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Hon. Ronald E. Neumann

## “U.S.-Muslim Relations after 9/11: Views on Combat Diplomacy and Respect for Religions”

**The Honorable Ronald E. Neumann**, Former Ambassador to Afghanistan and President, American Academy of Diplomacy: *“Afghanistan for the Long Haul : Is it Possible and Worthwhile?”*

**The Rev. Samir Selmanovic**, Director, Faith House, and close associate of Cordoba Initiative, New York City: *“What is Cordoba House and Why Does it Matter to Christian America?”*

**Thursday, September 23 • Music Room, The Mission Inn**

- 5:30 Reception with Buffet
- 6:30 First Talk, Ambassador Neumann
- 7:30 Second Talk, Dr. Selmanovic
- 8:00 Panel of Respondents (Muslim, Jewish, Christian)
- 8:30 Q & A and General Discussion

Ronald Neumann, distinguished alumnus of UCR, is author of “The Other War: Winning and Losing in Afghanistan.” He was U.S. Ambassador in Afghanistan from 2005-2007, but his connections with the country began with a visit in 1967 when his father was then the U.S. Ambassador in Kabul. The talk will reflect on his own experience in Afghanistan and what he found when he returned in May 2010. He will address the importance of the fight and the equally important question of whether success is possible in a country that has shown itself so difficult for outsiders. He has served in Algeria, Bahrain, and Baghdad, and knows leaders including General David Petraeus and President Hamid Karzai.

Samir Selmanovic grew up in Yugoslavia before serving as a minister in New York City where he authored “It’s Really All About God: Reflections of a Muslim Atheist Jewish Christian” which has received rave reviews by Karen Armstrong, Parker Palmer, and Daisy Khan. Founder of Faith House which brings a diversity of believers and non-believers together in worship and service, he has become very involved in the issue of the controversial mosque to be built near Ground Zero, serving as advisor to Imam Rauf. The talk will reflect on the current controversy as a struggle of all Americans to live up to the ideals of our founders. He believes what sets us apart as a nation is our ability to emerge from tragedies, stronger, and wiser.

**Reservations Required • Deadline: Tuesday, September 21, noon • Seating is Limited.**

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