Atlanta Interfaith Manifesto March 23rd Luncheon Center for Civil and Human Rights

AGENDA

11:30 am **Arrivals and Registration**

12:00 noon **Welcome** Rev. George Wirth

12: 15 pm Introduction of Speakers Soumaya Khalifa



KATHARINE HENDERSON

The Rev. Dr. Katharine R. Henderson is president of Auburn Seminary, a multifaith leadership development and research institute that equips bold and resilient leaders of faith and moral courage to build communities, bridge divides, pursue justice, and heal the world. Auburn was founded almost 200 years ago by Presbyterians and has become an essential institution in advancing the multifaith movements for justice.

Author of "God's Troublemakers: How Women of Faith are Changing the World" (Continuum, 2006), Henderson is an internationally known speaker and has been featured in *The Washington Post, The New York*

Times, USA Today, MSNBC, NPR, and more. Her TEDx talk, "Letting God Out of the Box," was released in February 2017.



EBOO PATEL

Eboo Patel is a leading voice in the movement for interfaith cooperation and the Founder and President of Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), a national nonprofit working to make interfaith cooperation a social norm. He is the author of *Acts of Faith, Sacred Ground* and *Interfaith Leadership*. Named by US News & World Report as one of America's Best Leaders of 2009, Eboo served on President Obama's Inaugural Faith Council. He is a regular contributor to the public conversation around religion in America and a frequent speaker on the topic of religious

pluralism. He holds a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University, where he studied on a Rhodes scholarship. For over fifteen years, Eboo has worked with governments, social sector organizations, and college and university campuses to help realize a future where religion is a bridge of cooperation rather than a barrier of division.

1:00 pm **Q&A**

1:20 pm **Closing** Rabbi Peter Berg



George Wirth is Pastor Emeritus at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta and a consultant to the Cousins Family Foundation. He is on the Board of Trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary and is Co-Chair of the Board of Stewards, Johnson C. Smith Seminary. Over his 23 years as Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian, he served on the boards of many community organizations, including The Westminster Schools, the Woodruff Arts Center, the Mayor's Advisory Council on Homelessness, the Holy Land Institute for Pastoral Renewal and Agnes Scott College. Most recently, he served as co-chair of the Regional Council of Churches of Atlanta from 2007-2017.

Dr. Wirth graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and from Princeton Theological Seminary. In 1986 he received the Doctor of Divinity degree from Waynesburg College and completed his Doctor of Ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.



Soumaya Khalifa founded Khalifa Consulting, a strategic intercultural and leadership consulting firm, in 2007. Khalifa Consulting specializes in helping executives and organizations succeed when doing business across cultures by providing them the most relevant, practical and up to date cross cultural coaching and training.

Prior to founding Khalifa Consulting, Soumaya served in several leadership roles in US Fortune 100 companies in human resources, leadership development and diversity and inclusion. An alumnus of the University of Houston and Georgia State University, Soumaya is a board member of the Society of Intercultural Education, Training and Research (SIETAR) and the Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters (AIB). She is also an adjunct professor at Emory University Center for Continuing Education and at the Federal Executive Institute.



Peter Berg became the fifth senior rabbi of The Temple since 1895 in July of 2008. He is thrilled to serve this diverse and multi-generational congregation as a spiritual leader. Rabbi Berg is passionate about Jewish learning and meaningful worship, and he is an advocate for social change.

A native of Ocean Township, New Jersey, Rabbi Berg holds a degree in Education and Human Development from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He earned his M.A. in Hebrew Literature and his rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and Jerusalem, where he was a Steinhardt Fellow.

In 2009, Rabbi Berg was inducted into the College of Preachers at Morehouse College. Rabbi Berg was a member of the 2012 Leadership Atlanta class and is an active member of the Downtown Atlanta Rotary. The Governor recently appointed him to the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust. In 2013, Rabbi Berg was named by *Newsweek and The Daily Beast* as one of the top 50 most influential rabbis in the United States of America.