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INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP OF METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS ELECTS NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

Interfaith Partnership of Metropolitan St. Louis has a new President of the Board of Directors effective January 1, 2007. Harvey Schneider, a Clayton attorney, has been elected to serve as President succeeding Dr. Ghazala Hayat of the Islamic Foundation of Greater St. Louis. During Dr. Hayat's tenure, the Interfaith Partnership experienced substantial growth in strengthening interfaith relations throughout the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

Mr. Schneider has been a member of the Interfaith Partnership since 1999 and currently serves on the Executive Committee and Development Committee. He is a past president of Congregation Shaare Emeth, the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Central Agency for Jewish Education. In addition, he is a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Town and Country where he has served for 25 years. According to Mr. Schneider, "The work of the Partnership is of critical importance, given the local and global situations which sometimes prevent faith communities from working together."

Also elected to office of the Interfaith Partnership are the following: First Vice President – Reverend Dieter Heinzl, Associate Pastor of Ladue Chapel; Second Vice President – Father Vincent Heier; Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, Archdiocese of St. Louis and Pastor of All Saints Catholic Church – Bishop Howard Nelson of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints; and David Landesman of the Baha'i Community.

The Interfaith Partnership is the leading interfaith organization of the St. Louis Metropolitan community. The Partnership sponsors dialogue groups and programs throughout the year featuring subjects of interest regarding religion and faith communities. Its membership consists of 32 different religious faiths and promotes understanding and interreligious group activities throughout the community. The Partnership sponsors an annual dinner featuring a national speaker from one of the faith communities and sponsors interreligious projects for community improvement.

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