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Citizens for Peace announces free February events

Citizens for Peace in Livonia will host three free events in February.

The first session of the 2013 Peace and Conflict Discussion Series is “Commonalities within World Religions.”

Henry Ford Community College professor Dr. Grant Shafer, PhD, will lead the discussion and will share two short videos featuring a Rabbi, a Pastor and an Imam who call themselves the “Interfaith Amigos.” They will present their views on the “Truths and Untruths” in their three religions at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information on the entire discussion series, go to www.citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com.

This is the second annual discussion series hosted by the Citizens for Peace to celebrate the Season for Nonviolence.

The “Charter for Compassion” is the topic of the Tuesday, Feb. 12, Citizens for Peace meeting. Colleen Mills, president of Citizens for Peace, will share information about the national and international impact of Karen Armstrong's award-winning idea of a “Charter for Compassion.” Kalamazoo's Fetzer Institute provided \$100,000 to implement it. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road.

The encore presentation of the film “I AM” will be shown at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Director Tom Shadyac explores answers to the root causes of our world problems in his film. He asks two questions - “What's wrong with the world?” and “What can we do to fix it?” Shadyac interviews thought leaders including Desmond Tutu, Howard Zinn and Lynne McTaggart. Shadyac presents scientific evidence that we are hardwired for connection and compassion; and our power comes by being able to cooperate, rather than compete. In the process, he discovers what is right with our world.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information call Mills at (734) 425-0079 or go to www.citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com.