

# SOUP FOR THE SOUL

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## Love of Neighbor

Western Oaks Christian Church  
8100 NW 23rd OKC

From the Hebrew לרֵעֵךְ (lə·rê·'ă·kâ) found in Leviticus 19:18 which is commonly translated as “Your Neighbor” we discover the root noun רֵעַ (ray'-ah) which can be translated as “neighbor”, “friend”, “fellow” or simply “another”. This raises the question, just who is our “neighbor”? Is it the person who lives next door, or the person living down the street or is it something much more generalized to include the “others” of whom we might disagree, look nothing like, or the disenfranchised?

During Lent this year we are taking a closer look at what it means to “love our neighbors” and looking for ways that we have far more in common with others than what we use to separate us.

We have asked some of our neighbors to come share a cup of soup and lead us in a discussion on being more neighborly. Join us Sundays in Lent at 6:00 pm.

### Dates for Soup for the Soul:

- March 19 Dr. Imam Imad Enchassi
- March 26 Rev. Lori Walke
- April 2 Rabbi Vered Harris
- April 9 Dr. Elaine Robinson

**Lenten Meal and Lesson**  
**6:00 pm Meal served**  
**6:30 pm Lesson**  
**\$5 suggested donation**



**Dr. Imam Imad Enchassi**  
Assistant Professor Religion OCU  
Islamic Society of Greater OKC



**Rev. Lori Allen Walke**  
Associate Minister  
Mayflower Congregational  
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Dr. Imam Imad Enchassi grew up in the Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut, Lebanon. His experiences as a child surrounded by war and conflict have shaped his passion as an adult for promoting unity and understanding. When asked about living through the massacres in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps, Enchassi says, “Sometimes, I think God exposed me to so much hatred and violence so that I can be a voice for love and peace.”

We invite you to a discussion led by Imad Enchassi on March 19, 2017

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**Rev. Lori Allen Walke**, a native of the Bible Belt and raised a Baptist, preaches and teaches progressive Christianity with a Southern style. Now serving as the Associate Minister at Mayflower Congregational United Church of Christ in Oklahoma City, Lori was a scholarship athlete for Oklahoma State University, where she received her undergraduate degree in Political Science (2005) and graduate degree in Health Care Administration (2006). Passionate about social justice and the public good, she earned her juris doctorate from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 2009 and passed the Oklahoma Bar exam the same year. She earned her Masters of Divinity from Philips Theological Seminary (2011) and was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 2012.

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**Rabbi Vered Harris**, RJE, has served Temple B'nai Israel in Oklahoma City since July 2012. Her Master of Arts degrees in Hebrew Letters and Jewish Education are from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and her undergraduate degree in Liberal Studies is from California State University Northridge. Rabbi Harris' professional interests include teaching, building bridges between the Temple and other communities in Oklahoma City, and intentionally applying religious values to daily living. Prior to moving to Oklahoma, Rabbi Harris was the Education Rabbi at Congregation Beth Torah in Overland Park, KS, 2000-2012. Rabbi Harris and her husband Benjamin married in 1996, and live in Edmond with their three daughters.

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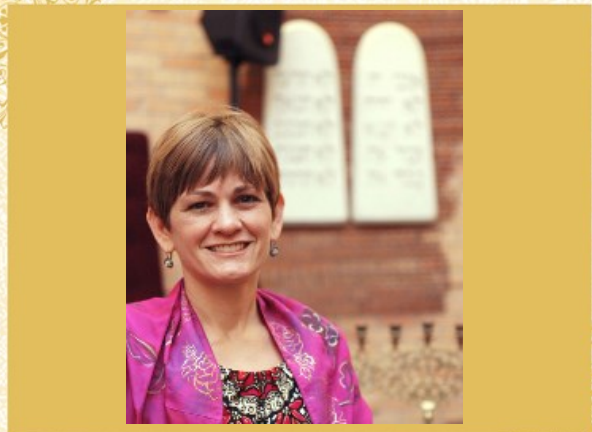
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**Dr. Elaine Robinson**, is a prolific author and Professor of Methodist Studies and Christian Theology at Saint Paul School of Theology at OCU. Recent Publications include:

“Race and Theology”

“Recovering Los Desaparecidos, Renewing Wesleyan Theology,” *A Living Tradition: Critical Recovery and Reconstruction of Wesleyan Traditions*, edited by Mary Elizabeth Moore.

“Paul Tillich,” in *Beyond the Pale: Reading Ethics from the Margins*, Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas and Miguel A. De La Torre.

“The Limits of Freedom: Racism in a Global Age,” *Alienation and Connection: Perspectives on Suffering in our Global Age*, edited by Lisa Withrow.

And many others.

We invite you to a discussion led by Elaine Robinson on April 9, 2017

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