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**‘BRIDGES OF FAITH’ KICKS-OFF WITH INTERFAITH  
DIALOGUE ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 7 PM AT  
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH IN KENWOOD  
*Jewish, Christian, Muslim Trialogue Team To Help Participants  
Find Common Ground***

**CINCINNATI, OH – November 25, 2008 –** BRIDGES for a Just Community will launch its newest program – “BRIDGES of Faith” – on Wednesday, December 3 at 7 p.m., at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7701 Kenwood Road, across from Kenwood Mall. Presented by an interfaith team representing the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths, the program is open to the public and free of charge.

Members of the interfaith team initially came together in 2003 as parents, neighbors and active members of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities motivated to bridge the differences that divided them as people. Through facilitated dialogue, study and shared experiences, the group explored their differences and celebrated their similarities. Now members of the BRIDGES Interfaith Trialogue are sharing their conversation with interested community groups.

“BRIDGES has taken the lead on interfaith dialogue since its local inception as NCCJ (National Conference of Christians and Jews) in 1944. Now as our community becomes even more culturally diverse representing a variety of rich religious traditions, we continue our dedication to finding common ground and increased understanding,” said Robert C. “Chip” Harrod, president and CEO of BRIDGES for a Just Community.

The presenters at the BRIDGES of Faith program on December 3 include three members of the BRIDGES Interfaith Trialogue -- Shakila Ahmad, a Muslim and a resident of Mason; Mary-Bob Rubenstein, a Jew and a resident of Amberley; and Lee Hoffheimer, a Christian and a resident of Hyde Park. For more information regarding the

BRIDGES of Faith program, please call Shawn Jeffers at BRIDGES at 513.381-4660 or visit online at [www.BRIDGEScincinnati.org](http://www.BRIDGEScincinnati.org).

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***About BRIDGES for a Just Community, Inc.***

BRIDGES for a Just Community brings people together to achieve inclusion, equity and justice for all who live and work in the Greater Cincinnati community. As the region's leading human relations organization, BRIDGES' vision is to create a respectful, equitable and welcoming community for all citizens through education, advocacy and dialogue. Formerly the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) of Greater Cincinnati, BRIDGES for a Just Community has served the region since 1944. For more information, call BRIDGES at 513-381-4660 or visit online at [www.bridgescincinnati.org](http://www.bridgescincinnati.org).