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MMC CONNECTS

news, updates, inspirational memes and articles

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Whether it's gazing up a beautiful sunset on a warm summer evening, welcoming a newborn child into the world, or the excitement of exploring a new place, everyone can fondly recall a moment in which they felt truly happy. But how, after having endured the hardships of the last few years, can we bring ourselves to not only inhabit, but ultimately embody that feeling?

To elevate ourselves to a place where we can inspire feelings of joy in others,
and move forward with assurance that we're ready and able
to affect positive the change we so sorely need.

Look inside and see what will make us smile once again and continue to build
hope for the future. We hope this gives you an idea of the fertile space
we hope to explore in the new

2024 Multifaith Calendar Reclaiming Our Happiness

What's New for 2024:

Over the years, the Multifaith Calendar has been privileged to feature aboriginal
seasons and moons according to different First Nations, including Nisga'a
(northwestern BC) and Ojibwa (eastern BC to western Quebec and in the upper
and mid-west in the US), Cree (across western and central Canada and Quebec as
well as in Montana), and Coast Salish (Pacific Northwest).

This year, the 2024 Multifaith Calendar features moons and months as observed
by the Mi'kmaq First Nations.

The Mi'kmaq are a First Nation of Indigenous people whose territory—called
Mi'kma'ki—spans the maritime provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince
Edward Island, and parts of Newfoundland and Quebec. The Mi'kmaq have lived
there for 11,000 years and their language is one of the Eastern Algonquian family
of languages. The Mi'kmaw Moons names denote the passage of time by reflecting
activities in the natural world through the seasons.

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The
Free Press

Bridge of hands, trucks and tradition

Volunteers and Springstein Mennonite Church
members are delivering furniture and community

...menters are welcoming them to our community, to Ukrainian newcomers



By: [Brenda Suderman](#)

Posted: 2:00 AM CST Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023

Answering the bell Salvation Army fights for volunteers



By: [John Longhurst](#)

Posted: 1:46 PM CST Friday, Dec. 15, 2023

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Seeking an end to the fighting Manitoba Multifaith Council inviting congregations, individuals to pray for peace in Middle East



By: [John Longhurst](#)

Posted: 2:00 AM CST Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023

THE GLOBE AND MAIL[★]

OPINION

For the Catholic Church, there's no going back on LGBTQ rights

MICHAEL COREN

SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE AND MAIL

PUBLISHED YESTERDAY

54 COMMENTS

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Michael Coren is an Anglican priest. His latest book is *The Rebel Christ*.

Last Sunday, the Church of England performed officially sanctioned blessings of same-sex partnerships for the first time. It was far too little for many people but much too much for conservatives, especially Roman Catholic conservatives, who condemned the move and comforted themselves that such an event could never be accepted by the Vatican.

Fast forward 24 hours, though, and there was Pope Francis, announcing that Catholic priests would be allowed to do something rather similar.

December 2023

Connections

Giving hope, comfort, peace and sharing community with those we serve.

Reflections on 2023

As the end of the year is fast approaching, I thought it would be good to recap some of the work IHCAM has done for its membership and the community to demonstrate that we are there to support and advocate for you.

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

For well over ten years now IHCAM has been committed to the CPE certification program. For several years we financed supervisors to deliver CPE units, and for the last two years have contributed \$20,000 towards the program at Selkirk Mental Health Centre. 2024 will be the last \$10,000 contribution to support SMHC.

Through its **Member Education Fund**, IHCAM provided support for four students towards their CPE tuitions. We firmly believe in this program and want to ensure that individuals who are striving to enhance their capacity to provide spiritual health services in our health sector are assisted.

IHCAM also supported twenty-two (22) other members to attend faith-based conferences such as the Canadian Association of Spiritual Care and the Global Leadership Network's spring and fall conferences.

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES ORGANIZED BY IHCAM

Kairos Blanket Exercise: This was held in January to help additional people garner a better understanding on Turtle Island's history and the impact that colonization and Residential Schools have had on Indigenous people.

Caring for the Human Spirit Conference in April 2023 IHCAM participates in this annual conference organized by the Healthcare Chaplaincy Network and invites SHPs to participate in it virtually as well.

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Overcoming Barriers to Spiritual Health:

A grand rounds with Dr. Koenig attracted 68 people on November 10th.

SPIRITUALITY GRANTS

This new program aimed at supporting IHCAM's institutional members was received with open arms. The 2023 recipients include:

- Centre de Santé: Smudging room improvements
- Fred Douglas Lodge: Resident care cart and supplies
- Haven Group: Chaplain 4 hours per week
- Misericordia Health Centre: SH Lending Library
- Salem Home: Devotion Library
- Sara Riel: Smudge room
- Saul & Claribel Simkin Centre: Sukkah
- St. Amant: Spiritual & Cultural Space
- Ste. Rose Hospital: teachings on Inclusivity, Diversity and Disrupting Racism in Rural MB
- Villa Youville: Spiritual Palliative & Bereavement Care Project

COMMUNICATION & COMMITTEE WORK

- IHCAM creates and shares 4 newsletters per year.
- We participate on several committees: MMC board, MMC Spiritual Health Cte, WRHA Spiritual Health

Keys Bags Names Words: We invited our members to view and share the screening of this film on Dementia. IHCAM also organized a live event in October with 50 participants attending.

Positive Effects on Religion & Spirituality on Mental Health

This half-day workshop was done in partnership with the MB Multifaith Council and Sara Riel in November and attracted 35 participants.

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Canadian Multifaith Federation.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND ADVOCACY

- ◇ IHCAM is a member of the MB Chambers of Commerce and participates and sponsors a number of events to foster corporate and government relationships
- ◇ In collaboration with other associations such as MARCHE, CHAM & LTCAM, we advocate for the needs of our members. Much time was spent this year on the latter before, during and after the provincial election.

Being Peace: A Prayer

If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors,
There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart.

— Lao-Tzu, 6th century BCE

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