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2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 7:00 pm

St Mark's Lutheran Church 600 Cambridge St (at Corydon Ave)

Pursuant to **BY-LAW NO.1** of MANITOBA MULTIFAITH COUNCIL, Inc. (2011), and with concurrence of the **MMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, formal notice is hereby given for the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of MANITOBA MULTIFAITH COUNCIL, Inc. to be held on this date, time and location.

The purpose of said meeting is to **receive the reports of the President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Committees of MMC, and Auditor(s)**; to appoint **Auditors**; to elect a **Board of Directors**; and to consider and transact any other MMC business as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.


Ray Harris, Secretary


Payam Towfigh, President


Christine Baronins, Vice President



Our **2024 Annual Report** is being compiled, and will be made available via **MMC CONNECTS** as well as our **MMC website**. Respecting the environment, paper copies will not be printed.

FEATURED SPEAKER

John Longhurst

Winnipeg Free Press – Faith Reporter

In columns and reporting for the *Winnipeg Free Press* over two decades, journalist **John Longhurst** has covered faith from a multitude of perspectives. ***Can Robots Love God and Be Saved? A Journalist Reports on Faith*** is a collection of his most stimulating reflections on faith is also a series of reports on culture, politics, technology, and just about anything else that intersects with religion. Longhurst is perennially curious about religious faith in its various expressions. Whether writing about Holocaust survivors, residential schools, religious relics, interreligious misunderstandings, assisted dying, or how women religious leaders are treated, **John Longhurst** has something thought-provoking to say about the way faith touches all aspects of our lives.

John Longhurst has carved out an impressive career in journalism, media relations, and marketing & communications (especially from a non-profit perspective), working for organizations such as Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Mennonite Central Committee, and Mennonite Disaster Services. Longhurst organized **Canada's first major conference on faith and the media** in Ottawa in 1998, and in 2021 received the **Lieutenant Governor's Award for the Advancement of Interreligious Understanding in Manitoba**. His book ***Making the News: An Essential Guide to Effective Media Relations*** was published in 2006. He has written over 900 columns and over 600 articles about faith for the *Winnipeg Free Press* over the past two decades and continues to cover the faith beat for the *Free Press* and many other publications.



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WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER
11
7PM - 9PM

LOCATION
SAINT BONIFACE
CATHEDRAL HALL



CHARTER FOR COMPASSION REVISITED



Marilyn Turkovich



CHARTER FOR
COMPASSION

Join us on Sep. 11th for an inspiring presentation by Marilyn Turkovich, Director of Charter for Compassion International. Discover how the global compassion movement is making an impact and learn why treating others as we wish to be treated is critical. Marilyn will highlight the Charter's work and encourage Winnipeg to embrace a path of compassion.



RSVP: GCSENF@GMAIL.COM

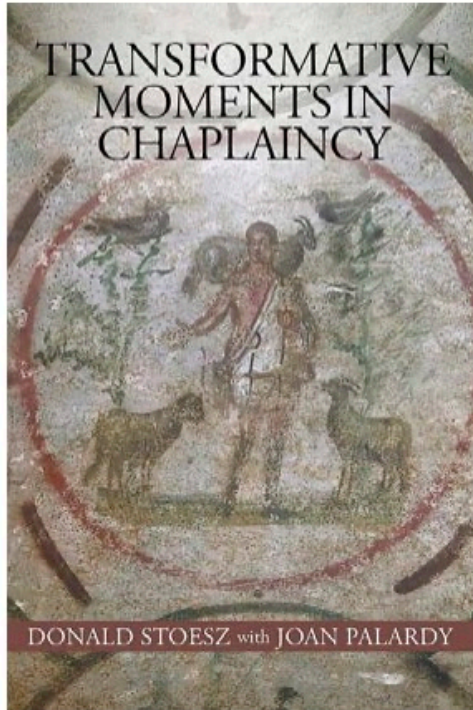
CommonWord

Bookstore and Resource Centre

Book Launch Invitation

To: Prison Chaplains, Church Leaders and Members, Volunteers, and Restorative Justice Practitioners

From: Donald Stoesz, author of *Transformative Moments in Chaplaincy* and CommonWord, book launch host



Join Ken Kuhn, Interim Chair of the Justice and Corrections Committee of the Manitoba Multifaith Council, Bernie Mullins, Provincial Chaplain of Manitoba, and author Donald Stoesz, for the book launch of *Transformative Moments in Chaplaincy*.

Thursday, September 26th, 7:00 PM (CDT)
Marpeck Commons,
Canadian Mennonite University
2299 Grant Ave., Winnipeg
Livestream & In-Person
<https://www.commonword.ca/go/3973>

Come hear about the work of Restorative Justice and Reintegration Agencies across Canada, the transformation of Correctional Service Canada, and Just Equipping's 18 years of work with offenders and victims in Rwanda (through the eyes of Joan Palardy).

For more information about the book, see Donald's [television interview with Logan Crawford](#).

To buy or borrow the book, visit [commonword.ca/go/3973](https://www.commonword.ca/go/3973).



*13th Annual
Lieutenant Governor's
Award*

for
the Advancement of Interreligious
Understanding

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

for individual members of a Manitoba religious community whose volunteer efforts demonstrate a commitment to fostering dialogue and harmony among the various faith traditions in Manitoba and beyond.

For submission requirements
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Deadline for submissions

September 15th 2021

September 15th, 2024

Each year, under the patronage of the **Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba**, presented to recognize the **contributions of an individual member of Manitoba's various religious communities** toward **greater interfaith understanding and harmony** among the religious communities in the Province and beyond.

The **recipient's contributions** may be offered through **any realm of endeavour**, such as the **arts, community organization or service, cultural engagement or the media**.

Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba
The Honourable Anita R. Neville, P.C., O.M.



PAST RECIPIENTS: **Rev. Dr. Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, 2024** – celebrating a professional career undergirded by the conviction that building relationships with people of other faith traditions holds a greater possibility of effecting change in our world. ■ **Bill Weissmann, 2023** – lay clergy at Congregation Shaarey Zedek, where he has guided daily prayer services and welcomed visitors from many different faiths and gives his time to explain Judaism to religious studies classes across Manitoba colleges and universities. ■ **Pastor Bill Millar, 2022** – during years as pastor at Knox United Church, building and maintaining relationships with communities outside conventional parameters. ■ **John Longhurst, 2021** – nationally-respected advocate and chronicler in the fields of Christian ecumenism and interreligious dialogue and understanding. ■ **Sensei Fredrich Ulrich, 2020** – as a Buddhist leader, seizing opportunity “to help others understand his faith tradition and maybe their own as well.” (Brenda Suderman, WFP) ■ **Michel Aziza, 2019** – driving force behind the Operation Ezra project to rescue, sponsor and resettle Yazidi refugees. ■ **Manju Lohda and Ray Dirks, 2018** – collaborators on educational multi-faith initiatives including the “In the Spirit of Humanity” project and “Leap of Faith” DVD. ■ **Devon Clunis, 2017** – former chief of Winnipeg Police Service. ■ **Rev. Karen Toole, 2016** – former provincial spiritual care coordinator, radio host and newspaper columnist. ■ **Rabbi Doctor Neal and Carol Rose, 2015** – Rabbi Neal a professor of religion at The University of Manitoba for more than 30 years; Carol a writer, poet and spiritual teacher. ■ **The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, 2014** – former Minister of Foreign Affairs, President of The University of Winnipeg, life-long active lay member of The United Church of Canada. ■ **The late Dr. Redwan Mogbel, 2013** – former head of immunology, faculty of medicine at The University of Manitoba and member of the Baha'i faith. ■ **Dr. Atish Chandra Manjar, 2012** – a Hindu priest and **Mae Louise Campbell** – Ojibway-Métis elder, 2012. ■ **Zane Zalis, 2011** – composer and musician ■ **Sandy Hyman**, of the Jewish community; **Dr. Asad Kahn**, Manitoba Muslim; and **Ms. Frieda Lalbihari**, a Roman Catholic – presented with Canadian Centre for Ecumenism plaques, 2007.

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