

Special Colloquium

August 14, 2007 @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Newton Senior Center

Across Newton Public Library

Free Admission



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Speakers Profile



Richard Matthews

Richard Matthews is a recovered alcoholic and addict who has 25 years of personal recovery. Early in recovery he was advised to get a degree in psychology as he had a "knack" for working with alcoholics. He graduated from Simon Fraser University in 1990 with a BA in psychology and pursued a post graduate diploma in Pastoral Counseling in order to weave spirituality and psychology into his work.

Richard has worked in the addictions field since 1991. In 1995 he was offered a position as an outreach counselor working with the alcoholics and rice wine drinkers in the Downtown Eastside (DTES) with the Seniors Well Aware Program (SWAP) and has been with them for the past twelve years. In 2000 he was asked to help found the Magdalene Recovery Society (MRS) a society dedicated to helping chemically dependent sex trade workers. Taking a leave of absence from SWAP he worked as the Executive Director and then Clinical Director for MRS before being asked to return to the Seniors Well Aware Program where he worked as Executive Director & Clinical Director and supervised the work of ten counselors. Richard now focuses on his private practice in North



Ataul Wahid LaHaye

Mr. LaHaye became a member of the Ahmadiyyat Movement in Islam in March of 1984 after studying various religious doctrine for 8 years. He sat on the National Executive of the Movement as the secretary for Propagation for 7 years and has lectured on various religious subjects in Canada, Britain, India and America.

Mr. LaHaye has numerous articles published by the Movement as well as editorials in local newspapers. He has been writing, producing and editing documentaries on behalf of the Movement for several years. A few include a documentary on Qadian, the home of the founder of the Movement, Jesus in India, A Sign for North America and A Heavenly Sign. He is currently working on a documentary that will examine male/female relationships in the context of dating. Mr LaHaye is married with 3 children and has worked for Ontario Power Generation as an Emergency