

## RELIGION IN AN AGE OF ANXIETY

### JEWISH-CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM DIALOGUE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019 - 7:30 – 9:30 P.M.

#### RELIGIOUS SOCIATION ACTION DIRECTORS, DR. MAHMOUD HADDARA AND DR. STEVEN WOLINETZ ADDRESS THE AUDIENCE

Some 80 participants were enlightened at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue at the Medical School Auditorium (Health Sciences Centre) on Tuesday evening, October 29<sup>th</sup> as three presenters from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faith communities addressed the gathering. Dr. Mahmoud Haddara, Former Imam and President, Muslim Association of NL, was one of the founders (2004) of the Religious Social Action Coalition of NL (RSACNL) and continued on the Coalition until he moved to London, Ontario in 2010. He was a Professor of Engineering at Memorial University and was named Professor Emeritus upon his retirement. Dr. Steven Wolinetz, President, Jewish Community Havura and Professor Emeritus, Department of Political Science, Memorial University, is one of our current directors on the RSACNL. In addition, the Rev. Robert Cooke, Rector, St. Mark's Anglican Parish and Adjunct Professor Biblical Studies, Queen's College presented a Christian perspective on the theme. After the presentations, there was opportunity for questions from the audience. The Moderator was Andrew Hawthorn, VOXM Reporter and Host of Lunch Bunch. Tasteful refreshments were served by the Muslim Student Association of Memorial University and by the Muslim Association of NL.

**The purpose of these Dialogues is to grow in our understanding of the teachings of the three faith communities and, thus, learn to treat one another with mutual respect and work cooperatively towards common causes of concern.**

The event was initiated by the St. John's and Area Council of Churches (with Dr. Michael Collins, Chair of the Planning Committee) and co-sponsored by the Muslim Association of NL, Jewish Community Havura of NL, Queen's College, Faculty of Theology and the Muslim Student Association of Memorial University.

The ongoing conversation over refreshments indicated that this was another important and helpful way to be informed, to live respectfully and to work cooperatively in our community, province and world.

The attached photos by George Powell, a RSAC Director and Past President of the St. John's and Area Council of Churches further highlight this significant event.

Marion Pardy (Very Rev. Dr.), Coordinator, Religious Social Action Coalition of Newfoundland and Labrador