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Chicago Public Radio Presents...

Evolving Faith: Meaning, Ethics and Ideas

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Peabody Award-winning journalist Krista Tippett and founder of Interfaith Youth Core Eboo Patel engage in conversation at the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

Chicago, IL — As part of the *Chicago Public Radio Presents* Event Series, Chicago Public Radio [WBEZ 91.5FM] will captivate live audience members with a riveting conversation between Krista Tippett, the Peabody Award-winning host of American Public Media's™ groundbreaking program on public radio, *Speaking of Faith with Krista Tippett®*, and Eboo Patel, founder and Executive Director of Chicago-based, globally active Interfaith Youth Core. The November 16 discussion will focus on the changing face of religion, spiritual ethics, belief and non-belief in the post 9/11 world and will take place at the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago at 7 P.M.

As a radio host, Tippett takes on thought-provoking subjects, interviewing wise thinkers and activists, asking new questions of old debates and creating a space for fresh thinking and real conversation. At this event, the tables will be turned. Patel will lead the discussion, asking Tippett the types of questions she usually dishes out and exploring the surprises and discoveries she has made as religion has moved from the sidelines to the forefront of world affairs.

"I'm fascinated," Tippett says, "in how insights we call 'religious' or 'spiritual' find expression in every area of life – from work to parenting, from television to quantum physics. I am thrilled by the creative interplay I find across supposed dividing lines – science versus religion, for example – on the hardest and most interesting issues before us."

Eboo Patel says, "I look forward to the rare opportunity to interview Krista, one of the foremost voices on religion and society today. All too often, when religion steps out in public, division and strife ensue. I believe that the solution to the problem of divisive religious voices in the public life is not fewer religious voices – or none at all. The answer is greater participation of diverse religious voices, guided by wise people like Krista."

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Speaking of Faith with Krista Tippett, produced and distributed by American Public Media in St. Paul, Minn., tackles national and global issues of the 21st century, drawing in secular and non-secular audiences—topics range from politics to science and more. The show, which has received a Peabody and two Webby awards, is broadcast on more than 225 stations across the U.S. It also is gaining momentum through podcasts, Internet exposure and live events. *Speaking of Faith with Krista Tippett* can be heard in Chicago on WBEZ 91.5FM at 7 a.m. on Sundays, starting September 27, 2009.

The *Chicago Public Radio Presents* Event Series is just one stop on Tippett's national speaking tour, which will include cities such as Philadelphia, Boston, Hartford, CT and Washington, DC. She plans to explore the religious transformation among the U.S. population, attracting people of all spiritual backgrounds, both believers and non-believers alike.

The *Speaking of Faith with Krista Tippett* national tour is supported by a grant from the Lilly Endowment (www.lillyendowment.org). The foundation supports projects focused on religion, education and community enhancement, specifically regarding youth.

As founder of Interfaith Youth Core, Eboo Patel's mission is to connect young people from different religious backgrounds through common values such as bettering the community and building relationships, rather than focusing on political or religious conflict. He also serves on the Advisory Council of the White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, a position that was appointed by President Obama.

The November 16 event will be streamed live on www.wbez.org and www.speakingoffaith.org. *Chicago Public Radio Presents* is sponsored in part by Goose Island Brewery, Spex Luxury Eyewear, and AV Club Chicago. For more information, interviews or photos, contact Don Hall at 312-948-4644 or donhall@chicagopublicradio.org.

For tickets, go to www.chicagopublicradio.org/events.

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Fourth Presbyterian Church has had an active presence in the city of Chicago since 1871. Located on Chicago's "Magnificent Mile," across from the John Hancock Center, the church attracts members from all walks of life from across the entire metropolitan area. The 6,000-member congregation continues its commitment to serving the needs of its congregation and community through a wide variety of outreach programs. A full listing of these programs and the rich worship opportunities offered by Fourth Presbyterian Church is described at www.fourthchurch.org

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- WHAT:** **Chicago Public Radio Presents ...**
Evolving Faith: Meaning, Ethics, and Ideas. Experience a fascinating discussion between Peabody Award-winning journalist Krista Tippett and Interfaith Youth Core founder Eboo Patel; however, this time Tippett becomes the interviewee with Patel asking her challenging questions she often poses to guests on her national radio show *Speaking of Faith with Krista Tippett*.
- WHERE:** Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago
126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL
www.fourthchurch.org
- WHEN:** **Monday, November 16, 2009, at 7 p.m.**
Reception begins at 6 p.m., including participation in an art installation directed by Chicago-based artist Krista Franklin
- TICKETS:** \$15.00/general admission

\$12.00/Chicago Public Radio members

\$10.00/students (with valid ID)

For tickets, go to www.chicagopublicradio.org/events
- WHO:** **Krista Tippett, Host of *Speaking of Faith with Krista Tippett***
Krista Tippett is a Peabody-award-winning broadcaster and author. As the creator and host of *Speaking of Faith* at American Public Media, Tippett has pioneered a new model of intelligent, in-depth journalism about religion and spiritual ethics in every aspect of human endeavor. The program is heard on over 225 public radio stations across the U.S. and globally via podcast and the Internet. She is also the author of a memoir and reflection on religion in 21st Century life, *Speaking of Faith - Why Religion Matters and How to Talk about it* (2008, Penguin) and *Einstein's God - Conversations about Science and the Human Spirit* (February 2010, Penguin). www.speakingoffaith.org
- Eboo Patel, Founder and Executive Director of Interfaith Youth Core**
Eboo Patel is the founder and Executive Director of the Interfaith Youth Core, a Chicago-based institution building the global interfaith youth movement. He serves on the Advisory Council of the White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, where he is working to realize the President's priority of interfaith cooperation. Eboo is the author of *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*, and writes "The Faith Divide", a featured blog on religion for *The Washington Post*.