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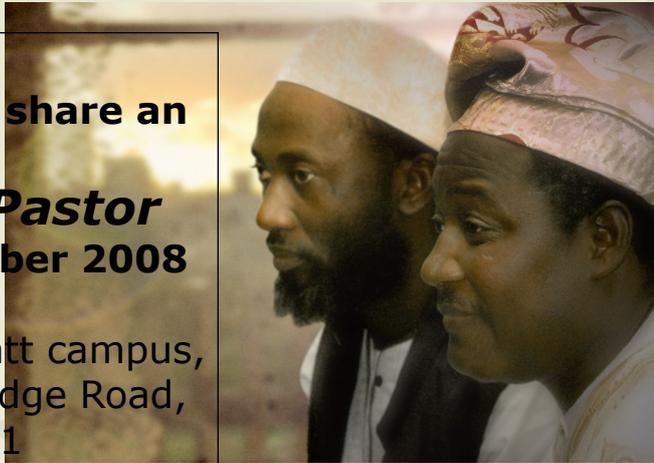
would like to invite you to share an evening with

The Imam and the Pastor

On Wednesday 5th November 2008

6.15pm – 9.30pm

At Griffith University, Mt Gravatt campus,
Room M10_5.01, Messines Ridge Road,
Mt Gravatt, M10_5.01



Imam Ashafa joined an Islamic group committed to Islamising northern Nigeria. He became Secretary-General of the Muslim Youth Councils, which incited violence against Christians, resulting in the Christians creating their own counter organisation, the Youth Christian Association of Nigeria, led by Pastor Wuye. In the fighting which ensued, Imam Ashafa lost his spiritual mentor, and two cousins.

Pastor Wuye is an Assemblies of God minister, the son of a soldier who fought in the Biafran war. In the 1980's and 1990's, he was Secretary-General of a chapter of the Youth Christian Association of Nigeria. He led a reprisal attack against Ashafa's militant group, in the process losing one of his hands and increasing his hatred for Muslims in general, and Ashafa in particular.

A chance meeting in 1995 brought the two men together. After months of soul searching, both decided to work to end the violence and together they founded the Interfaith Mediation Centre.

Their work as a team for reconciliation began in 1997 and since then they have taken their message to many parts of the world. The film of their work *The Imam and the Pastor* premiered at the United Nations in New York and was subsequently shown in the British House of Commons. Their story has engaged large audiences in many parts of the world, and an extract of their film will be shown during the evening.

Light refreshments will be provided and numbers are very limited, so please reply early.

Rsvp: Monday October 13th to Gillian Warry at the Griffith Islamic Research Unit.

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