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AL AMANA CENTRE
BUILDING TRUST AND PEACE

**Are you concerned with the divisiveness we see all around us?
Do you want to engage more deeply in dialogue with other faith traditions?
Do you want to contribute as an agent for peacemaking in the world?**

Please join us for

***An Evening of Peace and Reconciliation
For Clergy and Church Leaders***

**Thursday, September 20, 2018
6:30pm - 9pm**

**Marble Collegiate Church Loft
1 West 29th Street
New York, NY 10001**

Featured Speakers

Rev. Dr. Michael Bos, Senior Minister, Marble Collegiate Church

Rev. Chloe Breyer, Executive Director, The Interfaith Center of New York

Rev. Aaro Rytkonen, Executive Director, Al Amana Centre

Canon Sarah Snyder, Archbishop of Canterbury's Director of Reconciliation/Rose Castle Foundation

By participating, you will:

- Hear esteemed speakers discuss the importance of Peace and Reconciliation work in the religious field and world
- Learn specific tools to use as an agent of reconciliation in your church, community, and even in your own family
- Gain access to curriculum that can help teach others the skills of reconciliation
- Network and meet other leaders with whom you can collaborate on this important work

All are welcomed, but space is limited! Light refreshments will be served.

To RSVP, please email Lesley Mazzotta: lmazzotta@alamanacentre.org.

The Al Amana Centre is building on 125 years of history between Christians and Muslims in the Sultanate of Oman, carrying the legacy of the Reformed Church in America there. Located in Muscat, Oman, the Centre builds trust and peace between Christians and Muslims through interfaith encounters, intercultural immersion and dialogue facilitation. The Centre hosts and accompanies groups for peace building and reconciliation and teaches that face-to-face interactions and dialogue are some of the best ways to help people correct misunderstandings about each other and corrupt false cultural stereotypes.

The Rose Castle Foundation creates hospitable spaces where those in profound conflict can meet face-to-face. Based in the north of England, Rose Castle was once was a place of conflict and defense, but is now a symbol of peace and hospitality. The Foundation exists to equip a new generation of faith leaders to be reconcilers in their communities. Training through practical peace-making and mediation strategies, Rose Castle prepares leaders to transform conflicts within and between faith communities, institutions and nations.

Featured Speakers



Rev. Dr. Michael Bos is a pastor, author, interfaith proponent, family guy, and adventure seeker. He is Senior Minister at Marble Collegiate Church, president of The Collegiate Churches of New York and serves as chaplain of the Collegiate School, where he also teaches Islam. He also coauthored two books, *A Church Beyond Belief* and *Fragmented Lives: Finding Faith in an Age of Uncertainty*. Michael established an interfaith center in the Arabian Peninsula, and developed programs with institutions such as Princeton Theological Seminary, the Center for Interfaith Reconciliation, and the U.S. State Department. Working with the U.S. Embassy and government of Oman, he helped establish a first of its kind program on religious diplomacy in the Middle East for the top chaplains in the U.S. armed services. For his work in bringing together Christians, Muslims, and Hindus in Oman to aid low-income workers, he received the U.S. Ambassador's Award for Community Service.



Since 2007, the **Rev. Chloe Breyer** has directed The Interfaith Center of New York, a nationally-recognized nonprofit that works with hundreds of grassroots religious leaders from twelve faith traditions to catalyze partnerships with civic officials to resolve social problems plaguing New York City. Issues include police reform, immigration concerns, and countering Islamophobia. Breyer also serves as Associate priest at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Harlem. She is a member of the Episcopal-Muslim Relations Committee and after 9/11 worked with NYC's Afghan community to rebuild a bombed mosque in Afghanistan—returning many times for health and education-related projects. Breyer is the author of *The Close: A Young Woman's First Year at Seminary* (Basic Books 2000) and she received her Ph.D. in Christian Ethics from Union Theological Seminary. Her dissertation was on interfaith activism, Christian peacemaking, and Islamophobia (2017).



Peace be with you, assalamu alaykum. **Rev. Aaro Rytönen** joined the Al Amana Centre in April 2017 as the Executive Director. Aaro believes we all are created equal, and there is so much we can learn from each other. He has been working for the last decade to build peace and support religious actors in their peace building efforts, among others in Central African Republic, Mozambique and Somalia. His previous working experience includes World Council of Churches, Conference of European Churches, FinnChurchAid, Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers and Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland. Aaro is an ordained pastor in the Lutheran Church and now is privileged to work for peace and reconciliation by leading the unique organization of Al Amana Centre.



Canon Sarah Snyder is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Advisor for Reconciliation. This role has a particular emphasis on supporting the Anglican Church in contexts of violent conflict or post-conflict and helping the Church to be an agent of reconciliation and conflict-transformation. A theologian who specialises in Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations, Sarah brings wide-ranging international experience of peace-building and dialogue. She has worked for many years to promote faith-based reconciliation, most recently as Director of Partnerships with Religions for Peace International, an organisation affiliated to the United Nations. Sarah has also directed the Cambridge International Summer Schools for faith leaders from conflict zones. A trained mediator, she has experience both of working with communities and with senior religious leaders. Sarah is Founding Director of the Rose Castle Foundation, an international centre of reconciliation, based in the north of England.