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Know Thy Neighbors – Traditions, Worships and Prayers

AMHERST, NY- Traditions, Worship and Prayers will be the topic of conversation in the next "Know Thy Neighbors" series. (knowthyneighbors.org #get2KTN). WNY Muslims will host the second in a series of four conversations between Muslims and Christians, whose

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Joseph University Parish.

Wednesday, November 20 from 7 PM-8:30 PM the public is invited to the Hyatt Place in Amherst, NY to share in the Know Thy Neighbors' conversation, "Traditions, Worship and Prayers. Panelists, Deacon Ted Pijacki, Professor Faizan Haq and guests will share their knowledge of Christian and Muslim faith for the purpose of educating, finding commonality and joining in shared projects of good works and charity that benefit our community. This is a free event. (Refreshments will follow)

The Know Thy Neighbors series are conversations focused on the perspective of religious articles of faith, worship, traditions, intentions and sacred text. Christians and Muslims will work side by side in community service projects that promote peace.

"We believe in developing new bonds, strengthening interfaith relationship and spread the awareness about religious and cultural values through social exchange and Know Thy Neighbor will serve as a an interfaith networking channel to promote understanding and exploration of different religious traditions, which will further fortify the bond between the two faith communities and strengthen the diverse neighborhood of WNY." Prof. Faizan Haq, Founding President, WNYMuslims.

"These sessions provide a bridge between the two religious traditions in which each can learn about the other's basic religious ideas and practices. Our vision involves starting a dialogue between the two religions, that moves into the future where we both grow in respect and knowledge of each other, so that both communities can engage with each other effectively in ways that promote peace and relationship in the City of Good Neighbors." -Deacon Ted Pijacki, Permanent Deacon of the Roman Catholic Church.

The "Know Thy Neighbor" Conversation Series Topics:

- 1. Concepts of God: Articles of Faith Oct. 23, 2019 Hosted by St. Joseph University Parish
- 2. Traditions/Worships/Prayers Nov. 20, 2019 Hosted by WNY Muslims
- 3. Putting Religion into Daily Practice Dec. 18, 2019 Hosted by WNY Muslims
- 4. Our Sacred Text Jan. 29, 2020 Hosted by St. Joseph University Parish.



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Christ and Muslim communities of WNY to promote understanding and exploration of different religious traditions.



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 5020 Main Street, Amherst, NY 14226 7 PM - 8:30 PM

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