YOUR WEEKLY CONNECTION

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Restoring Spirit Through Sacred Listening
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Each week we will bring you updates on Connect 2015 and give you tips on how to make your visit to Connect, and Regina, memorable!

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Connecting With You This Week

David Goa and Volker Greifenhagen will ask how can spirit be renewed through listening to, or in the face of, what seems to be religiously motivated terror in their workshop Listening in the Face of Religious Terror on Tuesday, July 21. They will consider this in light of recent events where groups commit atrocities for which overt religious motivations are claimed. The temptation is to recoil in fear and anger, and to reject the perpetrators as beyond understanding. They will suggest that listening in the face of what appears to be religiously motivated terror requires remembering one’s own past. From the perspective of the so-called Abrahamic religions and the cultures that have carried them, the association of religion with violence is not something new but intrinsic to religious practice and belief. Recognizing and reconstituting this history makes understanding in the face of religious terror possible, and energizes attempts to pierce beneath the terror to its root causes, not out of fear or anger but out of compassion and reason.

David Goa is Director of the Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life at the University of Alberta. You may have heard him speak in the media recently about his student Omar Khadr on CBC Radio and also Muslim-Christian relations on WBEZ. Volker Greifenhagen is Dean of Luther College at the University of Regina and teaches in religious studies.

This Week’s Highlights

- Our young adults committee has been working hard to plan some great events. Young adult activities begin Saturday, July 18. Get a chance to network and know each other before Connect officially begins! Take a look at our website for information about these activities and also our fantastic student speakers.
- Debra Schubert is a University of Regina student who’s been volunteering with planning this year’s Connect. She’ll also be presenting Authentic Religious Encounters as a Means to Peaceful Co-Existence. Check out her blog http://theskinnyjeanrant.com.

For more information on our program, how to sign up for tours, where to stay, and what to do while you’re in Regina, visit us online at www.luthercollege.edu/nain2015