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2010 ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Honoring Michael P. Johnson and Sharon Bell - Oct. 26, 2010

Left to Right: Dr. Steadman Upham, Sharon Bell, Michael P. Johnson, and Steve Malcolm.



The Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice (OCCJ) made history at its 52nd Annual Awards Dinner held October 26 at the Tulsa Convention Center Ballroom honoring Sharon J. Bell and Michael P. Johnson. It was the first time both honorees, as well as the dinner co-chairs, Steve Malcolm

and Dr. Steadman Upham, were all members of OCCJ's board.

"Sharon and Michael represent the core values of OCCJ through their commitment and personal contributions to community and justice. In addition, both have made significant contributions to OCCJ's proud legacy," said Bill O'Connor,

Announcement of 2011 Dinner Honoree

Mark your calendars for OCCJ's 53rd Annual Awards Dinner honoring Kathy Taylor, former Mayor of the City of Tulsa. Roxana Lorton and Milann Siegfried will serve as honorary co-chairs for the event, which will be held October 27 at the Tulsa Convention Center. Sponsor and ticket information available by calling the OCCJ office.



president of OCCJ's board. Sharon, who served as Board President in 2000 and 2001, is the only second generation president and honoree in OCCJ history. In 2005, Michael Johnson courageously lead OCCJ's "Futures" campaign, which made it financially possible for the organization to establish itself as an independent non-profit and continue to fulfill its mission.

ADDRESSING ISLAMOPHOBIA PUBLIC INFORMATION SERIES

Oklahoma Muslims and the Tulsa interfaith community have produced a series of informational videos on Islam in response to the growing Islamophobia in the state. Topics include: "Violence in the Headlines and History"; "Sharia Law"; and "Non-Muslim Concerns about the Quran." The series is moderated by Dr. Bill Crowell, President, Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry (TMM). All tapings have been

recorded at Tulsa Community College (TCC), Center for Creativity. Several Oklahoma organizations have sponsored this series including OCCJ, TMM, Council on America Islamic Relations, Islamic Council of Oklahoma, Tulsa Interfaith Alliance, Say No To Hate Coalition and TCC. The series is designed to provide accurate educational material about Islam that people can watch on their computers and on DVD. OETA will air a segment soon.

**Addressing
Islamophobia**

OCCJ Membership Form

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Interfaith Trialogue Series an Astounding Success

MEDICAL DILEMMAS OF LIVING AND DYING IN AMERICA

The 2011 series, "Medical Dilemmas of Living and Dying in America," is complete and was a great success, with excellent speakers and strong attendance.

The first session "Living v. Dying: The Cost" was held at Boston Avenue Methodist Church and focused on the ethical challenges and practices of sustaining end of life care. The

second session "Who Cares & How" was held at Peace Academy and focused on responding to the challenges of terminal care and where God was in the equation. The third session "Meaning in the Shadows", held at Congregation B'nai Emunah, focused on the meaning of death in the process of life.

The Interfaith Trialogue Series is made possible in part by the Tulsa Library Trust's Alfred E. Aaronson Lecture Series Endowment. Special thanks to Dr. Bill Crowell of Boston Avenue United Methodist Church for chairing this committee for a fifth consecutive year.

Watch full sessions
of the Interfaith
Trialogue Series at
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OCCJ GEARS UP FOR CAMP ANYTOWN, OKLAHOMA, JUNE 12-18



Camp Anytown, Oklahoma, which began in 1994, focuses on listening to the hopes, fears, frustrations and dreams of young Oklahomans. Anytown has been recognized as one of the most effective human relations and leadership/diversity training programs for youth in Oklahoma. Incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors from high schools in

Oklahoma come together for one week in a peaceful camp setting, bringing to each other the experiences of their diverse cultural, ethnic, religious, racial and economic backgrounds.

The dates for camp this year are June 12 - 18. Anytown will again be held at a camp on Lake Ft. Gibson, but at a different location which will allow us to accommodate more delegates. If you know a high school student who might be interested in attending, please have them apply online at www.occjok.org.

Upcoming Events

March 23 & 30, April 6 & 13

Teen Interfaith Trialogue:
Generation XYZ

April 7

Tulsa Press Club Headliners Dinner:
Honoring Nancy Day and Steve Turnbo

April 29

YWCA's Stand Against Racism

May 5

Yom Hashoah

June 12 - 18

Camp Anytown, Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice (OCCJ) is a human relations organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism. OCCJ promotes understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures through advocacy, conflict resolution and education.



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