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Renowned conflict resolution specialist and negotiator to shed light on deep rooted, identity-based conflicts

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WINNIPEG--Dr. Jay Rothman, mediator and consultant to national leaders in the Middle East, will present his lecture **Peacemaking from the Inside-Out** to the Winnipeg community on June 18.

Menno Simons College (MSC) has invited Rothman to share his work and engage with people working in conflict resolution in Winnipeg as well as with the wider community.

Rothman is associate professor at Bar-Ilan University in Israel and co-editor of The International Journal of Conflict Engagement and Resolution. Outside of the Middle East, his conflict resolution experience extends across the globe to conflicted communities in Northern Ireland, Spain-Catalonia, and the United States.

His focus is on using conflict as a tool for greater self-awareness and improving relationships at home, in the community, and around the world.

MSC believes Rothman's message has particular importance for people experiencing conflict in Winnipeg.

According to Rothman, conflict engagement means helping people to feel safe and helping them to deal with the situation, preferably in a cooperative way.

According to MSC Professor Stephanie Stobbe, "Some would say our city has become racialized. While this diversity has the potential for conflicts, positive conflict engagement can help these groups become even more valuable parts of our communities," she says, referring to the large numbers of new immigrants living in Winnipeg, as well as Winnipeg's large Aboriginal population.

"Rothman can provide knowledge and skills into how we can be more successful in conflict engagement. Conflicts are part of being human and there are opportunities to learn from it and grow," says Stobbe.

Peacemaking from the Inside-Out will take place at 7 PM on June 18 at the University of Winnipeg's Eckhardt Gramatte Hall and is offered at no cost.

Other workshop and course facilitated by Rothman are also available. For details visit www.mscollege.ca/specialcourses_2013.html

Menno Simons College (MSC) is a pioneer and leader in Conflict Resolution Studies and International Development Studies, offering a wide range of courses and experienced faculty that is unparalleled in Canada. MSC fosters a learning community that prepares students from diverse backgrounds to make a difference by addressing conflict, inequality, and poverty. MSC programs also include practicum opportunities and supporting scholarships. MSC is a College of Canadian Mennonite University and is

located at and affiliated with The University of Winnipeg. Students who complete programs at MSC will graduate with a bachelor of arts from The University of Winnipeg.

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