



Unitarian Universalist “Common Read”

Community Lunch and Book Discussion

Sunday ~ January 15th ~ 2012

12:30 to 3:30

Eboo Patel's memoir **Acts of Faith**, a Beacon Press book originally published in 2008, has been selected as the **2011-12 Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Common Read**. A 2008 speaker at the UUA General Assembly, Patel is founder and executive director of the Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), an international, nonprofit, youth service leadership organization. Ten years after 9/11, the book describes the vulnerability of youth to violent, fundamentalist influences and makes a case for all of us, particularly youth, to promote pluralism by engaging in interfaith dialogue and social justice work.

A Common Read invites participants to read and discuss the same book in a given period of time. Here at Allen Avenue we will be reading the book during December and early January. On January 15th we will join together for a soup luncheon followed by a group discussion of the book. Books will be on sale between services in December. Participants are asked to sign up on the Adult Enrichment bulletin board, or by any of the ways listed on the registration page of the brochure.

Carol Larson, a former Director of Religious Education and a lifelong UU, has devoted most of her adult life to social activism. She is a Licensed Clinical Counselor currently working with individuals suffering from substance abuse and/or mental illness. She hopes that this workshop will raise awareness of the difficulty of being a Muslim in the U.S. especially after 9/11 and will stimulate more interest in and involvement with the Muslim community in Portland.