

新年快乐

VISION STATEMENT

To establish a working knowledge of the beliefs, practices and lifestyles of three religious traditions, ancient and modern, which are in the St. Cloud area. Those who follow these faiths will discuss them with the community at large in order to help further understanding and dialogue.



PURPOSE

This educational series is planned to promote an opportunity for understanding and dialogue among people whose worldviews are infused with Confucianism, Daoism, and Mahayana Buddhism, and others who subscribe to diverse beliefs and cultural practices in the greater St. Cloud area.



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OVERALL OBJECTIVES

1. To learn about one another's core beliefs of faith, culture, traditions, and community life
2. To ask questions in dialogue that lead to greater understanding
3. To create friendships and build relationships across religious and cultural divides
4. To decrease suspicion and fear of one another
5. To be part of a process that eliminates acts of discrimination and hate against recent immigrants and persons of color
6. To contribute toward building greater respect and opportunity for people in the St. Cloud area

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HOSPITALITY

Child care activities for children provided by Chinese students and Chinese community members
Light snacks and refreshments served by hosting institution

THANK YOU!



ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL
(Suggested donation to support UNIITE: \$5/session)
All sites are disability accessible except
Holy Myrrh-Bearers Orthodox Church

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EACH SESSION WILL GENERALLY INCLUDE

- 6.30 – 6.50 pm Screening of documentaries
on Confucianism and Daoism
- 6.50 pm "Invitation to Gather" by
President of Series,
Board member of UNIITE
- 6.55 pm Welcoming words by leader of
hosting institution
- 7.00 pm Prayer to open the dialogue
- 7.05 – 7.35 pm Featured main presentation:
Dr. Yiwei Zheng
- 7.35 – 7.45 pm Respondent(s) of the day
- 7.45 – 8.10 pm Conversation and
q & a open to all
- 8.10 pm Concluding remarks by
Dr. Zheng
- 8.15 – 8.30 pm President of Series' "Closing
Word"; snacks and
beverages



February 7, 2008 marks the
Year of the Rat

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February 7, Chinese New Year, 5.30-8.30 pm
Location: Holy Myrrh-Bearers Orthodox Church
Topic: Life and teachings of Confucius
Prayer Leader: Elder Dearing, Mormon
Respondent: Johanna Armstrong

February 14, 6.30-8.30 pm
Location: Newman Center Terrace
Topic: Daodejing and the Origin of Daoism
Respondent: Stephen Phillion

February 21, 6.30-8.30 pm
Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Topic: Confucianism in Imperial and Modern China
Prayer Leader: Jane Bennett, Judaism
Respondent: Pat Welter and Patrick Henry

February 28, 6.30-8.30 pm
Location: First United Methodist Church
Topic: Hiding the World in the World
Prayer Leader: Bette Bartos, Baha'i Faith
Respondent: Karen Jentz

March 13, 6.30-8.30 pm
Location: Salem Lutheran Church
Topic: Popular deities in Confucianism and
Daoism
Prayer Leader:
Respondent: Jim McNelly

March 27, 5.30-7.10 pm
Location: tba
Topic: Chan Buddhism and Tibetan Buddhism
Prayer Leader:
Respondent:
7.10-8.30 pm, concluding fundraising dinner for
UNIITE



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