

2017 Community Relations Report

University of Religion Course:

The Life and Example of Prophet Muhammed
Taught by Imam Hassan
January 14, 21, February 4, 11

“Children of Abraham” is now “Inter-Religious Dialogue”

Beginning this year the "Children of Abraham" program name has been changed, to "Inter-Religious Dialogue." The four traditions represented in the scheduled programs, Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Baha'i, all see themselves, through their founders as part of the lineage and legacy of the Prophet Abraham.

Going back to the beginnings of the Children of Abraham steering committee, there was a desire to learn about faiths outside of the Abrahamic fold. It states in the Qur'an sura 10:47 " To every people was a Messenger sent..." and in sura 13:38 "... In every age is a book revealed." In Baha'i teaching three Messengers are named other than its founders and those already found in the Bible and the Qur'an, namely Krishna, Zoroaster (The Magi who visited the Christ child were of this tradition) and Buddha. Krishna states in the Bhagavad-Gita 4:7-8 "Whenever the law of righteous withers and lawlessness becomes dominate, I manifest myself in human form. For the protection of the good, and the destruction of evil-doers, for setting up the law of righteousness, I appear in this world from age to age." The name change will allow the flexibility to bring in other traditions and types of programs in the hope of creating greater understanding, among the traditions.

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INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

April 30: Stewardship and the Environment

August 27: Defining Religion and its Purpose

October 29: Religious and Ethnic Pluralism in America

All meetings 2pm-4pm

Flaherty Community Room Mount Mercy University