



## **VANGUARD CHURCH TO HOST COMMUNITY DISCUSSION ON RELIGIOUS TENSIONS AND DIVERSITY**

Christian, Muslim and Jewish representatives to speak on issues  
of faith

**COLORADO SPRINGS, CO** - Headlines from around the world are littered with tension related to issues of faith and religion. We have also experienced this tension in our local neighborhoods. In an effort to spur discussion and develop common ground between 3 of the largest religious groups, Vanguard Church is hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Discussion, this time on the subject of religious tensions.

Panel members from the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths will be represented and will spend time discussing their various points of view as well as responding to questions from the audience. Vanguard's stated philosophy on the event is to, *"...bring political and religious issues out of the public arena into a relational environment by putting a name and a face to an issue or topic. This enables us to show genuine respect and love for one another on issues that we may disagree on. We do not want to just tolerate people's differing views; we want to go beyond this and learn to respect and love them in spite of our differences. We are not afraid of there being differences but we also want to find common ground with one another and genuinely demonstrate love through relationship amidst diversity."*

The event will take place Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Vanguard Church (3950 N. Academy Blvd). The doors will open at 6pm and a light dessert will be served immediately following the discussion.

More information on the evening and a complete list of participants can be found at [www.vanguardchurch.org](http://www.vanguardchurch.org). Click on the "In the Community" tab on the homepage.

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If you'd like more information about this event, or to schedule an interview with Senior Pastor, Kelly Williams (or any of the panelists) please call Sarah Harding at 719/591-8800 or email Sarah at [sarah\\_harding@vanguardchurch.org](mailto:sarah_harding@vanguardchurch.org)