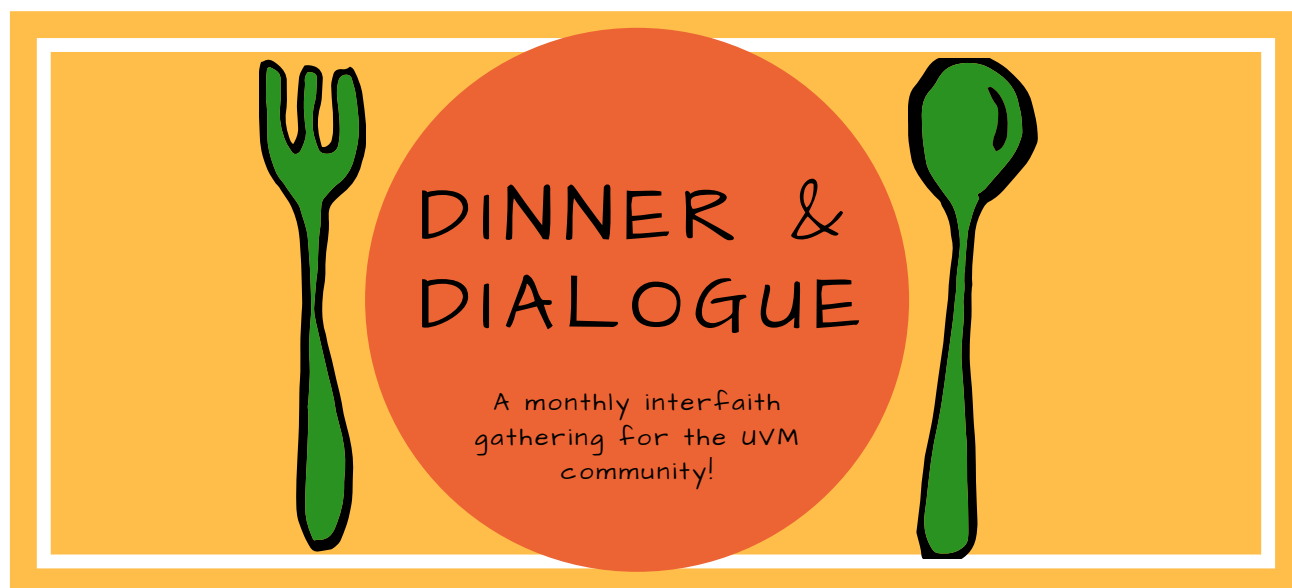


PREVIOUS DISCUSSION THEMES



2019 - 20

What makes human beings moral how do we define what is "good/bad" and "right/wrong" in daily life? Scientists contend there are six [moral foundations](#) innate to all human beings, but how we each understand and express them can vary significantly. We focused on a different foundation each month and invited participants to explore the question of morality from their own religious and/or philosophical perspective.

2018 - 19

According to Catholic Monk and interfaith leader Brother Steindl-Rast, joy is "the happiness that does not depend upon what happens." This year we explored how we understand and experience joy from our own religious and/or philosophical perspectives by discussing the qualities of mind and heart that can be stepping stones to joy. The six qualities were suggested by "[The Book of Joy](#)," written by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

2017 - 18

Our theme this year was upon the six civic values expressed in UVM's [Our Common Ground](#) statement. Each month we focused upon one of the six values - reflecting upon the commonalities and differences in how we understand and embody these core values individually and collectively in pluralistic community.