

“No Easy Answers”

Exploring the complex factors impacting interfaith relations in the Middle East and in our own communities

Beth Katz, Executive Director of Project Interfaith, Omaha

Pre-Presbytery Gathering

April 24 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

This summer the 219th General Assembly will consider a report from the Middle East Study Committee. In the past similar reports have sparked many questions and raised concern within and outside our faith community. In order to prepare our congregational leaders to offer an informed respond to potential inquiries regarding the report, the Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee of the Presbytery is providing a Pre-Presbytery Gathering on Saturday, April 24 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. at Florence Presbyterian Church.

The focus of the gathering will ***not be to review the report*** of the MESC. Rather it is an opportunity to consider the complexity of the political, economic, religious, and cultural issues that influence and impact the Middle East and our own communities.

Beth Katz, Executive Director of Project Interfaith, Omaha, will guide us in reviewing the many factors at play in Jewish/ Christian/ Muslim relations. Beth is an adjunct professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha where she has taught courses on international conflict resolution for the Political Science department and religious diversity issues in the schools for the College of Education. She is on the board of the newly-formed Center for Catholic Thought at Creighton University and is a member of the Nebraska Medical Center's Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Consultation Committee. Beth holds a Master of Public Policy and a Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan as well as a Bachelor of Science in Education from Creighton University.