### My Neighbor: A Gift of God

## Relating to those who are different from us June 20-22, 2008

Events in the USA and Internationally, including 9/11, have forced many of us to consider, and to reconsider, our attitudes and opinions about "the other" regarding race, ethnicity, culture and religion.

Many of us who previously felt secure within the realm of those "like us" are increasingly challenged to think about and even interact with those who differ from ourselves

What does the Christian tradition and spirituality have to offer us in our quest to be faithful to God, as we understand and know God, and yet to be appreciative of those whose faith and practice are so different from our own?

This conference will guide participants through a process of reflecting on and discussing some of the core precepts of Christian faith and spirituality to work towards responsible, practical responses to our current reality.

Session 1

The Creation as a Gift from God

Session 2

Humanity, A Community of Mutuality

Session 3

God: the Relentless, Passionate Lover

Session 4

Challenged to Be Rooted in the Faith, Yet Generous in Hospitality

Session 5

Practical Ways to Move Forward



Small group session



Gathering for worship

# Conference Administrator, PO Box 309, Aliquippa, PA 15001 Registration Form:

	\$50 per person non-refundable deposit required	Amount enclosed: \$	Payment in US dollars, checks payable to Celebration	Charge my:VISAMasterCard		Expires:	
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#### Speaker: Rev. Masud Ibn Syedullah, TSSF



Father Syedullah is an Episcopal priest and Pastor of the Church of the Atonement, Bronx, New York. Born into an interfaith family (Christian and Islamic), and a professed member and pastoral officer of The Third Order, Society of Saint Francis, he has acquired a profound appreciation for the many ways people experience and relate to God. He serves as a member of the Liturgical Commission and was recently appointed Chair of the Episcopal-Muslim Relations Committee of The Episcopal Diocese of New York.

First Session
3:30 Friday afternoon

Accommodation will be in Celebration's Guest Houses and households on a space-available basis. Early registration is encouraged. Further participants may be accommodated as day visitors, staying in local motels.

Sleeping accommodation, chapel and meeting spaces are air-conditioned.

Chapel, dining room and large meeting room are wheelchair accessible. There are no ground floor bedrooms.

More information will be sent to participants on receipt of registration form. Other updates may be found on the Celebration website or by contacting Celebration by mail, phone or email.

There are a limited number of scholarships available. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, checks may be sent to the address below. To register, send the enclosed form to:

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