



## Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Interfaith Listening Program

The Ecumenical and Interreligious Work Group of the Presbytery of Chicago is co-hosting three days of Christian-Muslim dialogue with Dr. Mary Mikhael and Dr. Muhammad Sammak, two leading scholars from Beirut, Lebanon on October 25, 26, and 27.

All Presbyterians, and their guests, are invited to attend these five events.

### Dr. Muhammad Sammak

Dr. Sammak is a Muslim scholar, author and columnist. He is Counselor to the Mufti of Lebanon and to the Prime Minister of Lebanon. He is the General-Secretary of the Christian-Muslim Committee for Dialogue and a Co-signer of "A Common Word between Us and You," an invitation sent in 2007 from 138 Muslim leaders to Christians for cooperation for peace.



### Dr. Mary Mikhael

Dr. Mikhael is President of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon. She is an acknowledged authority on the Church in the Middle East and the role of women in the Church. She is an active participant in ecumenical and interfaith relationships worldwide. Dr. Mikhael is the author of the Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study for 2009-2010, "Joshua - A Journey of Faith."



# Interfaith Listening Program Events in the Chicago Area

**Sunday, October 25**

**First Presbyterian Church, Wheaton [715 Carlton Street](#)**

(Directions: Roosevelt to West Street, North to Jefferson, West to church OR South on Gary Avenue, Right on Ellis, church is on right. 630-668-5147)

**"A Common Word from Lebanon"**

**8:40 a.m. Worship--Dr. Mary Mikhael preaching**

**9:55 a.m. Education Time--Dr. Mikhael and Dr. Sammak teaching**

**11:00 a.m. Worship --Dr. Mary Mikhael preaching**

*sponsored by the Presbytery of Chicago*

**Sunday, October 25**

**Islamic Foundation, Villa Park [300 West Highridge Road](#)**

(Directions from I-88 at Highland: North to Butterfield, East to S Meyers, which will become S Westmore-Meyers, North to W Highridge, East to Islamic Foundation 630-941-8800 or 630-782-6562)

**3:00-5:00 p.m. Interfaith Program that will include the signing of a  
declaration recognizing the Year of Muslim-Presbyterian Dialogue.**

*co-sponsored by the Presbytery of Chicago and the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago*

**Monday, October 26**

**McCormick Theological Seminary [5460 South University Avenue](#)**

(Directions: I-55 to South Lakeshore Drive, South to 47<sup>th</sup> Street E exit, Right on East 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Left on South Woodlawn Avenue, Right on East 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Right on South University Avenue, Seminary is on right 773-947-6300).

**12:00 p.m. Global Conversations luncheon**

**4:00 p.m. Christian-Muslim Engagement in Lebanon:**

**Religious Revival and Leadership for the Future**

*co-sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Interfaith Listening Project, the Presbytery of Chicago, McCormick Theological Seminary, and LSTC's Center for Christian Muslim Engagement for Peace & Justice*

**Tuesday, October 27**

**Presbyterian Church of Western Springs [5250 Wolf Road](#)**

(Directions: take I-294 to Ogden, East to Wolf, South to 5250 708-246-5440)

**9:30-11:30 a.m. Women in Leadership in the Middle East**

*co-sponsored by Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Chicago, Presbyterian Women of the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs, and the Ecumenical and Interreligious Work Group of the Presbytery of Chicago*

These opportunities are a major impetus for the continuing relationship of the Presbytery of Chicago and the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago. We hope they will lead to a formalization of a covenant to be approved in 2010.

Congregations who have interest in forming a relationship with a Muslim Mosque or Community Center in their area are encouraged to contact Rev. Jay Moses, Muslim Relations Coordinator for the Presbytery of Chicago at 630-668-5147.