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“Confucius Meets Menno: China’s Religious Resurgence and Search for Ethical Roots”

Myrrl Byler, China Cross-Cultural Leader,
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Responders: Leah Boyer, Associate Professor of Physics
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Thursday, November 14, 2019 / 6:30-8:00 p.m. / Detwiler Auditorium, VMRC

The Format: A thoughtful presentation will be shared, followed by two invited responders and then open group dialogue, to discern its resonance with vibrant Christian faith.

Presentation Synopsis: Within an Anabaptist understanding and practice of ethics there are significant points of commonality with classical Confucianism that can help Chinese Christians engage and be true to the good in their culture while fully embracing the Gospels. Chinese believers should not feel forced to reject their cultural heritage or current government structure and advocate Western values and political views. The world would be blessed by Chinese Christianity that prayerfully and wisely engages its own Confucian heritage.



Speaker Biography: As director of Mennonite Partners in China for the past 30 years, Myrrl Byler oversees partnerships in education, church and social service. Myrrl’s education background includes degrees in English, Linguistics, Religion and a doctorate in Intercultural Studies. Myrrl grew up in an Amish home in northeastern Ohio, currently resides in Harrisonburg with his wife Ruthie.

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