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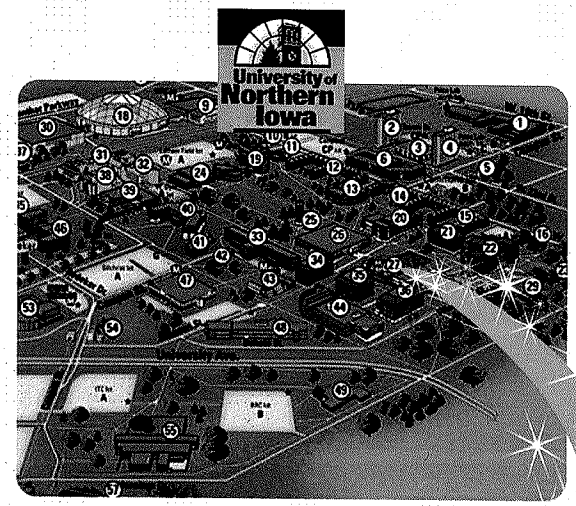


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**Dialog Quotes**

Our humanity and nobility are directly proportional to our closeness to our friends and our maintenance of these friendships.
- Fethullah Gulen

Friendship with oneself is all-important because without it one cannot be friends with anyone else in the world.
- Eleanor Roosevelt

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.
- Mother Teresa

I will speak ill of no man, and speak all the good I know of everybody.
- Benjamin Franklin

Misfortune shows those who are not really friends.
- Aristotle

Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of joy you must have somebody to divide it with.
- Mark Twain

Come, Let's know each other
Let's make things easy
Let's love, Let's be loved
This world will remain to no one
- Yunus Emre

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## Tentative Program

### Thursday, October 22, 2009

08:30 – 09:00 Registration & Refreshments
09:00 – 09:30 Introduction & Welcome
– Welcome from UNI Adm. & IDC
09:30 – 10:15 Opening Address by
Dr. Scott Alexander, Director,
Catholic-Muslim Studies
Catholic Theological Union at Chicago
10:15 – 10:30 - Break
10:30 – 12:00 am - Session 1 & Session 2
12:00 – 01:15 pm - Lunch
01:15 – 02:45 pm - Session 3 & Session 4
02:45 – 03:00 pm - Break
03:00 – 04:30 Round Table Discussion
04:30 – 05:00 Closing Remarks
06:00 – 08:30 pm-Dinner & Keynote Speech
Dr. Marcia Hermansen, Professor
Theology Department, Loyola University

## Suggested Topics

* Common Motives in Religions
* Examples of Commonalities in Holy Books of Abrahamic Religions
* Interfaith-Intercultural Dialog, Globalization, Tolerance and Peace
* Diversity and Intercultural Dialog
* The Common Language of Dialog
* Bridges among Churches, Synagogues and Mosques
* Dialog Among Children & Youth: Growing in the Same Environment with Different Backgrounds
* Fethullah Gulen's Ideas and Contributions to Dialog
* Neighbors' Rights from Perspectives of Different Religions
* Effects of Dialog on Family Life
* Role of Dialog in Solving Current Ethnic, Social and Religious Problems
* Contributions to Dialog via Education: Gulen Schools
* Multi-Cultural Education and Dialog
* History of Interfaith Dialog
* Challenges to Dialog
* Getting one's own Religious House in order

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