14, 2016 to:

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center
One Alpha Drive
Elizabethtown PA 17022

TRIM Information

This Training in Ministry (TRIM) course is offered in cooperation with Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. It completes one unit in the area of Biblical/Theological studies.

REGISTRATION

To register, clip Registration Form at left and mail with a check payable to SVMC.

Course fee: \$285.00

Refund policy:

- 100% of course fee if class has filled or if student withdraws prior to registration deadline.
- 50% for withdrawal between the registration deadline and the first day of class.
- No refunds will be given once the class has begun. Exceptions for extraordinary circumstances require the approval of the SVMC Executive Director.

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to contact us at:

Susquehanna Valley
Ministry Center
One Alpha Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(717) 361-1450
SVMC@etown.edu

www.etown.edu/SVMC

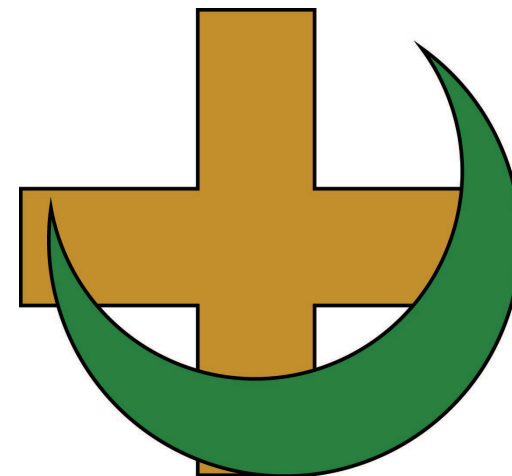


SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY
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presents

Neighboring Faiths:

*A Christian-Muslim
Encounter in the U.S.*



August 11-13, 2016

Mechanicsburg
Church of the Brethren

Taught by
Dr. George Pickens

Neighboring Faiths: *A Christian-Muslim Encounter in the U.S.*

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the US. This course will focus on understanding and experiencing Islam as a local faith practiced by our American neighbors rather than a distant, foreign religion. After introducing the basics of Islam and reviewing Muslims in the US, participants will have opportunities to interact with Muslims in the Harrisburg, PA region. Through a blend of presentations, discussions, and visits to local mosques and Muslim communities, the course will develop basic skills for building positive relationships and Christian witness among Muslims in the US.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Ali-Karamali, Sumbul. *The Muslim Next Door*. White Cloud Press, 2008. (247 pp.)

Curiel, Jonathan. *Islam in America*. I. B. Tauris, 2015. (192 pp.)

Shenk, David. *Christian. Muslim. Friend*. Herald Press, 2014. (186 pp.)



INSTRUCTOR



George Pickens, Ph.D.

George Pickens has been teaching Islam and Christian witness among Muslims for over 25 years, first in Africa where he spent 14 years, and currently at Messiah College, where he is Professor of Theology and Director of the Program in Peace and Conflict Studies. George is actively involved in Christian witness among Muslims in the Capital Region of central Pennsylvania, and he is a member of the Mechanicsburg (PA) Church of the Brethren and an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course aims to teach on several levels.

With the Head: Knowing/Understanding

- Students will understand the basic beliefs and practices of Islam.
- Students will engage Islam as a global yet local faith.
- Students will understand the diversity within Islam which makes it a complex mosaic rather than a simple monolith.

With the Heart: Feeling/Believing

- Students will appreciate some of the challenges encountered by Muslims in the United States.
- Students will enrich and deepen their own Christian faith through encounters with Islam and American Muslims.

With the Hands: Doing/Living

- Students will learn basic skills for Christian witness among American Muslims.
- Students will begin to develop positive relational skills with American Muslims.

SCHEDULE

The course will be held August 11-13, 2016 at the Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren.

Thursday: 1:00-5:00; 7:00-9:00 pm
Friday: 9:00am - 5:00; 7:00-9:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00 pm