

*The 9th Annual Pastoral Care Seminar
NewYork-Presbyterian/Lawrence Hospital
The Counseling Center of Bronxville*

Monday, November 17, 2014, 12 noon to 2 p.m. at The Reformed Church of Bronxville

“Neurophysiology of Spiritual Experience”

*Presenter: Dr. Hasan Asif MD, Psychiatrist,
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Dr. Hasan Asif has been exploring the brain and spirituality for a number of years. In his presentation he will be

- *Exploring spiritual experience across different traditions and cultures and their similar impact on personality and psychological make-up.

- *Exploring underlying neurophysiological correlates of the experience of oneness and union.

- *Exploring the impact of prayer and meditation on the brain and how different traditions seem to have a very similar impact on neurophysiology and on different regions of the brain.

- *Exploring deeply the formation of the EGO, and its liberation as postulated in mystical tradition, from a neurophysiological perspective. How prayers and meditation deactivates certain ego generating areas and creates a sense of wholeness and oneness along with compassion and care for others.

- *Exploring certain genetic findings: a God gene and its neurochemical role in producing belief by activating dopamine in the right temporal region: Theta wave resonance and meditation – outside the normal psychology-parapsychology phenomenon as studied by Dr. Persinger in his neurotheology lab in Canada.

This seminar is are *free*, held from *noon to 2 p.m.* and includes a *free light lunch*. Please call Carol Laco-Cueto at 914-793-3388 to reserve a place for you and other members of your congregation leadership.