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Tastes of Freedom Luncheon Planned for January 24

The Mamaroneck United Methodist Church will host its annual Tastes of Freedom luncheon in honor of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday, January 24, at 11:00AM at the historic church located at 546 East Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck.

This year's guest speaker will be Mahjabeen Hassan MD, co-founder and board member of the Center for Jewish Christian Muslim Understanding and the American Muslim Women's Association. A plastic surgeon with a practice in Sleepy Hollow, Dr. Hassan has won awards for her interfaith work, including the Yitzhak Rabin Peacemaker Award in 2003 and Ambassador for Peace in 2009. She will discuss the legacy of Rev. King and the impact of his vision on today's society.

This event is co-sponsored by Mamaroneck United Methodist Church, the New York Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Turkish Cultural Center of Westchester, and the American Jewish Committee (AJC) - Westchester.

Stephen Gill, member of the MUMC Planning Committee, said "We are facing serious new challenges from a rising tide of discrimination and oppression against our Muslim brothers and sisters. Martin Luther King and other great leaders have told us that we must stand up to the forces that try to destroy the fabric of our society. We must protect and respect our neighbors, friends, and colleagues in our wonderful diverse community. This annual event is one way to bring people together."

A variety of ethnic foods will be served and shared with attendees of many different races and faiths. There is no admission fee but a free-will offering will be collected. Reservations are encouraged by calling the church office at (914) 698-4343. For more information, contact: Cliff Wolf, AJC-Westchester, at (914) 948-5585, Stephen Gill, MUMC, at (914) 833-2397, Marjorie Brooks, MUMC at (914) 356-9833 or Fatih Yucel, Turkish Cultural Center at (914) 418-5353.

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