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## Message from the Board

The Manitoba Multifaith Council is deeply saddened by the recent act of violence directed at the Rahma Islamic Centre in Winnipeg.

Places of worship should always be places of peace, hope, and safety. When any faith community experiences hatred or intimidation, it affects us all and reminds us of the importance of standing together in mutual respect and solidarity.

We extend our sincere support to Imam Feisal Adem and the members of the Rahma Islamic Centre as they recover from this disturbing incident. Our thoughts are with them, and we join with people across Manitoba in rejecting hatred and affirming the dignity and worth of every individual and every faith community.

The Manitoba Multifaith Council remains committed to fostering understanding, friendship, and collaboration among Manitoba's diverse faith communities. We believe that our strongest response to acts of hatred is to strengthen the



response to acts of hatred is to strengthen the relationships that unite us and to continue working together to build a province where everyone can gather, worship, and live in safety and peace.

Board of the Manitoba Multifaith Council

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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 August**

### **August 1**

**Lughnasadh (Wiccan)**

**Celebrates the beginning of the harvest season.**

### **August 6**

**Transfiguration of the Lord (Orthodox Christian)**

### **August 13-15**

**Obon (Buddhist)**

**Buddhist festival honoring the spirits of deceased ancestors**

### **August 15**

**Feast of the Assumption (Roman Catholic)**

**Celebrates the assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven.**

### **August 25**

**Mawlid-al-Nabi (Islam)**

**Celebrates the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad.**

### **August 28**

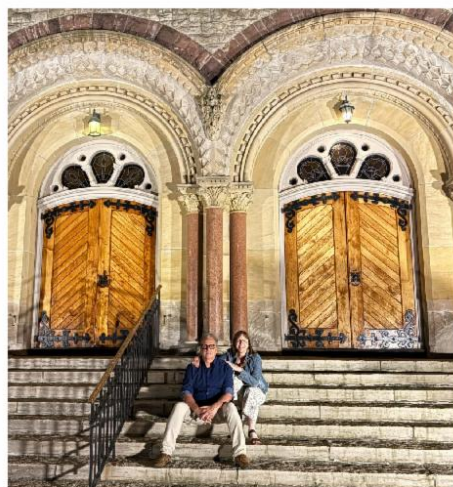
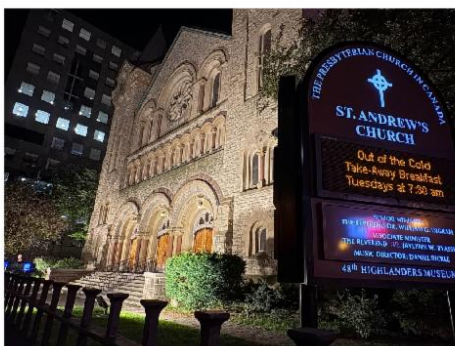
**Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)**

**Day dedicated to the lifelong bond of love and protection between brothers and sisters.**





## VISIT TO TORONTO RELIGIOUS SITES



Manitoba Multifaith Council President, Christine Baronins and Community Relations Chair, Rocky Baronins visited several religious sites in Toronto including

the Hindu temple BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha, the Ismaili Centre and Aga Khan Museum, and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

## 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.

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

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the Manitoba Lieutenant Governor  
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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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in support of our  Shelter U program

## With Guest Speaker:

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



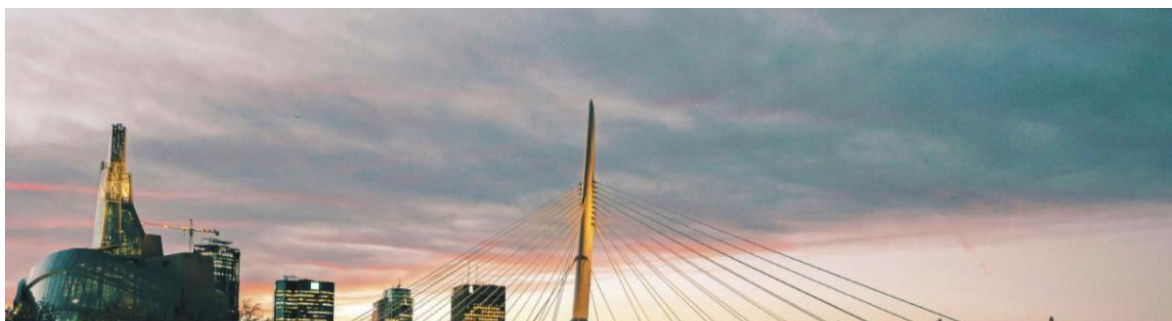
**September 26, 2025**

**Southlands Community Church**  
Doors open at 5:30pm, event starts 6:00pm

85 Keslar Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3T 6A5



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# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## *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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submit your abstract  
(max 357-625 words)

#### **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](https://spiritualityandsocialwork.ca)

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



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