To foster and build understanding, respect and trust is a challenging and urgent task in our increasingly complex and global society. Promoting peaceful co-existence is a global priority in a world where the focus is often on fear. Accepting each other’s religious expression brings us together as a community and creates a voice for a hopeful future.

The Tri-Faith Initiative of Omaha, Nebraska, is meeting this challenge. Members of the three Abrahamic faiths — Judaism, Christianity and Islam are committed to promote mutual respect and uphold the right to proclaim one’s own religion and serve God in his/her own way.

To advance this mission, the Tri-Faith Initiative has set an ambitious course to build a Center to co-locate with Temple Israel, a new Episcopal church and the American Institute of Islamic Studies and Culture. These four buildings will form a multi-faith neighborhood of collaboration. The Tri-Faith Center will open its doors to all people in Omaha, the heartland and ultimately the global community. Mutual respect and acceptance is a vital and urgent need. We ask you to join us in supporting this most worthy project.

**ACT**
- Strengthen mediation and peacemaking capacities of religious leaders and faith-based organizations to address conflict resolution
- Welcome visitors with Abrahamic hospitality, modeling what it means to be a good neighbor
- Encourage public discussion about how faith impacts personal, professional and civic decisions
- Promote policies protecting religion, democracy and our common commitment to justice
- Unite our diverse voices to challenge extremism

**LEARN**
- Educate, inform and develop understanding about Abrahamic faiths by creating curriculum materials, multimedia exhibits, simulated games, films, lectures and other techniques about history, beliefs, rituals and practices
- Celebrate religious and cultural differences beyond theological doctrine, extending to art, music, cuisine, ethics and holidays
- Recruit scholars, clergy in training and research fellows to work in residence at the Center
- Foster religious literacy among people of all faiths and ages
- Challenge our youth to become peaceful agents of change

**GATHER**
- Create friendship and connections by coming together in comfortable, approachable spaces with people of other faiths for children, youth and adults
- Share the narratives of our communities and experiences as we listen to each other’s stories of faith in a spirit of mutual acceptance
- Provide youth camps, workshops and retreats in a contemplative environment for sacred opportunities
THE SITE
On this very site in 1924, Highland Country Club was established to provide a country club where Jewish members would be welcomed. At the time, Jewish people were excluded from membership in established Omaha clubs. The club was renamed Ironwood in the 1999's when it changed ownership. In 2010, the 153-acre site was purchased by Sterling Ridge Development to create a mixed use development of commercial, residential, retail and religious space. The area of Sterling Ridge that will be devoted to religious space will encompass 35-acres, centrally located in Omaha and easily accessible via major roads and interstate. Four institutions have established a Memorandum of Understanding regarding use of this space. The four institutions are: Temple Israel, The Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska, The American Institute of Islamic Studies and Culture, and the Tri-Faith Initiative.

The Tri-Faith Initiative at the Sterling Ridge Development represents an unprecedented opportunity to create a lasting public presence to promote mutual respect and acceptance. The Tri-Faith Center will welcome people of all faiths and will become a model for peaceful co-existence that builds on America's promise of religious freedom and our desire for understanding.

A LEGACY FOR MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING
The Tri-Faith Initiative launched a five-year campaign in January 2011 to raise funds from private sources.

The campaign's goals include:
• $6 million to acquire the land, complete construction and equip the Tri-Faith Center.
• $1 million for program and operating costs.
• $5 million to establish an endowment fund.

The Tri-Faith Initiative has been established as a 501c(3) Nebraska non-profit corporation, to oversee the project and accept funds from private sources.

The Tri-Faith Initiative is now seeking leadership gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations. These commitments will set the pace for other donors and ensure the success of this unprecedented fundraising effort. Naming opportunities within the building and on its exterior grounds are available. Ground breaking is currently scheduled to occur in the fall of 2011, and is expected to open in 2013.

Helping establish a permanent home for the Tri-Faith Initiative is a unique opportunity. Support of this project will resonate for decades in the expanded work and global impact of the Tri-Faith Initiative.

THE DESIGN
The Center will be a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) structure. The design will reflect our commitment to collaboration, connectedness and community with our Abrahamic faith partners. The Center will house social, educational and conference facilities that will include:
• An auditorium and a briefing room for conferences, symposia, public lectures, film screenings and addresses.
• Mid-size meeting rooms for educational and training programs.
• Small meeting rooms for policy deliberations and dialogues.
• Informal meeting areas such as a coffee shop and common spaces.
• Gathering spaces for retreats in a contemplative environment.
• Advanced information and communication technologies and space for permanent and traveling displays.
• Enhanced broadband internet services to support electronic learning.
• Programmatic, administrative staff and research fellows office space.
• A digital research library and archives.