

## Lecture offers a perspective from Pakistan on Christian-Muslim relations

The Rev. Canon Dr. Titus Presler will give the 12th Annual Lecture on World Religions and Interreligious Dialogue, sponsored by the Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus. The topic is “Challenges and Opportunities in Christian-Muslim Relations: A Perspective from Pakistan.” The lecture begins at 7 p.m. April 13 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 5101 Johnstown Road in New Albany. It is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Presler has wide experience in theological education and cross-cultural mission in the Episcopal Church and the global Anglican Communion. He has served as president of the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas; academic dean of General Theological Seminary in New York City; and principal (president) of Edwardes College in Peshawar, Pakistan. He specializes in the interaction of gospel and cultures, Christian-Muslim relations, and Christianity in Africa and south Asia. He has taught at Episcopal Divinity School, Harvard Divinity School and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He chaired the Episcopal Church’s Standing Commission on World Mission and served as a consultant to the Anglican Indaba Project. (“Indaba” is a Zulu word for community deliberation on controversy.)

Presler holds a BA from Harvard University, a Master of Divinity degree from General Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Theology degree from Boston University. He is the author of “Going Global with God: Reconciling Mission in a World of Difference” and “Transfigured Night: Mission and Culture in Zimbabwe’s Vigil Movement.” Among his recent articles are “Why Has Pakistan Become So Intolerant?” in “The Daily Beast” and “Witness, Advocacy, and Union: Anglicanism’s 20th-Century Contribution to Minority Christianity in South Asia” in the forthcoming “Oxford History of Anglicanism.” He blogs at [TitusOnMission.wordpress.com](http://TitusOnMission.wordpress.com).

Presler was raised in a missionary family in India. He and his wife, the Rev. Canon Jane Butterfield, were missionaries of the Episcopal Church in Zimbabwe in the 1980s.

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