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Engaging Human Rights Abuses as People of Faith

CEDARVILLE, OHIO – How do people of faith approach a world where brutality is so prevalent? And where specific societies are at the forefront of human rights abuse?

That's the topic Monday, April 16, at 4:30 p.m. in Cedarville University's Apple Technology Resource Center. Cedarville's AEI Executive Council will host a discussion on "Christians and Human Rights in North Korea and Myanmar," with Dr. Glen Duerr, associate professor of international studies, as the featured speaker.

The event will take place in Room 107 of the resource center and is open to the public.

Duerr will speak about the cultural isolation and harsh threats of punishment for people in North Korea, as well as the ethnic violence toward the Rohingya people in Myanmar. Both countries are widely recognized for their violations of human rights, explained Abby Barnes, senior prelaw major and chair of the executive council, and this event aims to help students better understand each situation.

"It is important for us as Christians to discuss this topic so we can be more adequately prepared to help our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering under regimes or governments," said Barnes. "We hope that those who attend will have a greater understanding of the events occurring and obtain empathy for the people in countries who are dealing with issues that we, living in the United States, could never fully understand."

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