

Session 2

Hindu Chaplaincy in the 21st Century More Needed than Ever

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Introduction to Chaplaincy



- Provide spiritual care of all persons in health care facilities, correctional institutions, long-term care units, rehabilitation centers, hospice, the military and other specialized settings
- Well grounded in own faith tradition's beliefs and practices
 - Priest, member of clergy

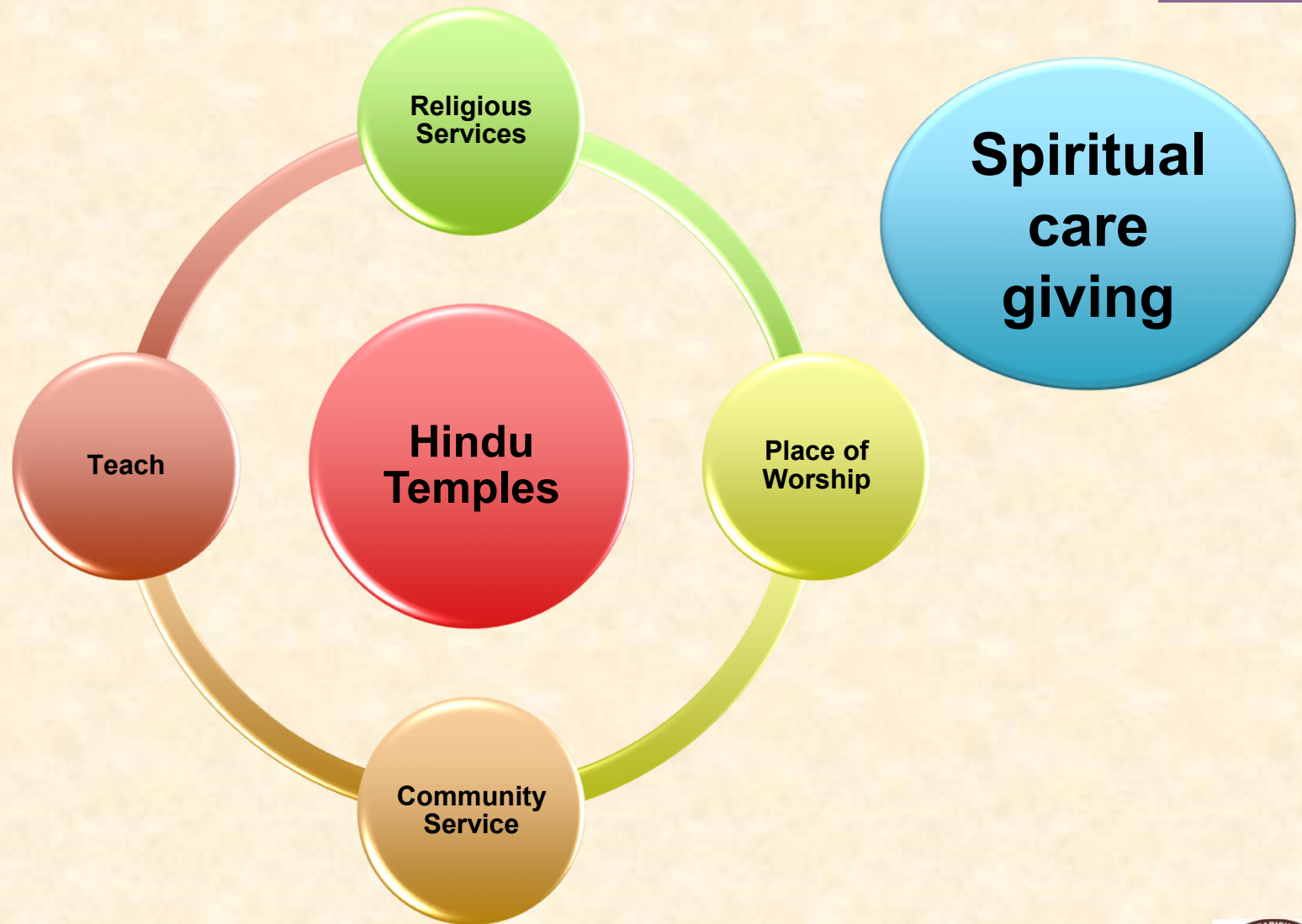
Values

- ❖ Dignity and worth of all persons
- ❖ Faith as an essential dimension of wholeness
- ❖ Inclusivity and diversity
- ❖ Justice and equality for all

- Is skilled in Active Listening and having a Silent yet studied & responsive Presence
- Serve as a Hindu voice advocating spiritual values in international, national, state and local health and human welfare programs and services.
- Develop and nurture relationships with other professional disciplines and associations, spiritual/faith groups and public agencies toward the promotion of Hindu chaplaincy



Hindu temples in USA



Need for Hindu Chaplaincy



- Diaspora has been around for a long time
- Priests mostly focused on religious activities and have their hands full
- Especially for the next generation, logic appeals more than devotion
- As a result we either don't connect or make limited impact
- Dharmic leadership in Spiritual care
- Channelize resources to people in need



Hindu temples and Chaplaincy



- Strive to make spiritual care an integral part of priest profession
- Provide educational opportunities for Chaplaincy training
- Promote / Market Hindu chaplains to local organizations to serve the spiritual needs of Hindus
- Inform local community of availability of such services to deal with issues: elderly members, abused adults (domestic and sexual violence)
- Temple to become the hub for providing spiritual care to all the section of Hindu community



Hindu University of America: Chaplaincy Education



- Hindu Chaplaincy Certification Program comprises of following two courses:
 - HNP 6201 Introduction to Hindu Chaplaincy
 - HNP 6202 Pastoral and Spiritual Counseling Basics

This certificate course can also be completed as a part of the following 2 masters program

- 1. Masters of Hindu Priest Studies Program (Paurohitya)
- 2. Masters of Hindu Philosophies

Several other courses are also offered by the university

- 1. Certificate, Master and Doctoral Program on Conflict, Peace and Hindu Philosophy
- 2. Masters in Yoga education

Please see me at HUA desk for more details



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