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Suggested donation of \$10 to UNIITE for each of the five cultural competency training panels is greatly appreciated



**Accreditation**

Although free and open to all, pre-registration is required for any health care professionals seeking 2.5 CEUs. Pre-register with:

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**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**Location:** Conference Room A  
Abbott Northwestern's Sartell Outpatient Center  
2000 Abbott Northwestern Court  
Sartell, MN 56377

**TUESDAY MARCH 13, 2007**

**Time:** 8:00 am to 10:30 am  
"Hmong and Health Care"

**Presenter:** Dr. Dia Cha, Departments of  
Anthropology and Ethnic Studies, St. Cloud State  
University

**MONDAY MARCH 19, 2007**

**Time:** 8:00 am to 10:30 am  
"Somali Muslims and Health Care"

**Presenter:** Dr. Mohamed Hassan, hepatologist and  
gastroenterologist, University of Minnesota Medical  
Center

**MONDAY MARCH 19, 2007**

**Time:** 10:45 am to 1:15 pm  
"Latino/a Christians and Health Care"

**Presenter:** Dr. Napoleon (Lucho) Espejo, family  
practice physician, Fargo, MN

**MONDAY MARCH 26, 2007**

**Time:** 9:30 am to 12:00 pm  
"Lao Buddhists and Health Care"

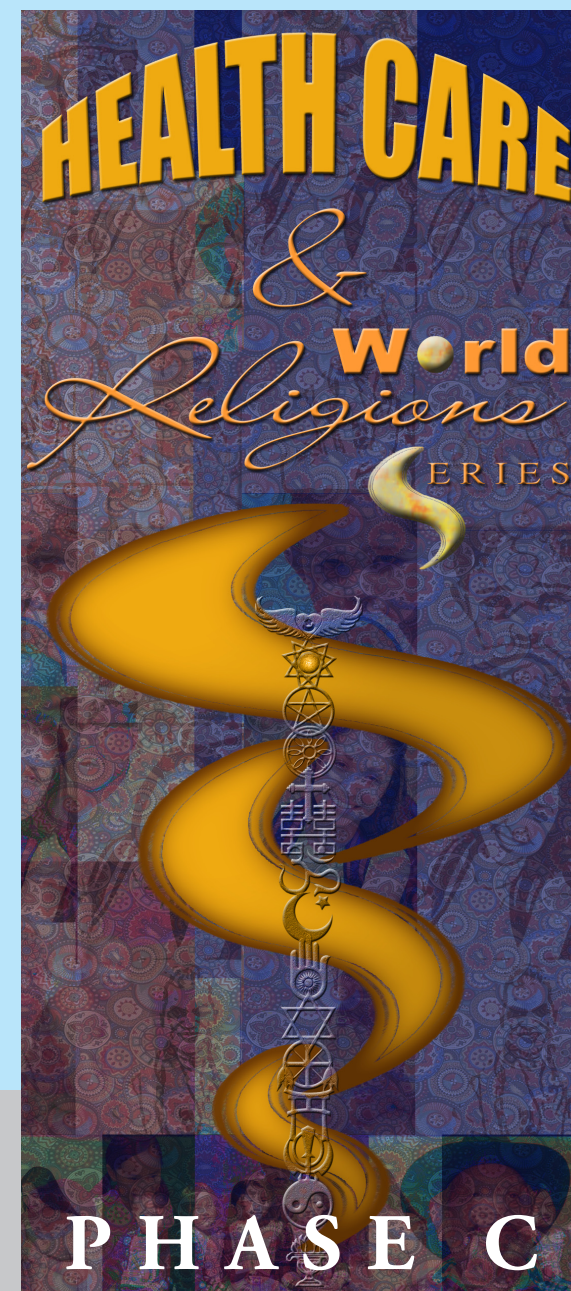
**Presenter:** Dr. Sombath Senethong, pediatrician,  
San Diego, CA

**SATURDAY MARCH 31, 2007**

**Location:** Delta Room in Lower Basement  
Christ Church Newman Center  
396 1st Ave South  
St Cloud, MN 56301

**Time:** 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

"South Asian Hindus and Health Care"  
**Presenter:** Dr. Shashikant Sane, radiologist at  
Children's Hospital



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Understanding the Need for Interfaith Intercultural Togetherness and Education (U.N.I.I.T.E.) is a pathbreaking interfaith group which has spent six years intensively fostering intercultural understanding among St. Cloud's disparate populations.

Beginning in the fall of 2006, UNIITE's "Health Care and World Religions" series will embody our commitment to improving health and well-being of new Minnesotans by looking beyond health care today for ideas that create healthier communities tomorrow.

The series proposes to attain this goal by offering training and organizing cultural exchanges for health care professionals and the larger community about culturally appropriate approaches to immigrant health.

The series will inaugurate a three-year project geared toward cultural competence in health care delivery and social connectedness in favor of new immigrants.

## HEALTH CARE & WORLD RELIGIONS SERIES

In its inaugural year, UNIITE's "Health Care and World Religions" series will focus on five relatively new immigrant groups in the St. Cloud area, namely, South Asian Hindus, Lao Buddhists, Hmong, Latino/a Christians, and Somali Muslims.

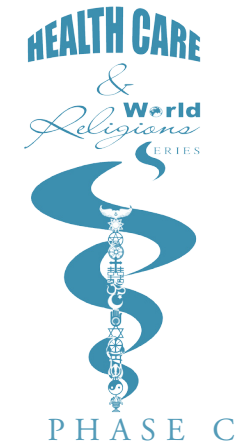
The program will unfold in three phases in the first year: We will conduct five 4-hour sessions in St. Cloud every other Tuesday in order to orient health care professionals to the socio-cultural and religious needs of the five immigrant groups. We will conclude this phase with an 8-hour Cultural Healing Festival on a Saturday (Phase A: end-September through mid-November 2006).

We will follow up on Phase A with talking circles. Interested series-participants will develop diverse health-care related case stories on the five new immigrant groups (Phase B: mid-November through end-February 2007).

The findings of Phase B will be brought before state-level or national-level specialists in the five new immigrant groups. In three panel presentations, the talking circles will publicly present selected case stories to the specialists for their expert comments on religious and cultural specifics. Each expert will also deliver an hour's address on health care and the immigrant groups in question. Immediately after the fifth and final panel presentation, we will conclude Phase C of Year One with a 7-hour Cultural Healing Festival (Phase C: March 2007).

The basic format of the program is not expected to vary substantially from year to year. During the second and third years of UNIITE's project, however, different cultures and traditions will be highlighted, and the program will be offered to a wider audience.

Clearly, UNIITE's 2006-07 project envisions a situation where disparities in health care are eliminated. The project's mission is to foster cultural competence in the service of vulnerable populations in Central Minnesota.



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