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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— As part of Illinois Wesleyan's Week of Celebration, the campus community is invited to attend the second annual Light the Night: A Multicultural Celebration of the Season of Light. Sponsored by Evelyn Chapel and Multifaith Ambassadors, the event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 8 p.m. on December 8 in Evelyn Chapel (1301 N. Park St., Bloomington).

The event, which honors Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and more, will celebrate the stories, songs and meanings of various December holidays. A candlelight processional will follow the service.

"Light the Night is an exuberant evening that reflects the wonderful diversity of our campus and leaves students energized and connected for a long week of exams and papers ahead," said Reverend Elyse Nelson Winger.

Featured speakers and performers include Touch of Class, members of South Asian Student Association, Spanish and Latino Student Association, IWU Interfaith, Black Student Union, Hillel, Death, Resurrection, Life, a variety of student musicians and Carren Moham, professor of music.

The night will begin with a gathering dance, followed by a celebration of multiple observances, each with commemorative music, a reading about the holiday's history and a reflection. Sophomore Ariella Tavor will provide the reflection for Hanukkah, first-year Carly Floyd for Yule, senior Vanessa Macias for Christmas and sophomore Inez White for Kwanzaa.

"Light the Night is a remarkable opportunity for the community to learn about the many religious traditions that have a common tie with the celebration of light," said junior Aaron Woodstein, a multifaith student ambassador who helped organize the event.

Following the service, guests will walk by candlelight to the atrium of the Joyce G. Eichhorn Ames School of Art Building (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington), where they can enjoy cocoa and cookies.

Winger promised an exciting evening for those who attend. "It's educational and entertaining--and hopefully inspiring, too," she said.

For additional information about Light the Night, contact the Chaplain's Office at (309) 556-3005.

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