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MEDIA ADVISORY: WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY ASSEMBLY, MON. FEB. 8, MOSQUE OF JESUS, SON OF MARY

- WHAT:** The 6th Annual World Interfaith Harmony Assembly, organized by InterFaith Works of Central New York and Women Transcending Boundaries, is being celebrated in recognition of World Interfaith Harmony Week. More than 15 faith communities will participate in the event, which is held to help build ties among different faiths and provide a focal point from which people of good will can recognize that their common values far outweigh any differences they have. This year's theme is "Opening Windows of Understanding."
- WHEN:** **Monday, Feb. 8, 2016**
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- WHERE:** Mosque of Jesus, Son of Mary
501 Park St., Syracuse
- WHO:** Beth A. Broadway, president/CEO, InterFaith Works
Elizabeth Lamb, president, Women Transcending Boundaries
Rev. Jon Werner, Roman Catholic Diocese
Rev. Georgina Hegney, St. Paul's Church
Huma Ahmed, Mosque of Jesus, Son of Mary
Members of 16 different faith communities
- WHY:** World InterFaith Harmony Week was first proposed at the United Nations by King Abdullah II of Jordan to foster mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue to help build a culture of peace and to promote harmony among all people regardless of their faith. It has been celebrated since 2011.
- ABOUT:** [InterFaith Works of Central New York](http://www.interfaithworkscny.org), through education, service and dialogue, affirms the dignity of each person and every faith community and works to create relationships and understanding. Founded in 1976, InterFaith Works addresses deeply embedded social divisions leading to community action and policy change. InterFaith Works' social service programs address the needs of and empower people who are vulnerable, low income and targets of oppression, including

refugees, the elderly and the institutionalized, through direct service and educational programs. InterFaith Works is committed to the belief that all people are deserving of dignity and respect regardless of ethnicity, faith tradition, social circumstances or age. Key programs include the following: [Ahmad and Elizabeth El-Hindi Center for Dialogue](#), [Center for New Americans](#), [Senior Services](#) and [Spiritual Care](#).

[Women Transcending Boundaries](#) is an egalitarian community of women from many faith and cultural traditions. Through programs, events and social interactions, they seek to nurture mutual respect and understanding by sharing information about their diverse beliefs, customs and practices. Further, they seek to share their personal and collective experiences with the wider community, to educate and to serve.

MEDIA CONTACT AT THE EVENT:

Beth A. Broadway, president/CEO, InterFaith Works of Central New York
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Irfan Elahi, member, Mosque of Jesus, Son of Mary

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