

Join Central Pennsylvanians for an important community event

Sponsored by The Interfaith Alliance of Pennsylvania and hosted by St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral

Annual Interfaith Remembrance Commemoration of 9/11/01

Date: Sunday September 14, 2014

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral
221 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA

Keynote Speaker

Since the attack on September 11, 2001, many Americans have stated their beliefs that America was formed as a Christian nation, and that most of those in colonial America were Christians. This version of our history leaves Jews, Muslims, agnostics and others out of this nation's founding. The issue was as contentious and complex in colonial days as it is in 2014. What was the Founders' vision, and how faithful to it have we been?

Dr. John Fea - will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Fea is Chairman of the Department of History and Professor of American History at Messiah College. He is a nationally recognized scholar in the field of early American history. He is the author of a recent, acclaimed book, entitled: *Was America Founded as a Christian Nation? A Historical Introduction*. Dr. Fea received his Ph.D. in American History from Stony Brook University.

Topical Discussion in the Undercroft

Exploring the Founders' Vision: America's Multi-Faith Beginnings

1. Were religious reasons involved in the decisions of the ancestors of the Founders of this country to leave Europe? Were members of various religious faiths among the colonists? Did the Founders design the new American government to be a Christian nation? --**Dr. John Fea**
2. How true was America to the Founders' Vision in the first 200 years, and how true are we being in 2014? --**Dr. Richard Hughes**, Messiah College Distinguished Professor of Religion, ret'd. He is the author of several influential books, including *Christian America and the Kingdom of God*.
3. Do Muslims experience the struggles required to remain true to the Prophet's vision in the Koran that Americans find so challenging in our texts? A Muslim response, by Imam Talha Ali, American Fazl Mosque, and National Public Affairs Team.

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