# UNITED NATIONS WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

**Theme: Harmonious Connections** 

# Opening Ceremony (Virtual)

Monday February 1st at 7:00-8:00pm

Mayor Nenshi – Proclamation/ Presentation Interfaith Reflections on Harmony

Musical Presentations from Sikh, Hindu and Jewish Communities

### **REGISTER HERE**

Please register by January 30th at the above link or email daltonharding@gmail.com.

# Closing Banquet (Virtual)

Sunday February 7th 3:00-4:00pm

Learn how to cook Noah's Pudding

Break out Rooms:
Share your favorite food around a faith tradition. (3 min. each)

Feature Speaker:
Julie Van Rosendaal (CBC Food Critic)

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## Community Reflections and Q & A (30 minutes) Hosted by Diverse Faith Communities

Tuesday February 2nd - Friday February 5th

9:00am 12:00noon and 7:00pm (every day)

Saturday February 6th

10:00am 12:00noon and 7:00pm

https://zoom.us/j/99324553175 Phone: 587-328-1099 (Calgary)

List of Host Communities and times on CIC website: <a href="https://www.calgaryinterfaithcouncil.org/">https://www.calgaryinterfaithcouncil.org/</a>
<a href="Come, Learn">Come, Learn</a>, Ask







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## Opening Ceremony (Virtual) - Monday February 1st Harmonious Connections

7:00pm

Welcome: Reverend Debra Faulk (Calgary Unitarians)

Land Acknowledgement: Tony Snow (Indigenous/United Church)

Musical Interlude: Cantor Russell Jayne (Beth Tzedec Synagogue)

Proclamation of World Interfaith Harmony Week: Mayor Naheed Nenshi

Presentation of Gold Medal: Rev. Debra Faulk & Imam Fayaz Tilly

Musical Interlude: Dr. Jayasharee Thatte Bhat (Hindu Society of Calgary)

Reflections on Harmony - Representatives\* of many faiths will build our

Calgary cityscape puzzle

Musical Interlude: Dr. Harjot Singh (Sikh Community)

Invitation to weeks activities: Reverend John Pentland Closing Words: Reverend Debra Faulk (Calgary Unitarians)

\* Faith Representatives in Alphabetical Order

Baha'i: Eva Torn Thomas

Buddhist: Sensei Robert Gubenco

Christian: (Protestant - United Church) Bob Mutlow Christian: (Protestant – Evangelical) Ray Matheson

Christian: (Protestant/Anabaptists – Mennonite) Jacob Froese

Christian: (Catholic) Reverend Adrian Martens

Christian: (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) Nancy Clayden

Hindu: Dr. Jayashree Thatte Bhat

Indigenous: Tony Snow

Jewish: (Conservative - Beth Tzedec Congregation) Cantor Russell Jayne

Jewish: (Reform – Temple B'Nai Tikvah) Rabbi Mark Glickman Muslim: (Sunni/Sufi - Al-Madinah Islamic Assembly) Malik Ashraf Muslim: (Sunni – Muslim Council of Calgary) Imam Fiyaz Tilley

Muslim: (Anatolian Turkish Islamic Centre of Calgary) Malik Maradov Muslim: (Shia – Hussaini Association of Calgary) Imam Hadi Hasan

Muslim: (Ahmadiyya Jama'at) Asif Ahmed Arif

Sikh: Dr. Harjot Singh

Unitarian Universalist: Mary Anna Louise Kovar

Community Reflections: (30 minutes) 10 - 15 minute Reflection, Prayer or Music on Harmony followed by Q and A. Come, Learn, Ask. Zoom link on front page.

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Wednesday Feb. 3	9:00am	United - Reverend John Pentland
Thursday Feb. 4	9:00am	Lutheran - Pastor Wallace Bornhuse
Friday Feb. 5	9:00am	FCJ Retreat & Conference Centre - Sister Ger Curra

Saturday Feb. 6 10:00am Calgary Buddhist Temple - Sensei Robert Gubenco

Tuesday Feb. 2	12 noon	Evangelical - Ray Matheson
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Wednesday Feb. 3 12 noon Muslim Council of Calgary - Imam Fayaz Tilley Thursday Feb. 4 12 noon The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Friday Feb. 5 12 noon Unitarian Universalists - Reverend Debra Faulk Saturday Feb. 6 12 noon Hussaini Association of Calgary - Imam Hadi Hasan

7:00pm Hindu Society Calgary - Dr. Jayashree Thatte Bhat Tuesday Feb. 2

Wednesday Feb 3 7:00pm Baha'l - May Cummings/Eva Thorne

Thursday Feb 4 7 – 8:30pm A Priest and a Rabbi Read Scripture together

(Must register)

7:00pm Al-Madinah Islamic Assembly - Imam Syed Soharwardy Friday Feb 5

Saturday Feb 6 7:00pm Anatolian Turkish Islamic Centre of Calgary

- Malik Muradov

## Closing Banquet (Virtual) Sunday February 7th **Sharing Food Faith Traditions**

3:00pm

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Agenda - Reverend John Pentland Featured Food: Noah's Pudding Hosted by Intercultural Dialogue Institute (Learn how to cook Noah's Pudding and the symbolic Interfaith meaning of this dish)

Speaker: Julie Van Rosendaal (CBC – Food Coach)

Virtual Banquet: In smaller groups (breakout rooms) you will have an opportunity to share your favorite food tradition with each other.

(3 minutes each)

Acknowledgments: Reverend John Pentland

## **Additional Programming**

Join the University of Calgary Faith and Spirituality Centre as they highlight many of Calgary's diverse faith groups through a short video series! Follow them on Instagram and Facebook during World Interfaith Harmony Week. To participate: Facebook @fscucalgary or Instagram @fsc ucalagry

**Baha'I** "Gather all people ... and cause them to unite in harmony, so that they may become as the rays of one sun." Abdul-Baha

**Buddhism** "Blessed is the birth of the Buddha, blessed is the teaching of the dharma, blessed is the sangha, where all live in harmony"

**Christian (United Church)** "Harmonious Connections as Followers of the Way: Respect Creation, Affirm All Our Relations, Choose Anti-Racism, Practice gratitude and grace."

**Christian (Evangelical)** "Our harmony comes from a common quest. We are pilgrims seeking to know the God who is revealed in nature."

**Christian (Mennonite)** Jesus is the centre of our faith; Community the centre of our life; Reconciliation the centre of our work.

**Christian (Catholic)** "Harmony is when we realize that we have something transcendent about everyone, and One who cares about us"

**Christian (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- Day Saints)** "Compassionately improving the well-being of all humankind through respectful connectedness while simultaneously blending our individual lives in rich synchronization."

**Hindu Society of Calgary** "Hindus believe in the Presence of God in every living being. Hindus believe: In creating a pluralistic society where all religious moderation can thrive. Music is the integral part of Hinduism. There is no human society without some musical tradition, and no religion without some devotional music." **Indigenous:** "Oyadegichyabihuna daâ barepîîchyabihuna wîjakabi cha ûth togadayam"

Jewish Conservative (Beth Tzedec Synagogue) "Intolerance lies at the core of evil. Not the intolerance that results from any threat or danger. But intolerance of another being who dares to exist. Intolerance without cause. It is so deep within us, because every human being secretly desires the entire universe to himself. Our only way out is to learn compassion without cause. To care for each other simple because that 'other' exists "- Rabbi Menachem Mendle

**Jewish Reform (Temple B'Nai Tikvah)** "May the maker of peace in the heavens, make peace for us, for Israel, and the whole world. Amen."

**Muslim (Sunni/Sufi - Al-Madinah Islamic Assembly)** "Those who say, "Our Lord is Allah" and steadfast, the angels descend on them: "Fear ye not!" "Nor grieve! but receive the Glad Tidings of the Garden, the which ye were promised! (Holy Qur'an, 41:30)

**Muslim (Sunni - Muslim Council of Calgary)** "Live, learn and love! Aspire to inspire before you, expire!

**Muslim (Anatolian Turkish Islamic Centre of Calgary) "**O mankind, We created you all from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes so that you may know one another." Quran 49:13

**Muslim (Husssaini Association of Calgary)** "People are of two kinds: either your brothers in faith or your EQUAL in HUMANITY. Hence, treat all in HARMONY " (Imam Ali pbuh)

Muslim (Ahmadiyya Jama'at) "And help one another in righteousness and piety; but help not one another in sin and transgression." (Holy Qur'an Chapter 5:3) Sikh "Says Nanak with the remebrance of God's Divine Name and Word, may your Spirit be exhalted and may ALL people prosper by Thy Divine Grace" Unitarian Universalist "May we hear the melody of Life and find ourselves singing harmony. May we be open to the dissonances in the Song of the Land and Its People, that we might be part of the World's urging toward Justice, Peace, and Love" Rev Joseph Cleveland, edited)