

# **DIALOGUE IN NIGERIA**

## **MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS CREATING THEIR FUTURE**

**Produced By Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue (USA) Produced By  
New Era Educational & Charitable Support Foundation (Nigeria) Directed By  
Libby and Len Traubman  
Documentary Feature, USA and Nigeria, 65 minutes**



**Date: Friday, April 12, 2013 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**  
**Location: Anacon Hall, Stafford Student Center, Monmouth University**  
**Hosts: Prof. Saliba Sarsar and Joe Ritacco, Monmouth Dialogue Group**  
**Presenters: Len and Libby Traubman**  
**Palestinian-Jewish Living Room Dialogue Group, CA**

**This award-winning, hopeful documentary** gives voices and faces to 200 courageous Muslims and Christians - diverse young women and men - who unite successfully in Jos, central Nigeria. Refusing to be enemies, they are together during days and evenings of the 2010 International Conference on Youth and Interfaith Communication. They are tense yet excited to finally cross lines of religion, economics, tribe, and gender to transcend the status quo and discover empathy for each other's personal life experiences. Together they realize that "an enemy is one whose story we have not heard," while listening-to-learn and thus dignifying themselves and the "others." Face to face and in small circles, they begin with ice-breakers and continue in depth to discover one another's equal humanity - fear, grief, needs, hopes, and concrete plans for a shared future. These determined young Nigerians illustrate how others worldwide can successfully connect and communicate to create authentic community.

**The film makers follow the screening with a 60-minute totally participatory audience experience** giving voice and ears to everyone in the auditorium. Face-to-face in pairs, then collectively, attendees express: 1. What in the film touched you, had meaning for you? 2. What new possibility or initiative was awakened in you? This dialogical experience allows a new quality of listening-to-learn while maximizing cinema. It discovers new social intelligence and models community building.

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