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Message from the Board

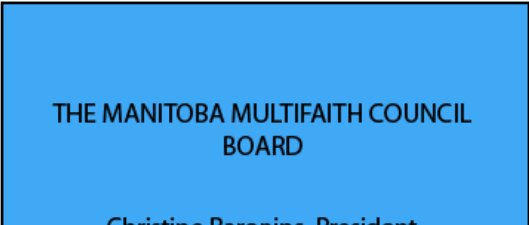
As September 30 approaches, Canadians will observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—a time to remember the children who never returned home from residential schools, the survivors, and the families and communities who continue to live with their legacy.

For faith communities, reconciliation carries particular responsibility. Religious institutions were involved in the residential school system, and acknowledging that history must be accompanied by a commitment to listen, learn, and build relationships with Indigenous peoples.

Reconciliation is not accomplished through a single day, statement, or ceremony. It grows through relationships—through listening to experiences that may be difficult to hear, learning from one another, and walking together with respect and humility. Our diverse faith traditions can contribute to this work by encouraging understanding, recognizing the dignity of others, and repairing relationships.

September 30 reminds us of our history. Our greater responsibility is carrying the work of reconciliation into every day that follows.

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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 September

September 3

Krishna Janmashtami (Hinduism)

Birthday of Lord Krishna. An incarnation of the God Vishnu, Krishna represents love and bravery.

September 8

Paryushana Parva (Jainism)

Eight-day festival of forgiveness and self-discipline.

September 12-13

Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)

Beginning of the Jewish Year and High Holy Days. (Work is prohibited, celebrated from sunset the previous day)

September 14

Ganesh Chaturthi (Hinduism)

Birthday of Lord Ganesha, god of wisdom, prosperity and good fortune and the Remover of Obstacles.

September 21

Yom Kippur (Judaism)

Day of Atonement (Fasting and work prohibited, starts at sunset the previous day)

September 25

Autumn Moon Festival (Buddhism)

Celebrates the end of autumn and the full moon.

September 26 - October 2

Sukkot (Judaism)

The Feast of the Tabernacles and Harvest festival (work is prohibited the first two days. Observation begins at sunset the previous night.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MANITOBA MULTIFAITH COUNCIL

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2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ALL WELCOME

REPORTS ON:

EDUCATION

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

SPIRITUAL HEALTH

JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS

GUEST SPEAKER

JANICE LUKES

WINNIPEG CITY COUNCILLOR

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2026



**The Manitoba Multifaith Council graciously invites you to join our
16th Interfaith Leaders & Advocates Meeting.**

Feel free to extend this invite to others you feel would like to benefit.

Date/Time: Thursday September 10th, at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Venue: Ahmadiyya Mosque, 525 Kylemore Ave

Coffee/tea and food will be served

Topics of this month: Prayer or reflection, its significance in our traditions

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.





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The Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba
Manitoba Association of Women's Shelters Inc.



12th SEPTEMBER 2026

St. Vital Park, River Road
Registration : 12:30 PM
Run Starts : 1:30 PM

2K Run / Walk

Please visit www.runforwinnipeg.ca for more information about this charity walk.
Email: runforwinnipeg@ansar.ca or Call: 204-615-1234

For online registration visit:
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*15th 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
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

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

Inner Peace
IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18
7:00PM

Featuring a special performance of
Japanese Gagaku (ceremonial court) music
and a chant for peace



Rev. Tatsuya Aoki
Bishop, Jodo Shinshu
Buddhist Temples of Canada



Rev. Grant Ikuta
Resident Minister, Steveston
Buddhist Temple



Rev. Kensho Hashimoto
Resident Minister, Toronto
Buddhist Church



Rev. Roland Ikuta
Resident Minister, Buddhist
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MANITOBA BUDDHIST TEMPLE 39 TECUMSEH STREET

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE ACROSS THE STREET IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE PARKING LOT

SUPPORTED BY BUKKYO DENDO KYOKAI (SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF BUDDHISM)



**Saturday,
September 19**

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



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.



Scan the QR code to
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

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


The Canadian Society for
Spirituality & Social Work



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present:

HONOUR & HOPE GALA

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

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TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

MUSLIM-INDIGENOUS SOLIDARITY EVENT

**CEREMONIES, SHARING STORIES,
GAMES, FOOD, & CONVERSATIONS**

SUNDAY, SEP 27, 2026

EVENT LOCATION:
CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY AT MARPECK COMMONS
2299 GRANT AVE | 11:00AM-3:00PM

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