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## **2014 Interfaith Trialogue Series to** explore the challenge of civil discourse

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TULSA - Join local religious leaders and experts as they address the topic "The Challenge of Civil Discourse: Religious Passion, Extremism and the Problem of Perception" at the Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice's 2014 Interfaith Trialogue Series in February.

Sponsored by OCCJ and funded in part by the Tulsa Library Trust's Alfred E. Aaronson Lecture Series Endowment, the threepart discussion series is scheduled on Sundays, Feb. 2, Feb. 9 and Feb. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. at varying locations.

Dr. Gary Peluso-Verdend. president of Phillips Theological Seminary, will moderate each session. The programs are free and open to the public. Donations are welcome.

• Session 1, "The Good," Feb. 2, 2-4 p.m., Peace Academy, 4620 S. Irvington — Kindness. Empathy. Compassion. When religious passion is channeled by a true believer, it can be a powerful contributor to the common good. Featured speakers are: The Rev. Floyd Schoenhals, retired bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Arkansas-Oklahoma synod; Rabbi Emeritus Charles Sherman, Temple Israel: and Sister Jackie Oyludag, Islamic Society of Tulsa.

· Session 2, "The Bad," Feb. 9, 2-4 p.m., Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, 1301 S. Boston Ave. - There's a fine line between passion and extremism. That's where religion becomes angry, triumphant. God loves me more than God loves you. Featured speakers are: The Rev. Floyd Schoenhals, retired bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Arkansas-Oklahoma synod; Rabbi Micah Citrin, Temple Israel; and Imad Enchassi, imam and president of the Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City.

• Session 3, "The Media," Feb. 16, 2-4 p.m., Congregation B'Nai Emunah, 17th and Peoria - The trouble is that we can't always see these things clearly. We rely on the media, but it loves a fight. How can we tell what's true or false? Featured speakers are: Mike Jones, associate editor, Tulsa World; Yvonne Lewis, news anchor, Tulsa's Channel 8; and Rich Fisher, general manager, KWGS Public Radio 89.5

### Church invites public to emergency preparedness program

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day 15314 Lake Saints, Road, Skiatook, invites the public to attend an emergency preparedness program from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6.

The program will feature information regarding 72-hour emergency kits, food and water storage for the home, and beginner use of solar panels.

If you have questions or would like more information, call Carol Redden at (918) 604-1055. The church invites you to be its guest for this informative program.

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