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Creating a more Compassionate Community

- Celebrating the Unveiling of “Charter for Compassion” at the United Nations November 12, 2009

On November 12, the Charter for Compassion will be unveiled at the UN. This Charter, spearheaded by Karen Armstrong, has been crafted by and endorsed by major faith leaders from all traditions, including the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. <http://charterforcompassion.org/>

- Film Screening *Fremont U. S. A.*, produced by the Harvard Pluralism Project



U.S.A. • A City's Encounter With Religious Diversity

- November 16, from 5:30 – 8:00 PM
- Toledo Public Library, Heatherdowns Branch,
3265 Glanzman, Toledo, OH 43614
 - 5:30 Reception with light refreshments
 - 6:00 Film Screening
 - 7:00 Facilitated Table Discussion
- Free and open to the public
- Cluster groups are encouraged to participate in a ‘Community View’ & further discussion

This film offers a glimpse of religious diversity on the local level: Fremont, California is a city transformed by new immigration. A Hindu *rajagopuram* in a tidy suburban neighborhood; Thai, Chinese, Burmese temples, and a women’s monastic retreat center; Peace Terrace, where Muslims and Christians have built side by side; Gurdwara Road, where a large Sikh community engages in creative outreach – all attest to the rich and mostly harmonious diversity that has developed. Through civic engagement and interfaith action, strangers have become neighbors in this American city. Yet Fremont has also faced real challenges, especially after 9/11. When Alia Ansari, a Muslim woman, was brutally murdered on a Fremont street, the city wrestled with the issue of hate crimes.