



Institute of World Culture
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RE: Brainstorming for the 2009 Program

Dear Members,

On **Saturday, October 11 at 7 pm**, members are cordially invited to the Institute of World Culture's annual meeting and **brainstorming session**.

Our theme for 2009 centers on Aim 5 of the *Declaration of Interdependence*:

To deepen awareness of the universality of man's spiritual striving and its rich variety of expression in the religions, philosophies and literatures of humanity

In a spirit of fearless inquiry, the Institute's membership has generated many programs of cultural breadth and depth. We are counting on you again this year to help the IWC Board develop the 2009 program. We are looking for what is **fresh** and what is **global**.

Please fill out the Suggestion Form and send it in as instructed. If you haven't given a presentation at the Institute for several years, or perhaps ever, please consider doing so. Share with us a talent, a life-long interest or area of expertise that you have already cultivated. Alternatively, you could develop a presentation on a topic that is relatively new to you, even if the subject matter is not one in which you have formal training in the academic or the professional world.

Remember that the Institute is devoted to **lifelong learning**. Your education at the Institute uniquely qualifies you to take up a new study and examine the topic from a culturally-rounded perspective. Everyone who has made a presentation at the Institute over the years has invariably found their educational growth to be profound. We would like to see MORE of our programs given by our MEMBERS!

We look forward to and count on your contributions to next year's program planning.

Sincerely yours,

The IWC Board