

COMMUNITY **PEACE BUILDERS**

A Life Group of Trinity Lutheran Church

Tuesday evening, March 27, 2012

7:00-- 9:00 pm ~~ *Film & Audience Participation*

DIALOGUE IN NIGERIA:

Muslims & Christians Creating Their Future



beyond / **war**



**A new 2012 film about African courage
and communication excellence**

**documenting the 2010 International Conference on
Youth & Interfaith Communication**

**held October 21-24, 2010 in Jos, Nigeria to illustrate what it looks like when
diverse young adults, even "enemies" communicate successfully.**

Event Location: Trinity Lutheran Church
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DESCRIPTION: In the midst of brutal inter-communal violence, 200 brave Muslims and Christians met and discovered communication excellence in their days and evenings together during the 2010 **2nd Annual Youth Interfaith Dialogue Conference**, in Jos, Nigeria. Two hundred courageous Christian and Muslim young adults met in face-to-face Dialogue, *listening to learn* and discovering their equal humanity, new communication skills, and that "an enemy is one whose story we have not heard." The principles are universal, beginning with a new quality of *listening-to-learn* worldwide in homes, classrooms, institutions, communities and nations.



CONTEXT: "Nigeria, on the west coast of central Africa, is **the most populous nation on the continent**. The country is about half Muslim, half Christian, with a minority practicing even earlier traditions. Across the land, Nigerians also identify with historic roots in over 300 tribal ethnicities, each with pride in its individuality of language and culture. Nigeria's wealth is in her abundant natural resources, extraordinary human resilience and hospitality, and rich diversity of traditions. Paradoxically her greatest challenges are rooted largely in human disconnection. The resultant ignorance and thus fear of each other perpetuates citizen's inability to embrace one another, cooperate, and share resources and wealth. The resultant poverty, competition, and disunity fuels violent - sometimes brutal - acts against one another that cry out for a new quality of successful human engagement across the land."

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Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue Group

Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria

San Mateo, California, USA

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