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Message from the Board

The Manitoba Multifaith Council is dedicated to fostering collaboration among diverse faith communities in Manitoba, grounded in mutual respect, shared values, and a collective commitment to the common good.

The Council advances interfaith understanding through education, dialogue, and community engagement, creating opportunities for individuals and communities of different faith traditions to learn from one another while working together in service of society. Through partnerships and coordinated initiatives, the Council supports efforts that strengthen social cohesion, address local needs, and promote a more inclusive and compassionate province.

In recent years, the Council has undertaken a thoughtful reaffirmation of its core mission and priorities. Building on the foundation established by previous leadership, the Council is now more intentionally focused on local, community-based initiatives within Manitoba. In recognition of the diversity of perspectives represented within its membership, the Council generally does not take positions on international or global geopolitical matters, and instead concentrates its efforts on fostering understanding, service, and cooperation at the community level.



-Board of the Manitoba Multifaith Council

We are currently looking for individuals to fill open positions on the council:
Fundraiser
Social Media Specialist

If you would like more information regarding these opportunities, please contact us
at:

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We are also looking for individuals who are interested in interfaith work and would like to serve on one of our four working committees:

Corrections Committee: To execute the purposes of the Council relative to the corrections system in Manitoba.

Spiritual Health Committee: To work with health organizations to improve the wellness of Manitobans and bring faith groups and practitioners together to serve the community.

Education and Interfaith Network Committee: To generate multi-faith education programs in Manitoba communities and to foster networking among the various interfaith organizations.

Community Relations Committee: To strengthen relationships between the Manitoba Multifaith

Council and Faith communities, Community organizations, and Government and civic leaders

For more information contact us at:
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Important Dates in May

May 1

Vesak (Buddhist)

An important Buddhist festival, Vesak commemorates the birth, enlightenment and death of the Buddha and is celebrated yearly on the full moon of the month of Vesākha.

May 4-5

Lag BaOmer (Judaism)

The 33rd Day of Counting the Omer, this day commemorates the passing of Banni Dhimon bar Yochai, and the end of a semi-mourning period in Judaism.

May 17:

Feast of the Ascension (Christianity)

The Feast of the Ascension commemorates the ascent of Jesus into heaven 40 days after Easter.

May 22

Shavuot (Judaism)

This Jewish day commemorates the receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai and the end of a seven-week counting period after Passover.

May 24

Declaration of the Báb (Bahá'í)

This day marks when Báb, the central prophet and herald of the Bahá'í Faith, announced himself a messenger of God and foretold the birth of Baha'u'llah.

May 24:

Pentecost (Christianity)

Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon followers of Jesus, marking the beginning of the church's mission. On this feast day, the biblical account of Jesus's apostles speaking in "tongues of fire" is remembered. Orthodox Christians observe Pentecost on May 31.

May 27

Eid-al-Adha (Islam)

Eid-al-Adha is a four-day festival commemorating Prophet Abraham's obedience to God

in his willingness to sacrifice his son. Muslims celebrate this day with gifts and new clothing, saying morning prayers, and sharing meat with family, friends, and the needy.

May 29

Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Bahá'í)

This sacred day, observed by Bahá'ís, commemorates the death of the founder of the Bahá'í faith, Baha'u'llah. Baha'u'llah passed in 1892 at the age of 75

A Look Back: Highlights in April

The Manitoba Multifaith Council Leadership Breakfast "For the Sake of the City"

Scott Oake, Hockey Night in Canada broadcaster and founder of the Bruce and Anne Oake Memorial Foundation gave the keynote address and talked about his son Bruce, his journey through addiction, the the creation of the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre in Winnipeg. Faith, community, and government leaders were in attendance and the opening blessing was given by Albert LeGatt, the Archbishop of St. Boniface.



The Bruce Oake centre helps men with addictions and provides resources for treatment and support. Foundation staff were on hand to provide information and accept donations for the capital plan fundraising campaign for the proposed Anne Oake Recovery Centre which will help women overcome addiction and find a better way through life.







Upcoming Events

As part of our commitment to keeping the community informed and encouraging dialogue, we occasionally share information about local events. Please note that some of these events may not be organized, sponsored, or endorsed by our organization. We encourage you to explore and engage at your own discretion.

Those wishing to have events posted on MMC Connects must submit the request by the 15th of the month to be properly reviewed and considered for the next month's issue.

Submit to info.manitobamultifaith@gmail.com

Educational Visit

The Manitoba Multifaith Council graciously invites you to join us in an educational visit to the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints. This will featuring a talk/presentation and a Q/A session. Feel free to extend this invite to other local faith and community leaders you feel could benefit.

Date/Time: Tuesday May 5th, at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Venue: 45 Dalhousie Dr, Winnipeg, MB R3T 5R9

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*** Refreshments will be served.

To help the organizers, RSVP with me at the phone #, 416 832 8307, or at this email Labeed.ahmed@ahmadiyya.ca . But still feel welcome to join in the case you could not RSVP in time.

Interfaith Dialoue Gathering

You are kindly invited to attend an upcoming Interfaith Dialogue Gathering on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, from 12:30 to 2:00 pm.

This gathering will be a special celebration of 40 years of Interfaith Dialogue in Winnipeg.

Program Details:

Special Guest: Sandy Hyman

Presentation: Sandy Hyman will share her personal journey and experiences with the Interfaith Movement, reflecting on the vision, challenges, and growth over the past 40 years

A brief history:

In May 1986, Sandy Hyman initiated the Interfaith Round Table in consultation with the Jewish Federation. Invitations were sent to various faith groups, welcoming clergy and faith leaders. Sandy personally reached out to many, guided by her passion to increase awareness and understanding among people of different faiths, as well as non-believers. Her commitment to inclusion continues to inspire this work in our diverse and complex world.

Guests are welcome to join this meaningful celebration.

Venue and security information:

Location: Kroft Board Room, Asper Jewish Campus

Please check in with Security upon arrival before proceeding to the Kroft Board Room

Please bring a valid photo ID

RSVP:

**Kindly notify Pastor Robin with your name and email address prior to the gathering.
robinshaukat137@gmail.com**

We look forward to gathering together in the spirit of respect, reflection, and shared commitment to peace.

Pathways to Healing: Respecting Indigenous Spirituality in the Criminal Justice System



**A Panel Discussion on the TRC Call to Action # 60 by and for
Indigenous Traditional Ceremony Providers, Chaplains, and Volunteers
Panelists**

Shannon Buck: Director of Indigenous Cultural and Spiritual Services,
Manitoba Justice, Manitoba Corrections

Norman Collier: Chaplain, Headingley Women's Correctional Centre

Murray Still: Indigenous Elder and Board Chair, Initiatives for Just Communities

Moderator: Michael Champagne

May 19, 2026 : 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre

445 King Street, Winnipeg

Sponsored by the Justice and Corrections Committee
of the Manitoba Multifaith Council

\$10 donation welcome

*Honorable Mention Entry for the 2024 Inmates Art Contest

**Truth and Reconciliation Commission
Call to Action Number 60**

We call upon leaders of the church parties to the Settlement Agreement and all other faiths, in collaboration with Indigenous spiritual leaders, Survivors, schools of theology, seminaries, and other religious training centres, to develop and teach curriculum for all student clergy, and all clergy and staff who work in Aboriginal communities, on the need to respect Indigenous spirituality in its own right, the history and legacy of residential schools and the roles of the church parties in that system, the history and legacy of religious conflict in Aboriginal families and communities, and the responsibility that churches have to mitigate such conflicts and prevent spiritual violence.

**Pathways to Healing Panel
Purpose**

This residential school legacy is apparent in the nation's prisons where indigenous persons are vastly over-represented. In recent years, correctional authorities have attempted to address this challenge by ensuring that inmates have access to traditional indigenous ceremonies, healing lodges, and culturally responsive programming. Chaplains, who envision a ministry presence that will foster a healing peace and a sense of hope, have long respected and supported the important role that traditional indigenous spirituality has in the lives of many inmates, and recognize that many indigenous persons are spiritually resilient despite the painful residential school legacy. The challenge is to discover new pathways to healing that might overcome the painful legacy of the past while respecting indigenous traditions as a valued and equal. The purpose of this panel is to respond to the Call to Action 60 to respect indigenous spirituality in its own right by thoughtfully reflecting on how spiritual traditions can work together to promote healing in the justice system.

Interfaith Round Table

The Manitoba Multifaith Council graciously invites you to join our 14th Interfaith Leaders Meeting. Feel free to extend this invite to other local faith and community leaders you feel could benefit.

Date/Time: Thursday May 28th, at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Venue: Ahmadiyya Mosque, 525 Kylemore Ave

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**** Coffee/tea and food will be served**

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Topics of this month: Part II: The role of our Faith traditions in contributing to Women's Rights.

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I look forward to another delightful session amongst scholars, leaders, and friends of diverse faiths.

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