



Zoom courses designed to encourage and nurture the spirits of older adults to learn, grow and share together in order to live and age more abundantly.

Common Threads: World Faiths

"Never discuss religion or politics" has been a truism of polite society, particularly in times where passions run hot and fast. But aversion to topics of belief may be exactly where the problem lies. Instead, an understanding of the fundamental differences and shared common threads among religions is our best hope to bring people from those faiths to work together. Through four zoom sessions, participants will be introduced to **Native American, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islamic faith traditions**. We will explore the role these faiths play in giving meaning and purpose to personal and social existence.



Host: Rev. Rhonda Hainer, United Church of Christ pastor

Rev. Rhonda Hainer is a former college instructor teaching World Religions in Iowa, and is currently the pastor at St. Paul's UCC, St. Marys, OH. She retired as a United Methodist clergy serving churches in Wisconsin and Iowa.

Day/Time

Wednesdays from **2:00-3:30** (Eastern time), **July 3, 10, 17, and 24**

Community building and participant interaction are important parts of this course. By registering, you agree that you will, barring an unforeseen emergency, participate in all four sessions. Your only commitment is to participate in each session or let the host know if you can't be present.

What You Will Need

No prior reading or homework will be required; however, class material may be emailed in advance. You will need also need a computer/tablet/SmartPhone on which you can watch via Zoom, and a desire to better understand other faith traditions.

Offered to You at Minimal or No Cost

- \$20 Class Registration per person (for all 4 sessions)
- FREE Resident of one of UCH's 90+ Communities in 15 states and two Native American nations
- \$10 Member/friends of UCC Heartland Conference churches
(Thanks to a grant from the United Church of Christ Heartland Conference: UCC churches in Ohio, West Virginia and northern Kentucky)

Course size is limited.

So that the facilitator can better prepare for the first session, **please register no later than Friday, June 28.**

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