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Message from the Board

At the Manitoba Multifaith Council, we believe that one of the greatest strengths of our province is the diversity of its people. Our many faith communities represent different traditions, cultures, and perspectives, yet we are united by a shared desire to build a society marked by compassion, respect, and service.

Interfaith work is not about diminishing our individual beliefs or finding the lowest common denominator. Rather, it is about creating meaningful relationships across our differences. When we take the time to listen, learn, and work alongside one another, we replace misunderstanding with trust and suspicion with friendship.

Community is built through countless small acts—sharing meals, serving our neighbours, responding together in times of need, and standing together against prejudice and hatred. These moments remind us that our differences need not divide us; they can enrich us.

Tolerance is more than simply accepting that others exist. It is choosing to treat every person with dignity, even when we disagree. It is recognizing that a healthy society is one where people of every faith, and those of no faith, are free to contribute to the common good.

As we move forward together, may we continue to build bridges, strengthen our communities, and demonstrate that mutual respect is the foundation of a peaceful and flourishing Manitoba.

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 July

July 5th

Guru Hargobind's Gurburab/Prakesh.-birthday (Sikhism)
The sixth guru.

July 6th

Fravardiga (Zoroastrianism)
Occurs ten days before No Ruz. Festival and prayer day for guardian spirits of ancestors.

July 9th

The Martyrdom of the Báb (Bahá'í)
To mark the anniversary of his execution.

July 10th

Ashala Puja (Buddhism)
Celebrates the Buddha's first sermon after enlightenment. Buddhists gather to meditate, give offerings, and reflect on the core teachings of compassion and mindfulness.

July 13th

Feast of Kalimát -Words (Bahá'í)

July 15th

Shichigatsu O-Bon (Buddhism)
A fusion of Japanese, Buddhist and Confucian beliefs, all concerning the honouring of ancestral spirits.

July 16th

No Ruz / Navroze (Zoroastrianism)
New Years' day on the Shenshai Calendar.

July 22nd

Khordad Sal -Zarathustra's Birthday (Zoroastrianism)
The birthday of Prophet Zarathustra.

July 23rd

Guru Harkrishan's Gurburab/Prakesh -birthday (Sikhism).
The eighth guru.

July 23rd

Tisha B'Av (Judaism)

An annual fast day in Judaism, on which a number of disasters in Jewish history occurred, primarily the destruction of both Solomon's Temple and the Second Temple in Jerusalem.

July 23rd

Haile Selassie's Birthday (Rastafarian)
Nyahbinghi (drumming), hymns and prayers.

A Look Back at June

June 19, 2026

Indigenous Day celebrations at City Hall



Pictured: Elder Carolyn Moar, with Ken Kuhn & Darlene Overby of the Justice & Corrections Committee of the Manitoba Multifaith Council on the occasion of the J & C signing on as a new partner with the City of Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord.

The Justice and Corrections Committee is committed to strengthen relationships with Indigenous traditional ceremony elders providing cultural and spiritual care to those in provincial prisons and in community organizations sponsoring reintegration support services. Elder Carolyn Moar offered opening and closing prayers for the gathering as a dozen groups signed the accord as partners in the spirit of Reconciliation.





Salvation Army outreach workers help house chronically homeless people in Winnipeg



Outreach workers Steven Halldorson and Erin Guidolin jump in their Salvation Army-branded vehicle in the back lane between Main Street and Martha Street to help people in Winnipeg who are homeless.

They hand out water and food. In the winter, the duo gives toques, mitts, jackets and hand warmers.

Giving people basic necessities can be the first step in helping them find housing.

"It's heartbreaking" to see people homeless and hear their stories, Guidolin said.

"It's rewarding when we can do what we can."

They are among two of the people involved in the province's effort to end chronic homelessness by 2031. What they're doing is making a difference.

From Oct. 1 to May 30, 191 people went into transitional housing at the Salvation Army, with 88 of those people placed in permanent housing.

The workers said not everyone is ready immediately to make the move into a place of their own.

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"Some people are just looking for a place to stay for one night and aren't really ready to transition to permanent housing," Halldorson said.

He and Guidolin have been working as primary housing and outreach workers for seven months. Both previously worked with the Salvation Army in other roles.

Josh Crabb · CBC News · Posted: Jun 04, 2026 5:00 AM CDT

Upcoming Events

MHCGALLERY

A Gallery of Canadian Mennonite University



L-R: Detail of Spring Prairie Masking by Naomi Gerrard, Detail of Rainforest by Bill Younger

Exhibiting June 26 - August 15, 2026

Multi-Grains of Energy Naomi Gerrard | Bill Younger WHAT!?! In the World

The exhibition brings together two local artists celebrating landscapes and the world beyond our front doors, with Gerrard's exploration of prairie lands through the application of grains, and Younger's use of glass to reflect the fragility and beauty of the natural world.

Natural World.

MHC Gallery
610 Shaftesbury Blvd, Winnipeg
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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
religious communities in Manitoba and
beyond.

Go to the web page of
the Manitoba Lieutenant Governor
for submission requirements



Deadline for submissions
September 15th, 2026



Everyone is welcome at our annual Free the Spirit Festival! Bring the whole family to enjoy a day of music, dancing, food and artisan market.

You can also join fundraising activities – and there are opportunities for everyone, regardless of physical ability. Participants are invited to join the 2k walk (or roll) or lace up your sneakers and partake in the 5k run. This is an amazing chance to challenge yourself, family and friends to be active while raising pledges in support of the St. Amant Foundation.

With your help, we can enhance the quality of life for more than 5,000 people with developmental disabilities, autism and acquired brain injuries by providing opportunities



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With Guest Speaker:

Dr. Stephen D. Borys, PhD, OM, DLitt
President, Civic Muse, Inc.
Former Director & CEO,
Winnipeg Art Gallery – Qaumajuq



September 26, 2025

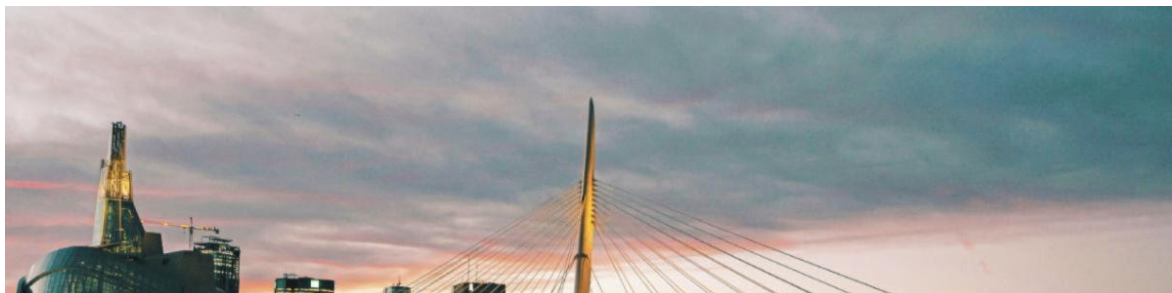
Southlands Community Church

Doors open at 5:30pm, event starts 6:00pm

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The 13th International Spirituality Conference

Dates: June 9 – 12, 2027

Location: Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, MB

Sponsored by: The Canadian Society for Spirituality and Social Work, Faculty of Social Work University of Manitoba, and Canadian Mennonite University.

Spirituality in a Time of Crisis: Sacred Resistance, Collective Healing and Transformation

This conference convenes social workers, scholars, practitioners, students, and allied professionals to examine the significance of spirituality in contemporary crises. Participants are invited to engage spirituality as a mode of resistance and transformative practice across individual and collective contexts. The gathering aims to advance critical dialogue on how spirituality informs resilience, social justice, and collective well-being.



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Possible topics of interest may include:

- Spirituality and social justice initiatives
- Contemplative/reflective practices for social work educators, practitioners, and activists
- Indigenous approaches to healing
- Personal and communal transformation and healing
- Interfaith worldviews, spirituality and the quest for justice

Further information including registration, will be posted on our website as it becomes available: spiritualityandsocialwork.ca

Submission Deadline: September 30, 2026
Contact: Buetta Warkentin (bwarkentin@cmu.ca)



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