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JOIN US for the 2011-2012 Global Education Calendar and Speakers Series: “**Life Passages: Ritual and Celebrations.**” Each month we will explore the way ethnic and global cultures from here in Springfield/Clark County, Ohio and around the world use rituals and celebrations to commemorate life passages.

In September, we’ll begin the year with a 10th anniversary celebration of the Global Education and Peace Network’s looking back and also learn about how multicultural families celebrate and ritualize. In October, Samina Ahmed will teach us about life passages in Islamic Traditions. In November, we’ll turn to Hindu rituals and celebrations with Anjana Prasad and enjoy some popular Hindu cultural dances performed by members of the local Hindu community, including our calendar supporters, Ravi and Vinita Khanna. In December, St. Teresa’s Church members will explain Mexican rituals, including the Christmas Posadas.

In January, Howard Choy, Ph.D. from Wittenberg will again teach us about Chinese culture with a focus on Chinese family life. In February, our founding member, Dr. Akber Mohammed will speak. Then, in March, Father Anthony Geraci of St. Paul Catholic Church in Yellow Springs will enlighten us on Catholic Life Passages.

In April, Jagdish Singh will teach us about Sikh rituals and celebrations. In May, Minister and Musician Rev. Dale DeGroat will enlighten us with experiences in the African-American traditions. Then in June, a local group, Equality Springfield, will discuss experiences related to Growing Up Gay in America. In July, Wittenberg professor Imai Terumi, PhD will explain Japanese rituals and celebrations. To finish our year, Guy W. Jones will explain life passages in his Lakota, Native American tradition.

You are encouraged to join in each month to listen and learn. **HELP BUILD BRIDGES** across the many cultural traditions of our community and global village.

Since 2001, the Global Education and Peace Network has provided a forum for intercultural understanding. The network includes people from many different cultural traditions, and so our presenters are not representing the network’s views, but rather their own personal and cultural views. Our goal is to create an environment of respect where we can learn from each other and build bridges of understanding. Many times the viewpoints we hear differ from our own cultural and religious viewpoints, and yet we try to understand, to learn and to extend the hand of friendship. In such a diverse world, we believe it is very important to be able to disagree with each other and still be friends.



The Center for Civic and Urban Engagement at Wittenberg is pleased to work with the Global Education and Peace Network in the education, entertainment and enlightenment of Clark County residents. We invite everyone to join us at Wittenberg each month for the Global Education Series events and hope that you will discover more about different cultures and their heritage.

Thursday, September 8, 2011

10th Anniversary Celebration: Intercultural Families Celebrate
Colleen Walters, Samina Ahmed and friends

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Life Passages and Celebrations in Islamic Life
Samina Ahmed

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Life Passages and Celebrations in Hindu Life
Anjana Prasad

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Life Passages and Celebrations in Mexican Culture
St. Teresa’s Catholic Church members

Thursday, January 12, 2012

Life Passages and Celebrations in Chinese Culture
Howard Choy, Ph.D.

Thursday, February 9, 2012

**Life Cycle Observances from Abraham to Mohammed:
Head Coverings and Circumcision**
Akber Mohammed, M.D.

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Life Passages and Celebrations in Roman Catholic Culture
Father Anthony Geraci

Thursday, April 12, 2012

Life Passages and Celebrations in Sikh Culture
Jagdish Singh

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Life Passages and Celebrations in African-American Culture
Rev. Dale DeGroat

Thursday, June 14, 2012

Life Passages and Celebrations in Lesbian/Gay Culture
Richard Incorvati and Equality Springfield

Thursday, July 12, 2012

Life Passages and Celebrations in Japanese Culture
Teruma Imai, Ph.D.

Thursday, August 9, 2012

Life Passages and Celebrations in Native American Culture
Guy A. Jones

All programs will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Room 105 of the Joseph C. Shouplin Center at Wittenberg University, located at 737 N. Fountain Ave. in Springfield, Ohio. Call (937) 324-7696 for more information.