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Global Education Speaker Series and Calendar for 2020-2021 Revealed

The Global Education and Peace Network (GEPC) will hold the first program in its Global Education Speaker Series, “Connecting through the Distance: Practicing Faith Hope and Love in Pandemic Times,” on Zoom Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Speakers for the 2020-2021 series will be introduced, and each will explore questions of how their faith traditions are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and racism.

Those presenting will include a representative of the Hindu Community of Springfield, Roi Qualls of the Baha’i Community of Yellow Springs, Rabbi Cary Kozberg of Temple Sholom, Lillian White of St. Bernard Catholic Church, Samina Ahmed of the Masjid Al-Madina Mosque, a representative of the Sikh tradition and Rev. Dale DeGroat of Second Baptist Church. Following the brief presentations, there will be time for discussion.

The GEPC has released its annual calendar, available online at springfieldohio.gov/global-education/. The calendar ranges from September 2020 to August 2021 and includes multicultural events and religious holidays, as well as the dates of the monthly Speaker Series.

For more information about how to call in to the program or join the meeting through Zoom, contact Nancy Flinchbaugh at nflinchbaugh@springfieldohio.gov

The Global Education and Peace Network celebrates its 19th season with this calendar and speaker series. Monthly programs will offer opportunities to learn about local faith traditions and how the groups have been responding to the pandemic and addressing racism. The Global Education and Peace Network formed during City-sponsored study circles after the tragedy of 9/11. They seek to build bridges of understanding across cultural divides with their monthly speaker series and annual calendar.