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KCPT launches *Beyond Belief: Kansas City's Mosaic of Faith and Spirit*
Seeking community voices and storytellers for multi-media project on faith and religion

Kansas City (Nov. 10, 2015) — KCPT is announcing a year long community engagement initiative on faith and religion and is seeking community voices and input.

Following a national competition from AIR, a Boston-based network of independent public media producers, KCPT was chosen as one of 15 stations to incubate storytelling experiments in public media as part of a national initiative called *Localore: Finding America*.

KCPT's local project *Beyond Belief: Kansas City's Mosaic of Faith and Spirit* aims to connect communities of faith in our diverse city, and explore the interplay of religious life—and lives in which religion is absent—with youth culture, race, civic engagement and economic disparity.

The project is led by independent producer Steve Mencher and KCPT. "We hope that *Beyond Belief* will inspire people in Kansas City to look beyond their own religious affiliation to learn about others and celebrate what they have in common. We're promoting tolerance — across divides of race, class and age — and we are inviting the community to propose and consider questions of religion, spirituality and faith," says Mencher.

Beyond Belief will attempt to expand the interfaith dialogue that is already a feature of Kansas City's spiritual and religious life. KCPT is currently looking for individuals, organizations and independent storytellers and producers to contribute their ideas and participate in the shaping of the project.

"We think that people can discover they have much in common once they move "beyond belief." We'll use all the tools at our disposal—from events to online multimedia to broadcast features and news pieces—to illustrate this powerful idea. We believe this project has the potential to create change in Kansas City, and also fundamentally transform and strengthen KCPT's relationship to everyone in the community," continues Mencher.

For more information and to subscribe to receive ongoing updates on the project go to kcpt.org/beyondbelief.

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About AIR

AIR was founded in 1988 by 10 independent radio producers at a kitchen table on Murray Street in New York. Now Boston-based, AIR's international talent network of more than 1,100 focuses on identifying, cultivating and deploying story makers to deepen understanding of and bring enlightenment to people worldwide. More information can be found at AIRmedia.org.

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About CPB

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), a private, nonprofit corporation created by Congress in 1967, is the steward of the federal government's investment in public broadcasting. It helps support the operations of more than 1,400 locally-owned and -operated public television and radio stations nationwide, and is the largest single source of funding for research, technology, and program development for public radio, television and related online services.