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EASTERN RELIGION SEMINAR AT CONCORDIA

Bronxville, NY—The Concordia Institute for World Religions and Evangelism (CIWRE) of Concordia College-New York sponsored a study Seminar on Eastern Religions and Praxiology of Missional Learning from June 23 through June 26. 44 participants and presenters came from as far away as Missouri, Illinois, and Texas as well as from the tri-state area.

All the presenters are engaged in mission outreaches locally, regionally, and globally. Participants equally represented students, clergy, and laity. Daily topics included appraising the religions from Asia, specifically Shinto, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Shamanism. Some of the topics presented were: “Japan—Land of the Gods: Understanding the Religion”, “Opportunities in Campus Outreach”, “Taxila”--Buddhism in Pakistan, “Understanding Taiwanese Diaspora”, “Understanding Outreach Among Korean Diaspora”, and “Resources available from Lutheran Hour Ministries”.

A group of Chinese musicians partnering with the Taiwan Mission Foundation—a New York based mission organization--presented a variety of music, dance, and cultural expressions from Asia.

Each session started with devotions led by area pastors, followed by the presentations and field visits to different religious sites in the neighborhoods of Manhattan and Queens, and concluded with dinner at an ethnic restaurant.

This seminar was funded and supported by Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod World Missions, Concordia College-New York, the Lutheran Crusader Fund, and various churches and individual donors. CIWRE has been conducting seminars for the past three years. The previous seminars were on Islam and Hinduism. Judaism will be the topic for the June 2010 seminar.

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