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## **5-Session DVD-based Adult Study of Islam Offered in Washington, CT**

*Building relationship bridges through education*

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

September 7, 2017, Washington, CT - Beginning September 14, the First Congregational Church of Washington, UCC, will host “The Jesus Fatwah, Love your Muslim neighbor as yourself,” a 5-session DVD-based adult study of Islam produced by Living The Questions LLC. There are day and evening options to choose from: Wednesday mornings, 10:30 to noon, beginning September 20, and Thursday evenings, 7 – 8:30 pm, beginning September 14. This program is free and open to the public but registration is requested since space is limited.

Much of what passes as information about Islam is weed-like disinformation rooted in stereotype and watered by fear. In *The Jesus Fatwah*, Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can build relationships across the lines of faith. The study features seventeen Islamic and Christian scholars, including:

- Hans Küng (*Islam: Past, Present and Future*),
- Brian McLaren (*Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?*),
- Eboo Patel (*Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim*),
- Stephen Prothero (*God is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World--and Why Their Differences Matter*), and
- Feisal Abdul Rauf (*What's Right with Islam Is What's Right with America*).

To register, or for more information, please call (860) 868-0569, or email to [admin@firstchurchwashingtonct.org](mailto:admin@firstchurchwashingtonct.org).

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Congregational Church, an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of

Christ (UCC) is a welcoming spiritual community that is open to differing beliefs, and holds to no fixed creed or doctrines. We support each other with spiritual nourishment and direction, and find opportunities to serve others in the community and around the world that are in need. Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome to grow with us.