



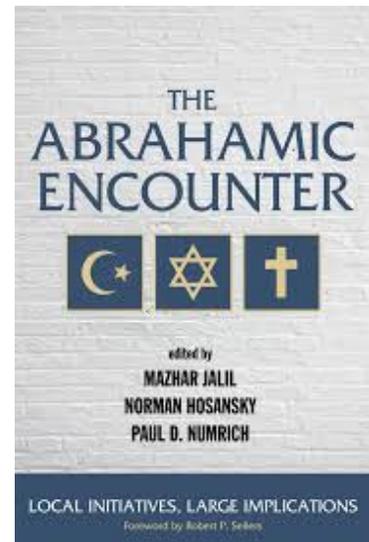
## New Book Available from IACO!

### **The Abrahamic Encounter: Local Initiatives, Large Implications**

Edited by Mazhar Jalil, Norman Hosansky, and Paul D. Numrich, Wipf and Stock, 2017

#### **Book review by IACO President Phil Washburn:**

*The opening chapter of the book begins with a quote from a former president and current board member of the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) and includes part of the story of the founding of our organization. The Abrahamic Encounter, edited by Mazhar Jalil, Norman Hosansky and Paul Numrich, 2017, tells the rich story of interreligious partnership and dialogue from a grassroots perspective and encourages readers to view what has happened in Columbus, OH as a model to be used around the world. Recently published, the Abrahamic Encounter begins with a thorough retelling of the history of interreligious work in Columbus, going back to the late 19th century, and then explains why it is such a great example of local interreligious work. The remainder of the book is a number of insightful scholarly articles, written by some of the top interreligious thinkers of today, discussing topics pertinent to our interactions with one another; topics such as comparisons of different Abrahamic traditions' scriptural treatments of Abraham, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Jesus. The book concludes with a series of articles discussing how interreligious relationships in our past have shaped us today. All of these topics are very important to the success of our work and would be of benefit to any and all of us. I encourage our local interfaith community to support this book through purchase and learn more about the rich history and precedence we have right in our own backyard.*




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