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Area clergy discuss cooperation in next edition of NewsNight Akron

KENT, Ohio — April 12, 2006 — On the day when many religions will observe Good Friday, PBS 45 & 49's weekly news program, **NewsNight Akron**, invites area clergy to discuss cooperation. The half-hour program airs on Friday, April 14 at 9 p.m.

Hosted by Ed Esposito, **NewsNight Akron** panelist and news director of Rubber City Radio Group, the special discusses how local churches embrace diversity, especially as it relates to religion. Participating in the discussion are:

- Dr. Jay Groat, pastor of First Congregational Church of Akron
- Rabbi David Lipper of Temple Israel in Akron
- Amy Khatib, a member of the board of education of Islamic Center of Greater Akron
- Father Paul Rosing, a priest at Holy Family Parish in Stow

The conversation continues with an additional half hour of discussion, available by choosing the "Video on Demand" link on the station's Web site, www.pbs4549.org, from Friday evening to Wednesday, April 19. The **NewsNight Akron** broadcast also will be available for video-on-demand viewing on the Web site.

About NewsNight Akron

NewsNight Akron, a weekly production of PBS 45 & 49, offers spontaneous, lively, in-depth discussions about issues that affect the lives of people in Greater Akron. Hosted by Vincent Duffy, director of programming and operations at 89.7/WKSU-FM, the half-hour program features a roundtable discussion with a panel of local journalists that covers both breaking news stories on topics such as education, the community and local business, as well as ongoing subjects including elections and major news stories. When opportunities arise, **NewsNight Akron** provides additional in-depth coverage with **NewsMaker Akron** interviews and candidate debates during election seasons.

About PBS 45 & 49

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