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### **Free Film Screening Offers Solution to Unnecessary Tensions**

Fullerton, CA -- September 12, 2005 -- The local community is invited to a free screening of the film, "On Common Grounds", produced by Fullerton filmmaker Ahmad Zahra. The event will begin with refreshments at 6:30PM on Wednesday, October 6th in the Osborne auditorium of the Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth Ave. Sponsored by the Fullerton Interfaith Ministerial Association (FIMA), the screening will be preceded and followed by a short discussion to address questions and share ideas on how to overcome misunderstanding and improve relations among people despite religious and cultural differences.

"On Common Grounds" documents what happened when three traditionally diverse groups worked side by side, taking action on a project that fulfilled a common goal. Interesting interactions occur in the film, the participants learning as much about themselves as those they worked with.

Recognizing that tensions are frequently exacerbated by misinformation and fear of the unknown, FIMA believes that religion should bring people together rather than be a source of dispute. "I have personally witnessed and experienced how improved communication can correct misunderstandings and diffuse tensions that exist, locally and throughout the world", commented Mr. Zahra. He will be present at this event, as will representatives of other faiths, for the questions and discussion portions of the evening.

Attendees of the screening will learn how to find community or hurricane relief projects that offer an opportunity to interact with others who recognize that focusing on similarities rather than differences goes a long way towards overcoming fears and tensions and peace.

The Fullerton Interfaith Ministerial Association, comprised of several Fullerton religious leaders, creates interfaith opportunities to gather, worship and help others in our community.

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