

Literature of the Sea

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Life Long Learning Program

Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 4:00-5:30 pm

Unitarian-Universalist Congregation
56 N. Halifax Dr, Ormond Beach, FL



This LLL session will begin with an overview of the role our oceans have played in early, and even current, human cultural development – leading to enlightening literature in each era. Then the session will explore “The Seafarer” (904 AD), a snip-it from Homer’s *Odyssey*, a short passage from Ben Franklin’s “*Journal of a Voyage*”, all of Samuel Taylor Coleridge’s “*Rime of the Ancient Mariner*”, and look at a few more poems: Emily Dickinson’s “*Exultation is the going*”, Marianne Moore’s “*A Grave*”, Robert Frost’s “*Neither Out Far Nor In Deep*”, Langston Hughes’ “*Sea Calm*”, and finally, Robert Louis Stevenson’s “*Christmas at Sea*”

Jim Cunningham has taught literature and other areas of the humanities for forty-four years. In addition, Jim has served as Chair of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and more recently as Associate Vice President, Academics and Director of the Study Abroad Programs at Embry-Riddle. And finally, he is an excellent sailor and a lover of the sea.