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**UMM and District 206 Community Education in Alexandria to offer lifelong learning courses**

*Summary: The University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM) will partner with District 206 Community Education in Alexandria to offer lifelong learning courses in the Alexandria area in April 2007.*

(March 9, 2007)-The University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM) will partner with District 206 Community Education in Alexandria to offer lifelong learning courses in the Alexandria area in April 2007. Indulge your passion for learning with non-credit liberal arts topics taught by current and retired UMM faculty and other regional experts.

Laird Barber, UMM professor emeritus of English, will lead the topic, "Church Architecture and History: A Study and Tour of God's Houses," to be offered April 10 and 17 from 3 to 5 p.m. and April 24 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. This three-part course will explore, first, church history with discussion of local, state and national churches, and overseas roots in England and Europe and the Church Catholic. The second session will focus on church architecture with a discussion and slideshow of churches, cathedrals, basilicas and the Gothic style in America and Europe. The third session will be a field trip to visit some beautiful and historic churches in Melrose, Freeport and New Munich. Bring a friend and enjoy learning for fun with this engaging topic. For more information or to register for this course, contact District 206 Community Education at (320) 762-2149 or by e-mail at [District 206 Community Education](#).

This course is sponsored in part with a grant from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute awarded to the University of Minnesota, Morris Continuing Education Regional Programs and Summer Session to develop a pilot program for UMM Lifelong Learning: Liberal Arts Courses for seniors in west central Minnesota. For more information about UMM Lifelong Learning, contact Karen Cusey at (320) 589-6461, [cuseyk@morris.umn.edu](mailto:cuseyk@morris.umn.edu) or visit Lifelong Learning.

Continuing Education, Regional Programs and Summer Session at the University of Minnesota, Morris provides outreach programs in west central Minnesota and beyond. As UMM's primary outreach unit for individuals, groups and organizations that wish to take advantage of the resources of the University of Minnesota, Continuing Education offers a variety of programs for learners of all ages.

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