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A LETTER FROM MYSTIC CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

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**SET ASIDE SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
 MARCH 25**

Dr. Ibrahim Abu-Rabi, professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary, will speak about contemporary Islam and its role in public life in the Mideast. Dr. Abu-Rabi is much in demand as a resource for dialogue; his travels and experience provide insights into current events associated with the Mideast and Iran in particular. In addition, Ms. Ayat Agha, an Iranian student from the MacDonald Center at the seminary, will speak about the culture of modern Iran from her perspective. There will be ample opportunity for questions and discussions.

The Tolland Congregational Church will host the Sunday afternoon event. The program will begin at 3:00; the conversation will conclude by 5:00. In order to defray the costs of the workshop, we are asking participants to make a contribution. The public is cordially invited.

Here are some ways your ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING donations have benefited others:

- +\$18,000: Church World Service to support our ecumenical commitment in responding to wildfires, Spring, Summer and Fall storms, and floods;
- +\$1,000: Kansas-Oklahoma Conference grant for work group to go to Florida and rebuild homes damaged by 2004 hurricanes (long term recovery is long term!);
- \$10,000: New York Conference to provide emergency relief following Summer floods;
- \$10,000: Missouri Interfaith to provide recovery assistance to rebuild homes damaged by the 2006 tornadoes.

Walk-In Volunteers

LET'S KEEP THE DOOR OPEN.

In order to promote this in a safe and healthy environment and comply with *Safe Church Policy*, the Church Council has decided that *Youth Walk-in Times* must be staffed by at least two volunteers. Walk-in Times with less than two volunteers shall be cancelled.

To volunteer, please contact Jamie McGee at xxx or xxxxx@xxxxx.xxx

March 16	7-9	Laurel Sandlin	Brad Sandlin
March 16	9-11	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
March 23	7-9	Ivan Walrath	Jenn Walrath
	9-11	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
March 30	7-9	Joyce Springsteel	Peter Springsteel
	9-11	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

Hello from your new Interim Pastor!

I've been moving into the office this week, getting boxes unpacked, and learning my way around the church building! Staff assistance from both Leni and Glynn has been a great help as I get settled in. Special thanks to so many of you for dropping by and saying hello as well as for those who found furniture and a rug for the office! Drop by and see the office! If my office door is open, you are always welcome to come in. It was wonderful to meet and greet so many of the women of the church at the Women's Fellowship Meeting on Tuesday morning. What a warm welcome I've received!

My expected weekly schedule

At church: Sunday mornings from 7 am – noon for 8 am and 10 am worship, fellowship time, and special meetings.

At office: From mid-day on Mondays through mid-day on Thursdays.

Days off: Friday and Saturday

Please call and set up an appointment if you wish to talk with me.

I can be available some evenings by appointment.

How to reach me

Confidential Voice Mail at any time: xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email: xxxxx@xxxxx.xxx

Emergency Need outside of regular office hours, please call: xxx-xxx-xxxx

Pastor Barbara

Web Ways

Go to our website www.mysticcongregational.org and check out other links like:

- Messages
- Events/News/Links

Everyone is invited to contribute. The website is also a great venue for committees/sub-committees to share information about their programs/projects.

Send your articles/photos to our Webmaster Matt Lettrich.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Let's all gather on Sunday, March 25th, to welcome Reverend Barbara J. Libby at a potluck brunch in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Please bring your favorite dish. Beverages will be provided by the deacons.