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- ☐ Making presentations about my faith tradition
- ☐ Sharing rituals from my faith tradition,
- ☐ Providing logistical support for UNIITE events.
- ☐ Providing food for UNIITE events.
- ☐ Serving as a liaison to my faith community
- ☐ Serving on UNIITE's board. Please contact me with more information.
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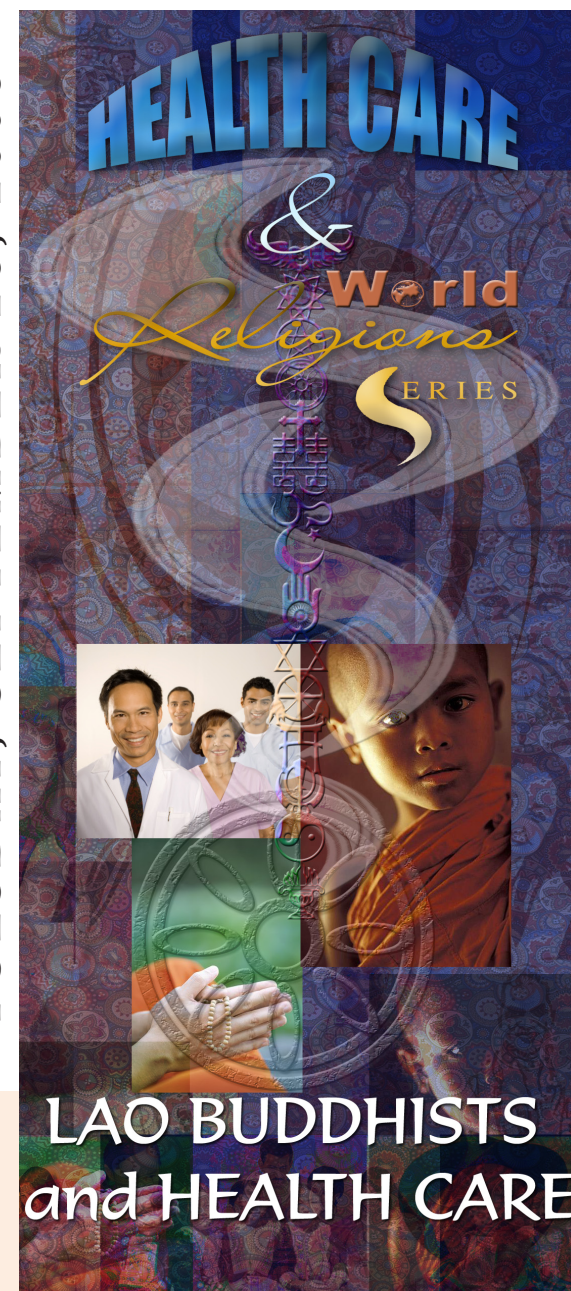
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006



LAO BUDDHISTS
and HEALTH CARE

HOPPE AUDITORIUM
ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL

1406 6th Avenue N, St. Cloud, MN 56303

8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM



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PRESENTERS

SUNNY SINH CHANTHANOUVONG

Executive director of Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. He is a SNAP (Successful New Americans Project) consultant.

CASEY ANONTHISENE, R.N.

Casey Anonthisene has been in the United States for more than 20 years. She graduated at St. Catherine's College with a Bachelor's in Nursing Science degree. She currently works at Hennepin County Medical Center as a nurse in the Medical Intensive Care Unit. Casey also volunteers at the Lao Assistance Center. She hopes to build a center of assisted living for ethnically diverse communities. Her dream is to give leadership on medical missions to Laos.

SAPHATHONG KOMANY

Saphathong Komany is a retired school teacher. He moved with his family from New York to Minnesota in July 2006. Besides his first language Lao, Mr. Saphathong Komany knows Thai, French, and English. He graduated from a French high school in 1962. He completed his B.A. in 1967 at the Police Cadet Academy in Thailand. In 1971, he graduated with a Bachelor of Law at the Institute of Law and Administration in Laos. In 1987, he graduated with a Master of Education at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

He is currently working on an English-Lao Dictionary, college edition. His other projects include an English-Lao Law Dictionary and an English-Lao Medical Dictionary.

CHONGCHITH SAENGSDUDHAM

Chongchith Saengsudham is a community outreach worker.

SANH CHAREUNRATH

Sanh Chareunrath lives in St. Cloud, MN. She has an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Child and Adult Care and Education. She is currently attending St. Cloud Technical College with an undeclared major. She also does work-study at Whitney Senior Center and interprets Lao/English part-time. Her family and she came to the United States, May 1979.

They have lived in St. Cloud, MN, since 1984.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

8:30 – 9:00 am <i>Presenter: Sunny Sinh Chanthanouvong</i>	Salient history, geography, of country of origin; demographics of Lao Buddhists in Minnesota and how they got here
9:00 – 9:10 am <i>Presenter: Sanh Chareunrath</i>	What is my experience being a Lao Buddhist in St. Cloud? What brought me here?
9:10 – 9:20 am	Questions and Answers
9:20 – 9:30 am	B R E A K
9:30 – 10:00 am <i>Presenter: Saphathong Komany</i>	Salient religious and cultural characteristics of Lao Buddhists in Minnesota
10:00 – 10:10 am <i>Presenter: Sanh Chareunrath</i>	What aspects of my culture are vitally important to me? What aspects of my religion are vitally important in my thinking and practice?
10:10 – 10:20 am	Questions and Answers
10:20 – 10:30 am	B R E A K
10:30 – 11:00 am <i>Presenter: Casey Anonthisene</i>	What health care related concerns of Lao Buddhists do health care professionals need to be aware of?
11:00 – 11:10 am <i>Presenter: Sanh Chareunrath</i>	Role play: Simulating an actual situation of a Lao Buddhist patient in a health care facility; a volunteer from the audience comes up to deal with the situation; patient & volunteer give feedback to each other at the end
11:10 – 11:20 am	Questions and Answers
11:20 – 11:30 am	B R E A K
11:30 – 11:40 am	Cultural performance <i>Chongchith Saengsudham</i>
11:40 am - 12:00 pm	Video <i>Mr. Sangvane, Lao Media TV</i>
12:00 - 12:30 pm	Discussion, Q & A

HEALTH CARE & WORLD RELIGIONS SERIES

Accreditation:

Each education offering has been designed to meet the Minnesota Board of Nursing continuing education requirements for four (4.0) contact hours. It is the personal responsibility of each participant to determine whether this activity meets the requirements for acceptable continuing education by the licensing organization.

Continental breakfast included.
\$35 per session

Tuesday September 26, 2006
8:30am - 12:30pm
“Lao Buddhists and Health Care”

Tuesday October 10, 2006
8:30am - 12:30pm
“South Asian Hindus and Health Care”

Tuesday October 24, 2006
8:30am - 12:30pm
“Latino/a Christians and Health Care”

Tuesday November 7, 2006
8:30am - 12:30pm
“Somali Muslims and Health Care”

Tuesday November 21, 2006
8:00am - 12:00pm
“Hmong and Health Care”

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