

The 35th Wildacres Interfaith Institute Conference

July 31 - August 3, 2017

Wildacres Retreat, Little Switzerland, NC

How Religions See Each Other

In a world suffering from divisiveness, negativity and partisanship, the 2017 Wildacres Interfaith Institute Conference will focus on How Religions See Each Other, the “elephant in the room” we often face between people of different faiths, cultures, and traditions. Four presenters from the three Abrahamic Faiths will lead discussions and workshops, delving deeply into their knowledge of history, science, education, human development, and theology to offer insight and practical tools for living in a 21st century multi-cultural world with understanding, honest dialog, and a deep commitment to one’s faith.



Dr. Daniel Liechty holds four graduate degrees and has authored numerous books and articles on religion, psychology, death and dying. He’s a gentile member of a Reform Jewish congregation and is also an initiate in the American Ruhaniat Sufi Order. He’s currently Professor of Social Work at Illinois State University.



Dr. Daniel Shenker has been an English professor at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, AL, since 1984. He also teaches at the North Alabama Interfaith Community. He’s a long-time member of Temple B’nai Sholom in Huntsville, AL,

where he has served in various lay capacities, including multiple terms on the board of directors.



Dr. Snead Abu-Alrub is a former Methodist who converted to Islam 27 years ago. She works as an oncology nurse practitioner with a focus on depression in cancer patients and developed the Coping with Cancer program at the Clearview Cancer Institute in Huntsville, AL. She also leads workshops at regional interfaith and multicultural programs engaged in interreligious dialogue.



Salma Elkadi Abugideiri is a founding board member of the Peaceful Families Project, which is dedicated to educating the Muslim community about domestic violence. Salma leads educational workshops focused on domestic

violence and healthy relationships among Muslims. Ms. Salma is a licensed professional counselor in private practice in northern Virginia.

About the Wildacres Interfaith Institute

Sponsored by the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis, the Wildacres Interfaith Institute brings together clergy and lay people of all faiths to fulfill the Wildacres goal of “Betterment of Human Relations.” This year’s conference will follow a participatory workshop format to encourage the involvement of all attendees. You’ll enjoy:

- Stimulating and inspiring learning experiences.
- Comfortable accommodations.
- Delicious food (kosher).
- Morning prayer services.
- A daily happy hour and evening entertainment.
- Activities for non-participating spouses and children.

Wildacres Retreat



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The Wildacres Interfaith Institute Conference is held at the Wildacres Retreat (wildacres.org) located just off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Little Switzerland, NC. You’ll have plenty of time to explore the local area, including the Penland School of the Arts and Mount Mitchell.

Fees: Clergy \$275, Laity \$300 for 3-day conference

To register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/GCARInterfaithReg2017>

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