



CENTER FOR INTERFAITH PROJECTS

Promoting Understanding and Respecting Differences

E-NEWSLETTER: July 2011 *David B. Myers, Executive Director*

Events:

Theology Pub: The first Theology Pub met July 5 at Usher's (downstairs @the Hunt Club). Appealing to those who might consider themselves *spiritual but not religious*, the topic for the evening was: Judge Not Lest You Be Judged. Really? This was sponsored by Project F-M. Its facebook page says: "cultivating a modern Christian faith community in Fargo-Moorhead committed to curiosity, creativity, and open-mindedness." Facilitated by Adam Copeland, ProjectFM Director, the format is open: he comes with some questions, quotes, and ideas to guide discussion, but allows the discussion to go where the participants lead it. The next meeting is July 18, Tuesday, 7-8:30p.m. when the topic will be "Creation or Coincidence?" Although not sponsored by CIP, it is something we support because one component of our mission is to help those searching for a spiritual home to find one. For more information go to www.theprojectfm.org.

All-Day Buddhist Retreat: Cutting Through Spiritual Materialism. Sunday, July 24, 10-4pm. (\$35). Although it is a Buddhist retreat, non-Buddhists can benefit from what is offered at this day-long event. CIP was created to allow opportunities to learn about different traditions and spiritual practices. The day will include meditation, discussion, and videos of talks by Chogyam Trungpa, one of the leading figures in Tibetan Buddhism. The retreat will be led by Terry Lausch, a certified meditation instructor. CIP is co-sponsoring this with the Spirit Room. Lunch is included in the cost of the retreat. For more information: 701 237-0230.

Mysticism: Suffering and Evil What does mysticism have to say about a world that seems so full of suffering and evil? Does it treat suffering and evil as illusions, or does it affirm their reality? Does it encourage us to turn away from this world to a higher spiritual realm, or to work to heal a broken world? Two practitioners of mysticism—Phil Mouch and Reza Saberi—will share their different perspectives. Sunday, August 28, 2pm. Spirit Room. For information: 701 388-7368.

Interfaith Library: We have books on all major faiths, atheism, and the interfaith movement. They can be checked out. Each book is an opportunity for interfaith dialogue.

Website: Please check out the Center's website. See, for example, the Sources of Information page where you can click on images of the cover of each book in our library and on links that will provide you with information on world religions and interfaith dialogue. www.centerforinterfaithprojects.org

Guidance: Keep in mind, spiritual searchers, that we provide one-on-one guidance. We not only recommend books and discuss them with you—but connect you with practitioners from different spiritual communities and traditions. Make an appointment by calling 701 388.7368.

Become a Volunteer: *We need your help with a variety of things, depending on your time and talents and interests: ideas for interfaith panels, help with the design of flyers, creative fundraising ideas, help with social media (Facebook, Twitter), help with the newsletter, data collection about local faith communities, work to involve faith communities in assisting homeless persons , hosting the Center, etc.*

Donate: We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization. So, donations are tax-deductible. To fund our events, purchase books for the interfaith library, pay the rent, insurance, and meet other costs, donations are needed. Checks can be made payable to *Center for Interfaith Projects*. Send to: *Center for Interfaith Projects* 111 Broadway Fargo, ND 58102

Mission Statement

The mission of the *Center for Interfaith Projects* is to:

- Educate the community about different faiths
- Increase understanding and respect among people of different faiths
- Foster cooperation among local faith communities to solve common community problems
- Help individuals in search of a spiritual home to find one

Location:

111 Broadway

Fargo, North Dakota 58102

Hours: Monday Wednesday Friday 1-4:30PM and by appointment.

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