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MEDIA ADVISORY/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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MEDIA ADVISORY: INTERFAITH WORKS INVITES THE MEDIA TO ATTEND A FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY ON FLAG DAY, TUESDAY, JUNE 14, AT 10 A.M.

WHAT: Members of the media are invited to attend a **Flag Day flag-raising ceremony** to be held on **Tuesday, June 14, at 10 a.m., at InterFaith Works, 1010 James St., Syracuse.** InterFaith Works will retire its current American flag and will hoist a new American flag. The flag will be raised by **Adija Abubeker**, a resettled refugee from Ethiopia and American citizen, and **Hassan Kirevu**, a refugee who arrived in the United States from Uganda in the fall of 2015. After the flags are raised, Abubeker and Kirevu will speak briefly about what being a United States' citizen and the American flag mean to them.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 14, 2016
10 a.m.

WHERE: InterFaith Works, 1010 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203

WHY: In honor of Flag Day and the work that InterFaith Works' Center for New Americans does to resettle nearly 600 refugees (many of whom become United States citizens) each year, the agency will retire its current flag and will raise a new American flag that had flown over the United States Capitol in celebration of InterFaith Works' 40th anniversary.

WHO: Beth Broadway, InterFaith Works' President/CEO
Adija Abubeker, InterFaith Works' client data and file clerk, refugee from Ethiopia and United States' citizen

Samuel Clemence, Vietnam veteran, interim dean at Syracuse University's Hendricks Chapel, and member of InterFaith Works' Round Table of Faith Leaders

Hassan Kirevu, InterFaith Works' client and refugee who arrived from Uganda in September 2015

ABOUT: [InterFaith Works of Central New York](#), 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 & Elizabeth El-Hindi Center for Dialogue](#), [Center for New Americans](#), [Senior Services](#) and [Spiritual Care](#).

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