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Heritage University Celebrates Spirituality Week

Toppenish, WA – An interactive presentation, a film showing and a prayer service are some of the special events scheduled as Heritage University celebrates “Spirituality Week,” November 12-20, 2014.

The Right Reverend Mark MacDonald of the Anglican Church of Canada will present “Truth and Reconciliation in Canada” on **November 12**. MacDonald will speak about how tribal people in Canada were forced into boarding schools and stripped of their cultural identity and roots; the presentation also discusses the ongoing efforts by tribal and government leaders to investigate allegations of abuse. “Truth and Reconciliation in Canada” begins at **6:00 p.m.** in the Patricia Wade Temple Room of the Gaye and Jim Pigott Commons at Heritage University.

On **November 18**, Heritage University will show the film “In God’s Name,” which explores some of the complex questions of our time through the intimate thoughts and beliefs of 12 of the world’s most influential spiritual leaders. The showing of the film will be followed by a conversation with local interfaith religious leaders. “In God’s Name” takes place in Smith Family Hall located in the Arts & Sciences Center at Heritage University from **4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Carol Ann McMullen, snjm, of Seattle University, will lead an interactive exploration of the central role gratitude plays in spiritual life, as part of a **November 19** presentation called “Gratitude.” Participants can also spend some time in meditation by taking a walk through the labyrinth. “Gratitude” takes place at the labyrinth located on the Great Lawn next to the new Gaye and Jim Pigott Commons in the center of campus from **12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

“Interfaith Prayer Service” marks the end of Spirituality Week at Heritage University, and will feature prayers offered by a diversity of voices for peace, justice, care of creation and reconciliation in thankfulness. This event takes place **November 20 at 12:00 p.m.** in the Virginia S. Hislop Gallery in Petrie Hall.

For more information, contact Rev. David Hacker, (509) 961-4692 or hacker_d@heritage.edu. If viewing through email, visit <http://www.heritage.edu/Community/Events/SpiritualityWeek.aspx>

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