

Annual Report 2019-2020

Pursuant to BY-LAW NO.1 of MANITOBA MULTIFAITH COUNCIL, Inc. (2011), notice is given for its Annual General Meeting to take place via a "virtual" format (Zoom):

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm

To receive the reports of the President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Committees of MMC, and Auditor(s); to appoint auditors; to elect the Board of Directors; and to consider and transact any other MMC business.



2020 MFC cover artist: Anan Joe, "Opening"

"As I observed intricate patterns of tree branches, it reminded me of complexity of our microcosmic and macrocosmic world. This vivid image of nature always teach us something very important-that is 'interconnectedness' of our beings. With deep awareness of this interconnectedness, there we can finally embrace peace and harmony with each other." © Multifaith Action Society (MAS) of British Columbia, reprinted with permission



WHEREAS extraordinary circumstances presented by the **COVID-19 pandemic** necessitated rescheduling of our **MMC 2019-2020 AGM**; and
WHEREAS the **MMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS** has further determined that a **virtual meeting** is preferred rather than an “in-person” format;

NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED, in accordance with **BY-LAW NO. 1** of **MANITOBA MULTIFAITH COUNCIL, Inc.** (2011), which mandates a minimum of twenty-one (21) days’ notice, for the **2019-2020 Annual General Meeting** of **MANITOBA MULTIFAITH COUNCIL, Inc.** (2011), to take place via **ZOOM** on **Tuesday, September 1st at 7:00 pm.**

Further details to follow regarding how to register for this virtual AGM.


Ray Harris, Secretary


Belle Jarniewski, President

Dated at Winnipeg, MB, on this July 12, 2020

To gain access to the virtual Annual General Meeting, MMC members are required to register by following the link below, or by clicking on this image:



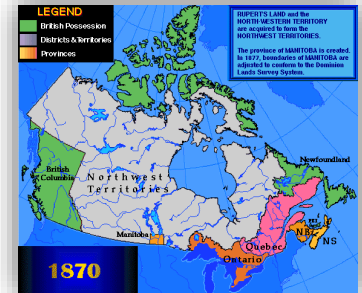
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150 Days of Solidarity, Reconciliation and Prayer

July 15th – December 11th, 2020



This year marks 150 years since Manitoba became Canada's fifth province. Because of the current COVID-19 situation which continues to evolve, our provincial officials have announced that all Manitoba 150 initiated events are being paused until 2021. In the meantime, while official Manitoba 150 festivities are suspended until a later date, the members of the Manitoba Multifaith Council are inviting Manitobans of all various faith traditions and those of no formal faith observance to consider joining with us in **"150 Days of Solidarity, Reconciliation and Prayer"** as we consider the past, present and future blessings and challenges encountered by the citizens of our beloved province.



From the outset, the Manitoba Multifaith Council would like to express gratitude to the many Manitobans who have stepped forward to help each other through this very challenging time. We appreciate our front-line workers – our healthcare workers, educators, cleaners, grocery staff, letter carriers, security staff, police, fire fighters, staff in personal care and assisted living facilities, local mask and PPE makers, etc. We appreciate the many staff and volunteers who have provided care for the most vulnerable among us, including those delivering meals, making phone calls to those who are “home alone” and so much more.

Just over 100 years ago, another pandemic swept through Manitoba and left approximately 1200 Winnipeggers dead out of a population which at the time numbered 180,000. A century ago, many came together to help— then like now—often risking or even sacrificing their own lives in the process. At a time before socialized medicine, according to historian Essylt Jones, *“workers often created their own health care institutions, including old-age homes, clinics, and hospitals,”* given their understanding of *“not only the humanitarian value of such endeavors but also their instrumental value in recruiting and retaining members.”* Formal mutual aid was organized within ethnic and faith communities and provincial government records show that *“Winnipeg had approximately forty functioning mutual benefit organizations.”* Informal networks of mutual aid also existed in 1918, such as family associations, as well as financial help in North End neighborhoods *“in the form of credit from local shopkeepers, already a common practice.”*



Winnipeg Free Press newspaper carriers wore masks in a bid to guard against the Spanish Flu pandemic. L.B. Foote photo / Winnipeg Free Press Archives

In 2020, members of our faith communities and members of the community at large have reached out in many ways – from thinking out-of-the-box on ways to keep in touch, to providing safe opportunities for worship, to raising funds to help those in need. The Manitoba Multifaith Council thanks Manitobans across the province for their important work throughout these uncertain times and for your support of one another.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks writes, that *“loss teaches us to value things, though usually too late. What we have, and then lose, we do not take for granted. The religious vision is not about seeing things that are not there. It is about seeing the things that are there and always were, but which we never noticed, or paid attention to. Faith is a form of attention. It is a sustained meditation on the miraculousness of what is, because it might not have been. What we lose and are given back we learn to cherish in a way we would not have done had we never lost it in the first place. Faith is about not taking things for granted.”*

Words like these are more meaningful than ever today. So many of the everyday things we took for granted are—at least for the moment—no longer all available to us. We hope that this pandemic will eventually be behind us and that we can return to at least a semblance of normalcy. Hopefully, when that time comes, we will remember what and whom we missed and remember to be grateful for every opportunity. Hopefully, we will remember the kindness and courage of the many people who risked their own health in order to keep us safe and continue to honour them and to emulate their courage and generosity. And hopefully, we will cherish the miraculousness of every day.

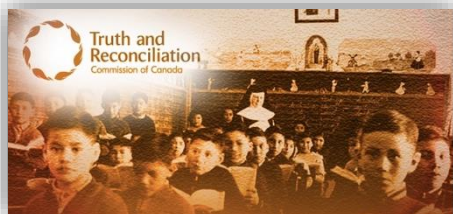


Besides reflecting on the situation of the current pandemic in our province and across the globe, we do well to also reflect on the 150-year history of our province. As noted by the Manitoba 150 Host Committee Co-Chairs, *“since our earliest days, Manitobans have shown a strong sense of community in the face of change and have grown stronger and more connected as a result of it. From the First Nations who called this place home for thousands of years; to the birth of the Métis Nation, whose leader Louis Riel protected the rights of all who lived here while ushering Manitoba into Confederation; to the arrival of generations of newcomers, everyone has contributed and continues to contribute to making Manitoba the great province it is today.”*

Nevertheless, we readily acknowledge there is always more good to be done. We know that our 150-year history as a province is not without its painful moments and struggles which continue into the present day. With humble contrition for past failures and with great hope for the future, the members of the diverse faith communities of our province remain committed to work together with all Manitobans to build an even better province in the days, months and years to come.

To that end, in commemoration of Manitoba’s 150th birthday, on July 15, 2020 we will begin **“150 Days of Solidarity, Reconciliation and Prayer.”** We invite all Manitobans to join with us, in a spirit of solidarity and in recognition of our common humanity, to mark these 150 days in whatever ways each may find appropriate according to their conscience and preferred spiritual outlook.

Those coming from faith traditions where prayer and fasting is seen as an apt approach may wish to join some of us in setting aside Wednesdays as a special day for such an effort. Others might choose to meditate or do some reflective reading on a regular basis in support of the cause. Keeping in mind “Truth and Reconciliation” and the “Calls to Action,” let us all continue to work together for healing with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. As circumstances permit, we invite all Manitobans to be creative and generous in making various efforts to reach out to their neighbours in acts of kindness and solidarity.



During these **“150 Days of Solidarity, Reconciliation and Prayer,”** we invite all citizens of our province to participate at least in some small way, trusting that, through our collaboration spiritually and practically, we can and will build together a more just and caring society. May Manitobans continue to draw closer to one another and rejoice in the gifts of peace, hope and love both now and in the future.

Over the next few months, the Manitoba Multifaith Council will do its best to collate and post on its website up to 150 suitable practical suggestions for the **“150 Days of Solidarity, Reconciliation and Prayer.”**

For further information: 150days.manitobamultifaith@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/manitobamultifaithcouncil





STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To operate exclusively as a charitable organization for the purpose of promoting interfaith and multifaith dialogue and understanding, and to educate the public about world religions and to promote collaboration amongst people of faith in order to foster the well-being of the community as a whole.

MMC Articles of Incorporation, 2011

MISSION

The Manitoba Multifaith Council exists to promote multifaith dialogue and understanding, while collaborating to serve the community as a whole.

VISION

People of diverse faiths working together to build a just and caring society.

Adopted by MMC Board of Directors, 2017

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

With this Annual Report, Manitoba Multifaith Council acknowledges that we gather on Treaty One Land, in the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its peoples.

MANITOBA MULTIFAITH COUNCIL

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MMC ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020 *and* AGM AGENDA

1. OPENING BUSINESS

- 1.1. Welcome, [Acknowledgment of Territory](#),
Declaration of Quorum and Opening Prayer
- 1.2. Adoption of Agenda
- 1.3. Adoption of [Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting](#)

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From the President

Dear friends,

A year ago, as I looked ahead to my final year as your President, the world was such a different place! I write this year's message as we are engulfed by a pandemic that has upended life as we knew it. The concerns we had a few months ago are exacerbated in some cases and overshadowed in others.

I would like to borrow from the wisdom of **Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks**, whose words seem especially poignant today:

"Loss teaches us to value things, though usually too late. What we have, and then lose, we do not take for granted. The religious vision is not about seeing things that are not there. It is about seeing the things that are there and always were, but which we never noticed, or paid attention to. Faith is a form of attention. It is a sustained meditation on the miraculousness of what is, because it might not have been. What we lose and are given back we learn to cherish in a way we would not have done had we never lost it in the first place. Faith is about not taking things for granted."

As we deal with unexpected challenges and uncertainty, our faith communities have quickly learned to adapt to the current normal. Humbled as we are by this virus, we are reaching out to one another in important and positive ways — from the day-to-day phone calls, Zoom, Skype, and FaceTime virtual visits and meetings to doing our best to ensure that our families, our friends, and even strangers do not feel abandoned or hungry.

Places of worship have quickly looked to out-of-the-box solutions in order to provide daily, weekly, and even holiday services. Funerals are also being live-streamed, as friends and family are unable to participate in traditional mourning processes. Clergy help to bring us through these difficult times with an important virtual presence. We have embraced technology in order to celebrate major holidays on the religious calendar — together and yet safely apart.

We are tremendously grateful to our front-line workers — from healthcare professionals including doctors, nurses, spiritual healthcare workers, and social workers — to grocery staff, cleaners, truckers, the news media, and many, many more.



Author Chana Thau (centre), with Operation Ezra volunteers Belle Jarniewski (left) and Nafiya Naso, at the release of a book about Operation Ezra www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/entertainment/books/success-story-561601202.html#&gid=null&pid=1

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Our MMC year of activities was of course cut short. Nevertheless, I am grateful for the **many events which filled our calendars from September to March**. The autumn season once again began with a **Meditation for Peace at the Saint-Boniface Cathedral**, hosted by the Archdiocese. Representatives of ten different faiths presented prayers for peace and took part in a moving water ceremony. Several minutes of meditation were accompanied by the beautiful sounds of a gong. In November, our **Spiritual Healthcare Committee presented a day-long workshop on caring for people with trauma**. In January, we gathered to honour **Sensei Frederich Ulrich**, this year's recipient of the **Lieutenant Governor's Award for the Advancement of Interreligious Understanding**.

Dr. Neil Craton, author of [*Wisdom from the Homeless*](#), addressed our seventh annual **Multifaith Leadership Breakfast** in February.

Our **Education Committee** shone a light on two lesser-known faiths: a January presentation explored the Baha'I faith and the February event looked at the beliefs of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We look forward to an event on Sikhism next year. Many events have unfortunately been cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee Chairs, **Ruth Ashrafi, Ron Long, Christine Baronins**, as well as their hard-working committee members for their important work over the past year. I would also like to thank **Paul Peters Derry** for his tremendous work updating our many members throughout the year with the **MMC CONNECTS** e-bulletin and especially during the pandemic. Thanks to **Ray Harris** for his support, guidance and communication. And thanks to each and every member of the Board for their kindness and friendship throughout my presidency.

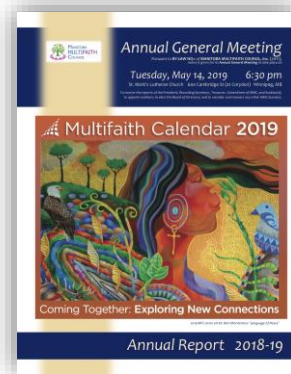
It has truly been an honour to represent MMC as your President these past four years. As I hand over the torch to **Payam Towfigh**, I am confident that he will lead us forward with wisdom and strength and I look forward to serving MMC under his leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Belle Jarniewski
MMC President

Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting

Pursuant to BY-LAW NO. 1 of the MANITOBA MULTIFAITH COUNCIL, Inc. (2011), its Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 600 Cambridge St (at Corydon) — Winnipeg, MB



Approximately thirty people gathered for the event, representing various faith traditions and affiliate partners. An Annual Report had been prepared, circulated via our ConstantContact emailing – *MMC CONNECTS*, with paper copies made available to those in attendance.

Vice-President Payam Towfigh chaired the evening, which began with an **Acknowledgement of Territory**: that the AGM was being held on Treaty One Land, in the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation. He expressed thanks to St Mark's for the use of the Church's facilities and noted that the refreshments provided would be delayed until later in the meeting, in light of the date falling within the season of Ramadan, as observed by our Muslim sisters and brothers.

Payam then invited **MMC Board Member Christine Baronins** to pray from her Latter-Day Saints faith tradition. In her prayer, Christine prayed that God would "bless us in our common cause," and the evening had a way of drawing attention to those "common causes" and ways we have been "blessed."

1. To approve **Minutes** of the **2018 Annual General Meeting**

Vice-President Towfigh drew attention to the Minutes from the 2018 AGM, found on pages 3-8, noting that there was no outstanding business from the same.

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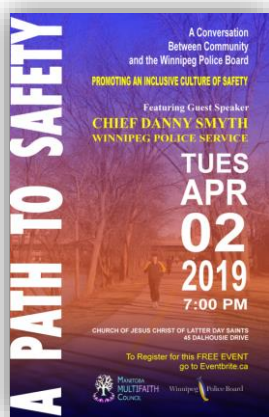
*It was moved by **Belle Jarniewski**, and seconded by **Ron Long**, that the **Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting**, as printed on **pages 2-8**, be approved.*

CARRIED

MINUTES OF 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2. To receive **Reports of the President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Standing Committees of MMC (Community Relations, Education, Justice & Corrections, Spiritual Health) and Auditor(s).**

President Belle Jarniewski began her report with an acknowledgement that she is entering her final year in the role of President. She also acknowledged that the work of MMC has taken on increasing importance in our “troubled times” when expressions of



hate have threatened faith communities around the world. The mission of MMC — “to promote dialogue and understanding, while collaborating to serve the community as a whole” — and its vision “of people of diverse faiths working together to build a just and caring society” have taken on greater importance. President Jarniewski drew attention to the various Committee and Partner Affiliation Reports, found on pages 13-27. In recounting the year, she noted the autumn’s Meditation for Peace event at St Boniface Cathedral; the Spiritual Health Committee’s Workshop on Compassion; the Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Interreligious Understanding given to Michel Aziza and Operation Ezra for his work with Yazidi refugees; the annual Multifaith Leadership Breakfast with guest speaker, Kevin Chief; and MMC’s partnership with the Winnipeg Police Board for ways citizens can help to create “A Path To Safety.”

In concluding, **President Jarniewski** thanked members of the board and various committees for their hard work during the year. And she congratulated **Treasurer Paul Peters Derry**, for his successful completion as Certificate Supervisor-Educator with the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care.

MOTION #2019 - 02

*It was moved by **Peter Dyck**, and seconded by **Diane Dwarka**, that the **2018-19 Reports**, as found on **pages 12-27 and 30** be received for information.*

CARRIED

3. To receive **Financial Statement(s) and Appoint Auditor(s) for 2018-19.**

In drawing attention to the **Financial Statements**, pages 9-11, **Treasurer Paul Peters Derry** noted that 13 faith communities hold membership with MMC (page 29). He also noted a slight drop in calendar sales, which continue to hold importance, not only as a fundraising venture but also as a way to publicize the importance of multifaith work,

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especially in the schools that use these calendars. Paul also noted the introduction of a new rented Post Office Box as the regular mailing address for MMC.

As Paul concluded his remarks, he recognized the passing of one of MMC's founding contributors, **Harold King**, and the importance Harold played for many for The United Church of Canada, The University of Winnipeg, and MMC (pages 31-33).

MOTION #2019 - 03.1

*It was moved by **Paul Peters Derry**, and seconded by **Ruth Ashrafi**, that the **Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2019**, as found on **pages 9 - 11**, be received for information.*

CARRIED

MOTION #2019 - 03.2

*It was moved by **Paul Peters Derry**, and seconded by **Robert Polz**, that the **Board of Directors be tasked with engaging an auditor to conduct the review of our 2018-19 Financial Statement**.*

CARRIED

4. To elect the **Board of Directors** for **2019-20**.

Secretary Ray Harris presented the **Nominations Report**, as listed on page 28. Attention was drawn to new members, **Rafiq Punjani** and **Jessie Pannu**. In addition, it was noted that **Christine Baronins** has agreed to chair the Community Relations Committee.

Reluctantly, the Report acknowledged that **James Christie** has conclude his service as a member of MMC's board. In light of this, a Certificate of Appreciation has been prepared and will be given to the Jim at some future opportunity.

MOTION #2019 - 04

*There being no further nominations, it was moved by **Cornelius Rempel**, and seconded by **Christine Baronins**, that the **Nominations Report**, as it appears on **page 28** of the printed **Annual Report**, be accepted as our **Board of Directors and Officers for 2019-20**.*

CARRIED

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5. To consider and transact **any other MMC business**

MOTION #2019 – 05

*There being no further business, the 2019 Annual General Meeting of Manitoba Multifaith Council, Inc. (2011), adjourned on a motion of **Ruth Ashrafi**, seconded by **Ron Long**.*

CARRIED

Refreshments were then served. Those gathered then reconvened for the program:

“Justice — What’s Love Got To Do With It?”

a presentation by Harry Nigh



During the day of the AGM, the MMC Justice and Corrections Committee held a Workshop, “Opening Doors.” The purpose of this Workshop was to further interest shown in opening doors for released prisoners to find a sense of belonging with faith communities in the city and province. The guest for the Workshop was **Harry Nigh**, from Toronto. **Bernie Mullins**, the Provincial Coordinator for Chaplains in the Justice Department, provided an introduction, referencing Nigh’s background as a chaplain and involvement with Circles of Support and Accountability, enabled him to speak from important experience as a practitioner in caring for released inmates.

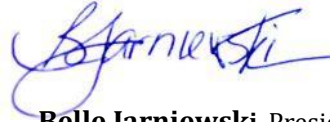
Nigh drew attention to an important biblical text, Micah 6:8, which brings together the practice of justice with expressions of kindness, of steadfast love. His understanding is that “justice is relational.” He illustrated the importance of this by narrating the story of an indigenous woman, Tina Joy, who despite every reason to be angry became in fact a “source of wisdom” for others. Nigh concluded with words from the Jewish Talmud, “Do justice now.”

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Treasurer Paul Peters Derry expressed thanks to Haryy Nigh for his important insights and compassionate storytelling, and presented him with a **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**, including **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP** in Manitoba Multifaith Council. Paul then brought the evening to a conclusion, thanked and dismissed those gathered.



Ray Harris, Secretary



Belle Jarniewski, President

*Peu importe vos origines,
vous êtes chez vous
dans notre communauté.*

No matter where you are
from, we're glad you're
our neighbour.

لا يهم اين ولدتم، و لكننا
سعداء انكم جيراننا.

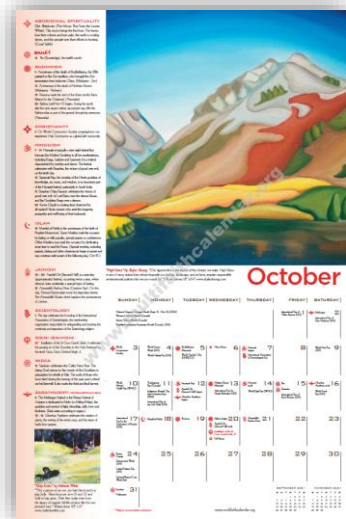
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Financial Statements

What a year it's been!

When I prepared my narrative report to accompany the financial statements in last year's Annual Report, I remember quoting Jean Vanier. Little did we know that individual would become yet another in the line of far too many who have taken advantage of their privilege and power. What's more, we could hardly have imagined the COVID-19 context in which MMC, along with all of us as individuals and communities of faith live and move and have our very being.

I am pleased to report that MMC's financial position remains strong, even robust. Members will note a "*new-and-improved*" look to this year's statements. Math was not my favourite subject in school, and accounting was not the career path I chose. With the support of President Belle and Vice-President Payam, we are adjusting the manner of presentation to make it more in line with general accounting practices. It's a work-in-progress, and we may not have all of the kinks worked out, at least not yet.



After a few years of fair- to middling-level sales, purchases of the award-winning Multifaith Calendars have taken hold. Winnipeg School Division, Assiniboine Community College – Brandon and University of Manitoba Chaplaincy Centre have become our “anchor” purchasers. Even with the reality of COVID-19 uncertainty, purchasers are recognizing the value and importance of this resource. We continue with individual and small-number purchasers, though having a handful of dependable, returning purchasers really makes a difference.

I want to restate what I began addressing with last year's report, namely, that *we've got a money problem*. As a not-for-profit incorporation, registered through the Companies Office of the Province of Manitoba, and as a CRA registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency, we engage wise stewardship, and that is a good thing.

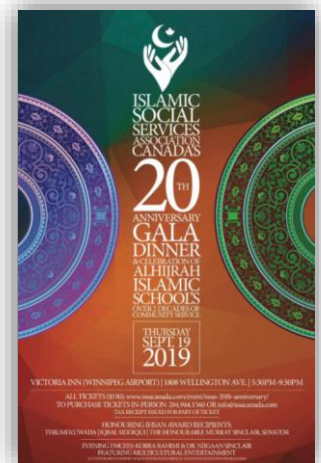
Through a variety of activities, carefully planned and organized, we are steadily accumulating more income than expenditures. During the past fiscal year, our proceeds from calendar sales, alongside profit from Multifaith Leadership Breakfast, Spiritual Health Trauma workshop and the Corrections Networking event, we saw a profit of

\$4,317, with an overall net income of \$2,564. Looking back through past years to when MMC was incorporated and registered as a charity, our actual balance of funds (including a term deposit of \$5,658) was \$7,894. Currently, our term deposit remains at the same level, but our actual balance of funds is \$16,538. In other words, over a decade, it's an amount that has more than doubled.

On items for which there is no income and only expenditures, such as our Annual General Meeting, we look at the total cost for last year's AGM coming in at just under \$700. Shifting to a virtual format, and not having the expense of printing, copying and distributing an Annual Report, we can safely predict that this year's expenses for will be a fraction of last year's amount. I wonder what the Holy One might be calling us to do with this "win-fall"?

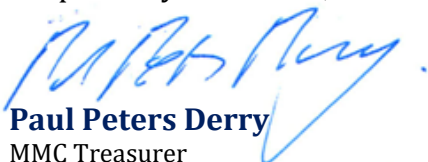
In conclusion, I will highlight three distinct but related points:

- We live in uncertain, unprecedented and unconventional times.
- MMC, as a not-for-profit incorporated body and registered charity is doing rather well, financially speaking.
- At this critical juncture in the life of our province, faith communities and affiliate partners, I encourage us to dream boldly as to what we might do with this most welcome of all "problems."



As Board Secretary Ray Harris often quips, we form "a rather motley crew." Indeed, we are. We don't always agree. Sometimes even we passionately disagree. What I want to add is this: what I really enjoy about being MMC Treasurer is how it enables me not just to handle the finances, and in my own halting, "I'm-not-a-professional-accountant" manner, offer a glimpse of our financial picture... but even more, to do something with these finances, living forth the promise to which we are called.

Respectfully submitted,


Paul Peters Derry
MMC Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MMC FINANCIAL STATEMENT April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020

Paul Peters Derry, Treasurer

INCOME				
Bank Interest, Dividends, Credits, etc.	<i>Account interest</i>	22.19		
	<i>Term Deposit interest</i>	135.79	157.98	
Individual donations received			25.00	
Faith Community/Affiliate Partner Memberships			1,200.00	1,382.98
MULTIFAITH CALENDARS				
Proceeds from sale of Multifaith Calendars				6,538.29
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE				
Multifaith Leadership Breakfast - February 2020	<i>Donation-receptable portion of registration fees</i>		1,308.38	
	<i>"Advantage" portion of registration fees</i>		791.62	2,100.00
EDUCATION COMMITTEE				
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JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE				
Donations Towards Prizes			450.00	
Networking Event Registrations		450.00		
		450.00		
		240.00		
		951.68	2,091.68	2,541.68
SPIRITUAL HEALTH COMMITTEE				
Fall 2019 Workshop Registrations				515.00
GROSS INCOME				\$ 13,077.95
EXPENSES				
Administrative costs	<i>Postage, photocopying, supplies</i>	184.05		
	<i>MMC PicturePostage Stamps</i>	314.74		
	<i>RPO Box Rental</i>	169.00	667.79	
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	<i>Facilities rental</i>	275.00		
	<i>Photocopying, distribution of Annual Report</i>	354.68		
	<i>Honoree Certificates, Presentations to Panelists</i>	59.66	689.34	
Banking Fees			12.00	
Incorporation costs			40.00	
Membership in Partner Organizations	<i>Canadian Interfaith Conversation</i>	-		
	<i>North American Interfaith Network</i>	-		
Participation in Multifaith Conferences/Events	<i>RC Archdiocese of St Boniface Peace Days</i>	100.00		
	<i>Manitoba Muslim Association Dinner</i>	150.00	250.00	
Website development, communication and maintenance		150.00		
	<i>Entirely Digital</i>	199.00		
	<i>ConstantContact</i>	477.65		
	<i>Zoom subscription</i>	200.00	1,026.65	2,685.78

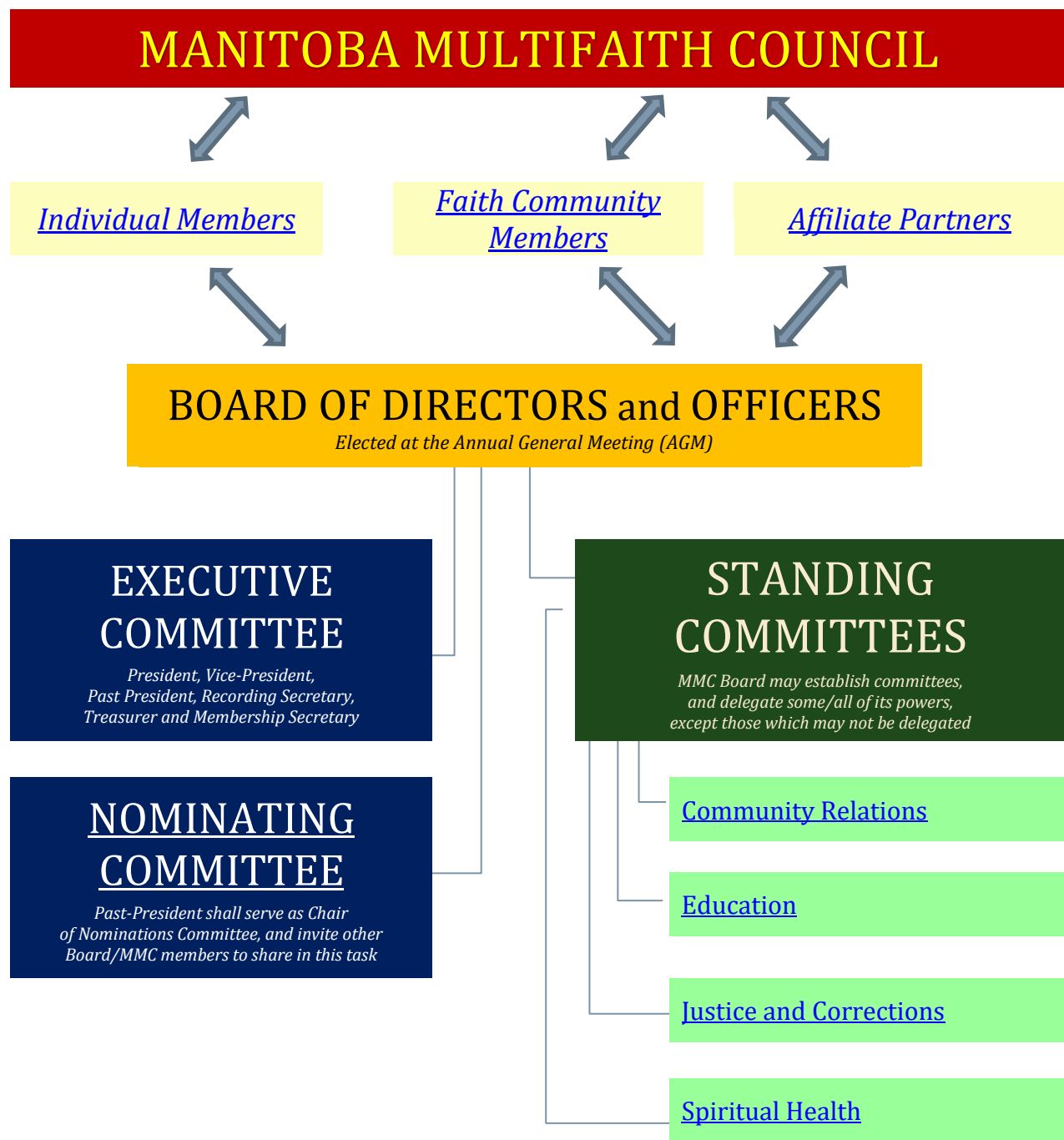
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MULTIFAITH CALENDARS			
Wholesale cost		3,190.00	
RST paid on wholesale purchase price		255.20	
Shipping & handling		734.36	4,179.56
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE			
Multifaith Leadership Breakfast - February 2020			
	<i>Honorarium for Speaker</i>	500.00	
	<i>Additional presentation to BUC</i>	200.00	700.00
	<i>Catering charges</i>		781.20
	<i>Miscellaneous expenses</i>		116.00
			1,597.20
EDUCATION COMMITTEE			
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JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE			
Corrections Art Contest			
	<i>Awarding of prizes</i>	450.00	
	<i>Miscellaneous expenses</i>	-	450.00
Opening Doors - Justice & Corrections Networking Event (May 2019)			
	<i>Speaker Honoraria and Expenses</i>	277.98	
		200.00	
		464.25	942.23
	<i>Catering costs, miscellaneous supplies</i>	160.00	
		7.50	
		83.16	
		28.04	
		70.77	349.47
			1,291.70
			1,741.70
SPIRITUAL HEALTH COMMITTEE			
Fall 2019 Workshop			
	<i>Facilities rental</i>	100.00	
	<i>Honoraria paid to workshop leaders</i>	200.00	
	<i>Miscellaneous expenses</i>	9.21	309.21
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 10,513.45
NET INCOME (LOSS)			\$ 2,564.50

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BANK BALANCES, 01-Apr-19			
BANK	BUSINESS ALL-IN-ONE account	8,352.76	
	PLAN 24 account - S01	2,286.09	
	TERM DEPOSIT account	5,657.98	
	PAY-PAL account	10.11	16,306.94
SHARES	CCCU SHARE CAPITAL	5.00	
	CCCU SURPLUS SHARES	32.28	37.28
TOTAL BANK			\$ 16,344.22
	<i>Less: Cheques issued but not cashed</i>		
	#470	208.95	
	#469	150.00	
	#471	250.00	608.95
ACTUAL BALANCE OF FUNDS, 01-Apr-19			\$ 15,735.27
GST PAID IN PURCHASES			\$ 363.68
GST REBATE	<i>for previous fiscal year(s)</i>		\$ 448.38
DEPOSITS			\$ 13,065.89
BANK BALANCES, 31-Mar-20			
	BUSINESS ALL-IN-ONE account	10,334.92	
	TERM DEPOSIT account	5,657.98	
	PLAN 24 account - S01	2,426.59	
	PAY-PAL account	10.11	18,429.60
	CCCU SHARE CAPITAL account	5.00	
	CCCU SURPLUS SHARES account	27.19	32.19
TOTAL BANK			\$ 18,461.79
	<i>Less: Cheques issued but not cashed</i>		
	Cheque #516	200.00	
	Cheque #529	51.28	
	Cheque #527	33.02	
	Cheque #531	939.13	
	Cheque #530	200.00	
	Cheque #528	500.00	1,923.43
ACTUAL BALANCE OF FUNDS, 31-Mar-20			\$ 16,538.36
PROFIT (LOSS) CALCULATIONS			
	INCOME	EXPENSE	PROFIT (LOSS)
Multifaith Calendars	6,538.29	4,179.56	\$ 2,358.73
Multifaith Leadership Breakfast (February 2020)	2,100.00	1,597.20	\$ 502.80
Opening Doors - Justice & Corrections Networking Event (May 2019)	2,541.68	1,291.70	\$ 1,249.98
Spiritual Health/Klinic Workshop: Living with Trauma (Nov 2019)	515.00	309.21	\$ 205.79
			\$ 4,317.30

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Community Relations Committee

Lieutenant Governor's Award for the Advancement of Inter-Religious Understanding

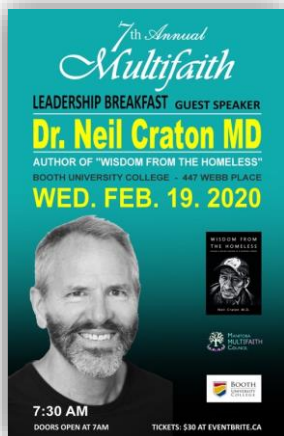
The Manitoba Multifaith Council was pleased to honour Sensei Fredrich Ulrich as the 2020 recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for the Advancement of Inter-Religious Understanding. As with all worthy nominee submissions, Sensei Ulrich has had a significant and lasting impact on the Winnipeg Community with his vast and varied interfaith outreach. Throughout his career Reverend Ulrich has been actively involved in interfaith work including involvement with the Interfaith Round Table for 10+ years.



"Through his life Fredrich has been at the intersection of various religious traditions, especially serving as a bridge between the Christian and Buddhist communities. As he was quoted in the Free Press upon his retirement in 2014: 'I think the core of my work in Winnipeg was interfaith.'"

- from the nomination submission letter

Multifaith Leadership Breakfast



The Manitoba Multifaith Council's annual leadership breakfast was held Wednesday, February 15, 2020 at Booth University College. MMC was fortunate to host Dr. Neil Craton as keynote speaker. Dr. Craton is a Sport Medicine Consultant at Legacy Sport Medicine, Assistant Professor at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine and Adjunct Professor at the University of Winnipeg School of Kinesiology and Applied Health. In addition to a vast medical career, Dr. Craton is also known as a local author of an award-winning book, [*Wisdom from the Homeless: Lessons a Doctor Learned at a Homeless Shelter*](#). This book was inspired by Neil's service as a volunteer physician at the Saul Sair Health Centre at the Siloam Mission.

The event was successful in spite of frigid temperatures. Both the warm spirit emanating from attendees and the powerful, inspiring message shared by Dr. Craton made the trek out that day worthwhile and the event memorable. The goal of this annual event is to bridge relationships with faith groups, community members and leaders to encourage all to come together to build a better local society.

MMC members were extremely pleased with the result and felt we had helped to attain this goal.

Manitoba 150

Belle Jarniewski and Robert Polz, both CR Committee members, were tasked with the assignment to collaboratively draft an MMC sponsored letter in commemoration of Manitoba's 150th birthday. Entitled "[**150 Days of Solidarity, Reconciliation and Prayer**](#)" (found on pages ii-iii of this ANNUAL REPORT), this document extends an invitation to all Manitobans to join in a weekly Wednesday spiritual and practical observance "in a spirit of solidarity and in recognition of our common humanity" over the allocated 150 days (July 15th - December 11th) to lend support to these themes of solidarity, reconciliation and prayer.



The letter recognizes the service of front-line workers and faith communities throughout the province during this pandemic and extends gratitude and support for the many kind and generous acts of service rendered to fellow Manitobans in need. Ideas and practical suggestions to commemorate this special milestone while focusing on the 150-day theme will be posted on the MMC website.

COVID-19 and Communications

As with much of the world, the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the planning of Community Relations events. The committee continued to meet virtually to discuss future plans and address present needs. It was determined that one of the important priorities for the CR team was to increase awareness of MMC and extend out into the community. It was proposed that we help develop and support an increased social media presence to add to the present online menu. Community Relations Committee Member, Jamileh Naso has offered to serve as a Social Media Specialist and work to extend MMC's reach across various online platforms.



Future Plans – Interfaith and Government Outreach

In addition to electronic outreach, the Community Relations Committee looks forward to planning and participating in in-person events to further assist the Manitoba Multifaith

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Council in building relationships with government, media, related organizations, faith communities and the larger public.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Baronins

Chair, MMC Community Relations Committee

Committee Members: *Christine Baronins, Richard Baronins, Lauri Eagles, Ray Harris, Belle Jarniewski, Nafiya Naso, Jessie Pannu, Robert Polz, Gale Schultz*

Education Committee

This year the Education Committee began to implement a program of information evenings about religions that, although well represented among the population in Manitoba, are less known to the general public. We held the first two evenings, on the Baha'i and the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints on January 22 and February 12 respectively. The planned evening on Sikhism had to be postponed to the fall due to COVID-19.

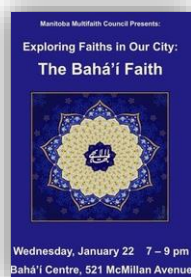
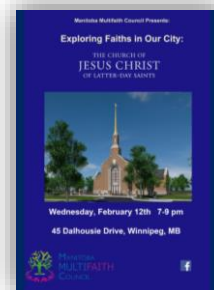
In the course of each evening, we heard about the history/origin of the faith, international engagement (where is this faith practiced), some

basic beliefs, some, local community, a day in the life of...

(what does a life lived according to this faith look like in Winnipeg), challenges (for instance persecution, mixed marriage), service (how does this religious community contribute to humanity), and, finally, also on how various religious traditions share a common humanity.

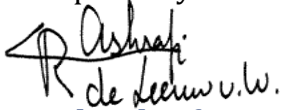
The presenters were diverse and came from all segments, men, women, younger and older members. We plan to continue with these evenings in the next year, starting with one on Sikhism as stated.

The other project of the Education Committee, the Jewish-Catholic dialogue group did not meet, again due to COVID-19. We do plan to have Zoom meetings in the fall.



In the coming year, the Education Committee looks forward to promoting interfaith learning and mutual understanding.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Ashrafi

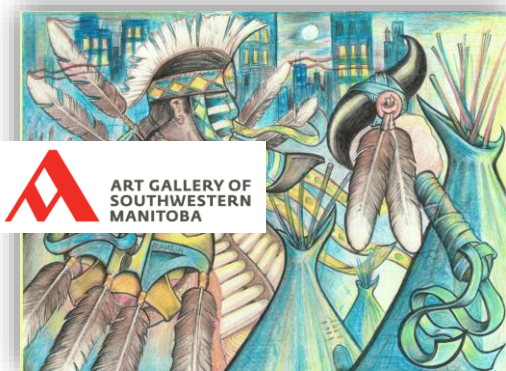
Chair, MMC Education Committee

Committee Members: Ruth Ashrafi, Karla Berbrayer, Maury Donen, Belle Jarniewski, Manju Lodha, Shelagh Marchen, Polly Panchu, Dalip Shekhawat, Tony Tavares

Justice and Corrections Committee

The Justice & Corrections group work as a unified field and are avid restorative justice advocates. COVID-19, as with all groups, has had an unsettling effect on us but as a whole the group rolls with the punches. The provincial Chaplains were not displaced from the work force and one on one spiritual care services were not disrupted. Volunteers and group activities were suspended in March. In early June, group services led by Chaplains resumed with appropriate social distancing. Volunteers at Provincial institutions have not been able to return as of yet.

The federal prison system saw Chaplains, Elders and all volunteers prohibited from prison. A vigorous letter writing campaign helped in bringing about the return of Chaplains and Elders. CBC reported July 19th that the way is now open for volunteers and visitors. Many of the volunteers during this period were writing letters to prisoners making them aware that we had not forgotten them... that we were in this together. 3 days a week, 8 persons each day could video chat with their families.



There was also an art contest co-ordinated by Bernie Mullins with over 40 entrants. The art was adjudicated by a professional artist, and the Art Gallery Southwestern Manitoba and the John Howard Society in Brandon will have the Art on display in coming weeks. Other groups may display the art if they schedule the events with Bernie.

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The **Community Chaplaincy Initiative**, at St. Kateri & Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church, is a support for paroled prisoners and their families co-ordinated by a task force led by Greg Dunwoody with the support of the 3 Catholic Archbishops. Looks like start-up will be delayed till September 2020. Volunteers will be from different faiths. The Opening Doors event was put on hold with talk of a virtual gathering. A “GoTo” meeting is planned with all the interested parties to plan the future events.

On a sad note, the Correctional Service in Dauphin closed and will have an effect on everyone involved and on the whole town. Also, the Federal Chaplains are considering whether to form a union. Both Provincial & Federal Chaplaincy had vacancies with most of them being filled at the moment but not all. There may also be the loss of some Chaplains in Federal because they are on contract and have been without work for a while.

Respectfully submitted,

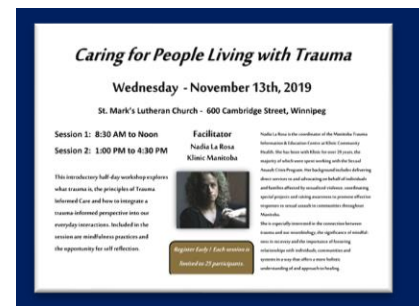

Larry Campbell

Committee Members: Brian Bobolo, Kathleen Mico, Larry Campbell, Bernie Mullins, Rhonda Gorham, Ken Kuhn, Mary Lysecki, Margot Lavoie, Oscar Boloko, Gail Schellenberg, Hank Dixon, Khaled Al-Nahar, Wayne Johnson, Greg Dunwoody, Ellen Cook

Spiritual Health Committee

Fall Workshop

The Spiritual Health Committee planned two half-day workshops entitled **Caring for People Living with Trauma** on November 13th at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. 25 people registered for the workshop came from Winnipeg and some rural communities. The evaluations expressed appreciation for the workshop. The Spiritual Health committee is in the process of planning another workshop that may continue with the theme of trauma, or stress and anxiety related to living with the COVID-19 pandemic. Further information will be circulated when details of the seminar are complete.



Advocacy for SPIRITUAL Health Services

A sub-committee of MMC (Ron Long, Lynn Granke, Julie Turenne-Maynard, Ray Harris and Belle Jarniewski) met with Barbara Wasilewski of the Department of Health in mid-January to discuss Spiritual Health in healthcare. It was a very good meeting, and she will keep us abreast of new developments in this regard. Unfortunately, the pandemic has stalled any further discussions or meetings and we hope to obtain an update from Barb in the fall of 2020.

MMC continues to advocate for Spiritual Care positions to be filled where they are vacant or deleted at VGH, HSC, SOGH, Cancer Care Manitoba, 0.5 EFT position in Northern Health Region and in the Interlake – East Health Region there were two spiritual care coordinator positions that have been merged into one. A letter was sent on February 4, 2019 to Minister Cameron Friesen in this regard as well as for the need for Spiritual Health Care in our healthcare system. Another letter was sent to the CEO of the Grace Hospital to advocate for off-duty spiritual care services for emergencies due to lack of spiritual care resources for a designated emergency site.

Kathleen Rempel Boschman, interim WRHA coordinator of Spiritual Care has been collaborating with the MMC Spiritual Health Committee to ensure designated positions are being filled. Thanks to Kathleen, monies that had been re-allocated to social were put back into funding a spiritual health practitioner position.



On a positive note, the St. Boniface General Hospital hired five more spiritual health care practitioners and now offers services 7 days a week.

WRHA Spiritual Health Advisory Committee

Manitoba's Spiritual Health Advisory Committee remains inactive since the termination of the last strategic plan on March 31st, 2018. The mandate for the working groups ended at that time, and since then organizations like the Interfaith Healthcare Association of Manitoba, the Canadian Association of Spiritual Care (MB Chapter), and the Catholic Health Corporation of Manitoba's Compassion Project, among others, are working hard at integrating spirituality into the policy development, planning and evaluation of person-centered care as well as appropriate formation, training and professional standards for spiritual health providers be addressed.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Judith Burch who was the Provincial Spiritual Health Care Coordinator for several years and has now retired. Her

wealth of knowledge, assistance in working with the working groups throughout the development of the strategic plan for spiritual care, and the time she dedicated to work with the University of Manitoba to develop <https://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/mhiknet-toolkits/spiritualhealth> will not be forgotten. We wish Judith well in the next phase of her life and welcome her to take part in this committee if she ever wishes to do so.

The WRHA Spiritual Health Advisory Committee met on a few occasions during this past year. We thank Peter Dyck for his years of service representing MMC on this committee and appreciate Lynn Granke's agreement to take his place. I, as a representative for the Interfaith Healthcare Association of Manitoba, also joined the committee at the same time.

One meeting last fall was dedicated to brainstorming for the development of a new spiritual health strategic plan for the WRHA. Kathleen developed a rough draft, and Lynn and I met with her on a few more occasions during the month of January to refine the draft plan. It was shared with the other members of the advisory committee, as well as Gina Trinidad, the Chief Operating Officer at the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. The pandemic brought all future meetings to a halt and we hope to be able to reconvene sooner than later to finalize the plan. Once the plan is finalized, we hope to be able to share it with other regional health authorities so that it can be used as a template province wide.

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

In the past year, the St. Boniface Hospital has continued to offer two extended training programs and we are pleased that the Victoria General Hospital has also begun to offer CPE training now that Paul Peters Derry is certified as an instructor. This will help decrease the waiting list that has been building over the last couple of year.



In summary I have appreciated the support of members of the committee during this past year. I would like to take this opportunity to particularly thank Ron Long for his many years of service as chair of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Turenne-Maynard

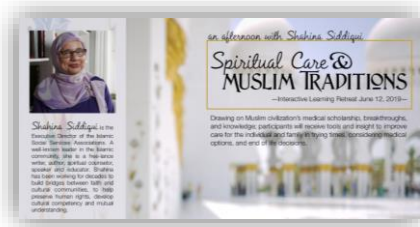
Chair, MMC Spiritual Health Committee

Committee Members: Julie Turenne-Maynard, Cheryl Hirsh-Katz, Lynn Granke, Mabel Horton, Peter Dyck, Ron Long and Teresa Campbell

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATE PARTNERS

Canadian Association for Spiritual Care (CASC), Manitoba Region

CASC/ACSS is a national multi-faith organization, committed to the professional education, certification and support of people involved in spiritual care, psycho-spiritual therapy, education and research. We provide educational programs for interested persons who are preparing to become professional providers of spiritual care and psycho-spiritual therapy in a variety of institutional and community settings such as health care, corrections, education and private practice. CASC/ACSS is concerned with a holistic approach to health, well-being, and personal development with a special focus on spiritual and religious care.



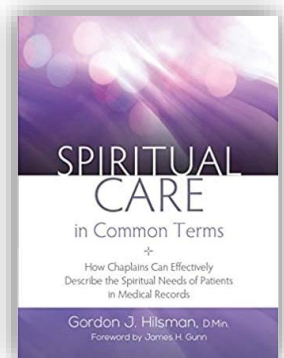
CASC-MB offered two educational events in the past year. Both events were open to members of the general public, and attendance was encouraged by our membership.

In June 2019, we co-sponsored, and encouraged our membership to attend an Interactive Learning Retreat by spending the afternoon with Shahina Siddiqui (Executive Director of the Islamic Social Services Associations) and where introduced approaches to spiritual care within the Muslim Traditions.

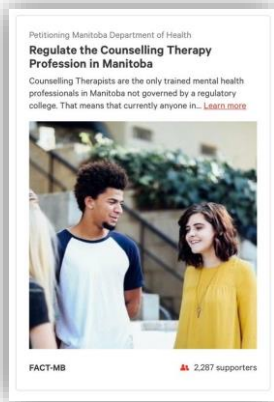
In November 2019, we invited retired chaplain Gordon J. Hilsman to explore the tools professionals need to effectively identify and communicate the spiritual needs of clients, patients, and the community at large.

In April 2020, with the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we offered a support group to spiritual care providers, via zoom, allowing for the supporters to express and be supported within their peer group.

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), a fundamental clinical learning piece of preparation for the work of Spiritual Care, was offered both at St. Boniface Hospital and Victoria Hospital in 2019–20. Chenene Layne (St. Boniface Hospital) and Paul Peters Derry (Victoria Hospital) both accepted seven (7) students each



REPORTS FROM AFFILIATE PARTNERS



ranging from first basic to first advanced. It is worth noting that due to pandemic, both our supervisors needed to explore different methods to finish the units for their students. Although face-to-face supervision has been the staple for CPE units, this past year saw an increase in telecommunications technology being used.

We continue our journey towards the formation of a professional college (FACT MB), along with eight (8) other associations with similar interests. We are currently seeking support from other professional healthcare disciplines and the general public who concur for the need of setting the basic values and standards of the profession; guides decision-making and professional behavior; provides a mechanism for professional accountability; and informs the public as to what they should expect from

Spiritual Care Providers. For more information please click on the link provided <http://chng.it/ZCc5vKGFK7>

Finally, I would like to acknowledge that CASC MB does not journey alone, therefore, I extend a heartfelt Meegwetch (Thank You – Cree) to the larger religious faith community and especially to the Manitoba Multifaith Council for their ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Thibert

Chair of the Regional Executive Board, Manitoba Region

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Interfaith Health Care Association of Manitoba (IHCAM)

The Interfaith Healthcare Association of Manitoba (IHCAM) is pleased to submit its annual report for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Spiritual Health Care

This past year has continued to bring on challenges for IHCAM as an association who is advocating for spiritual health care in Manitoba's health and human service organizations. Since the termination of the last 5-year strategic plan took place on March 31st 2018, there has been no further commitment by the government to undertake a new plan. IHCAM and a few members of MMC continued to write letters which finally triggered a meeting with a representative from the province and Shared Health Services who is responsible for the spiritual health portfolio. Unfortunately, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic put a halt to further meetings or discussions even though we have tried to reconnect.

The Interfaith Health Care Association of Manitoba (IHCAM) is a non-profit, voluntary association of 9 faith groups that own and operate health and social care organizations in Manitoba including hospitals, personal care homes, community care and seniors housing. IHCAM advocates the value of faith-based health care.

As indicated in last year's report, IHCAM continued to experience a positive working relationship with the Health Transformation Team in the development of the first portion of the new Service Purchase Agreement for its members. Manitoba Health has incorporated guiding principles related to ensuring the faith, distinctive cultural and/or linguistic mandates in the new service purchase agreement, which in turn, will allow private health corporations to promote and respect their mission, vision

and values. The first portion of the new SPA was completed in late fall 2019, and to date all not-for-profit faith-based operators have signed off on this portion of the agreement.

As Executive Director of IHCAM, I will continue to advocate on behalf of my members and other organizations who recognize the importance of spiritual care in the health system.

IHCAM continues to be a member of the MMC's Spiritual Health Committee, and effective September 2019, I have been asked to chair this committee. I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Ron Long who assumed the role of chair for several years.

IHCAM, MMC and CASC have continue to be concerned about some Spiritual Care positions that were not renewed or left vacant for much of the year in some of Manitoba's Acute Care facilities. The Grace Hospital was of concern since there was a lack of spiritual health

practitioner presence in the ICU on weekends, and funding for a spiritual care position was being diverted to social work. Thanks to Kathleen Rempel-Boschman's (WRHA Spiritual Health (WRHA Interim Regional Director, Spiritual Health Services) perseverance, the funding was re-allocated to spiritual health care.

As a representative of the WRHA Spiritual Health Advisory Committee, I was involved in the development of a new strategic plan for spiritual health in the Winnipeg Region. Due to COVID-19, the advisory committee has not had the opportunity to meet since the end of January. As a result, we have not had an opportunity to meet again and present the final version of the plan for final approval. We are also hoping that this new plan could be shared with the other regional health authorities and be used as a template.

Communication

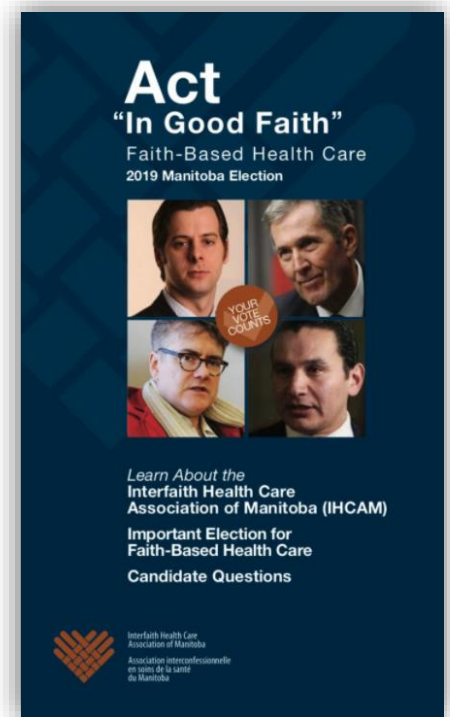
IHCAM continues to produce newsletters on a quarterly basis, and posts information on its website and Facebook pages. If anyone is interested in subscribing to our newsletter or becoming a friend on Facebook, please contact me.

Value of Independently Governed, Faith-Based Healthcare

One of IHCAM's priorities in 2018 was to work in partnership with the Catholic Health Corporation of Manitoba to undertake an initiative that aims to demonstrate the value of private not-for-profit faith-based organizations in our society. In the past year we hired a few writers to interview individuals who wanted to share their experiences of faith-based healthcare. These stories were posted in IHCAM & CHAM's newsletter as well as on their web sites.

COVID-19

IHCAM took the initiative to begin sending daily reflections to its members and contact list in an effort to provide them support during these very trying times. Close to 200 individuals received them with great appreciation.



Formation

Every year IHCAM coordinates a few formation sessions, but 2019 was a year that brought on some challenges due to exceptional circumstances that included the following:

May 21 & 22, 2019: Caring for the Human Spirit Conference coordinated by the Chaplaincy Health Network was viewed via webcast from the Misericordia Health Centre. The participation this year was modest with a total of 22 persons who participated on and off during the 2½ day conference because the timing conflicted with other conferences. All presentations are found on the IHCAM website.

October 10th, 2019: The Art of Dying with Sr. Nuala Kenny – this full day workshop was planned but had to be cancelled as Sr. Kenny was unavailable.

October 30 & 31, 2019: In partnership with CHAM & the Compassion Project, we planned to bring in **Frank Ostaseski** (The **Five Invitations** book) to conduct an evening public lecture followed by a full day. The focus of this lecture will be on Lessons to the living from the dying and the full-day retreat will be on **Wise Relationship in Accompanying the Dying**. Unfortunately, the workshop had to be cancelled.

March 2020: Two other formation opportunities were planned for March 2020. The first – **Do you Feel the Pain in My Heart Too? Honouring the Mystery with Barbara Morningstar**, and secondly, an 8-week Spiritual Care Series entitled **Join the Journey** had to be deferred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Barbara Morningstar's workshop was postponed to June 11th, and the Spiritual Care Series will begin in mid-September 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Turenne-Maynard

Executive Director

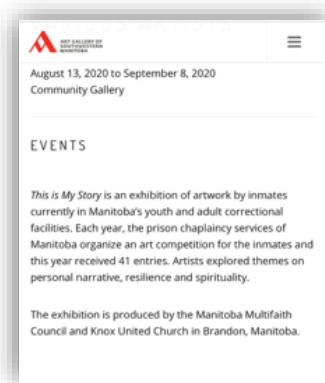
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Manitoba Justice, Community Safety Division

In March 2020, correctional centres adjusted their routines to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Volunteers and visitors were temporarily suspended from entering correctional facilities, and group activities, including worship, studies and faith-based programs, were suspended for health reasons. Our volunteers are amazing people who fully understand the current demands on correctional centres.



The work conditions of chaplains changed, but need for and the presence of chaplains remains the same. The public health circumstances of our community create an understandable sense of uncertainty and anxiety that has a spiritual dimension. Chaplains found themselves busy reaching out to inmates and staff supporting them in the midst of some difficult times. In late May, chaplains resumed group services with appropriate social distancing measures in place.



<https://agsm.ca/my-story>

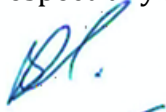
There are some highlights from the past year. Chaplaincy had the honour of contributing to the closing of the Dauphin Correctional Centre in May. A cross, representing the Christian tradition, which had been constructed by inmates some years ago was ceremoniously ‘repatriated’ to The Pas Correctional Centre. The work of Divisional chaplaincy continues to participate on the Manitoba Multifaith Council Justice Committee, which has a renewed focus on encouraging faith communities to safely support inmates returning to the community.

The Art Contest continued for its 10th year. Knox United Church in Brandon sponsored this year’s contest. The theme, ‘This is my story’ resonated with many participants. The professional artist who adjudicated the contest remarked that the quality of entries improved. As of August 2020, the art will be on display at the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba. The Chaplaincy Advisory Committee has been active over the past year and is an important venue through which the Community Safety Division can directly meet with MMC representatives.

Since last year’s report, one chaplain at the Headingley Correctional Ministry left to pursue other ventures. Chaplaincy continues to experience the benefit of a partnership with Salvation Army Justice Services at HCC when pandemic operating conditions permit.

Many thanks to the Manitoba Multifaith Council for their continued support, care and love for the ministry to the incarcerated.

Respectfully submitted,



Bernie Mullins
Coordinator of Chaplains

Spiritual Health Services, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA)

Prior to the pandemic, WRHA Spiritual Health Services was given approval to develop a three year strategic plan whose goal is to support and advance the strategic directions of the WRHA Strategic Plan, specifically: to enhance the patient experience; to improve quality and integration; to advance research and education; to engage service providers. Progress was being made on development of the plan at the Clinical Practice and Advisory Committee levels.



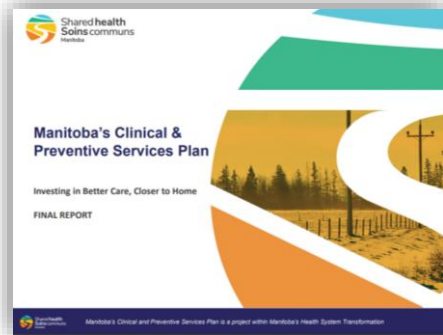
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In March 2020, all disciplines focused their energies on COVID-19 preparedness and management. Spiritual Health played and continues to play a vital role in the pandemic. Visitor restrictions created a psycho-social-spiritual environment that led to complicated grief and spiritual distress for many patients, their loved ones and staff. Spiritual Health practitioners have focused on facilitating connections between patients and loved ones at many critical junctures in their health care journey – from facilitating virtual connections at the time of entry to a health care facility to facilitating virtual rituals at end of life, as well as virtual Memorial services. The Interim Regional Director has provided support and direction for this vital aspect of healthcare.

The WRHA understands and remains supportive of the role of Spiritual Health Services. The WRHA understands that a dedicated focus on the role of practitioners who care for the human spirit will contribute significantly to the physical, mental and social well-being of patients, residents, their loved ones and staff. This fact is well documented in the literature.

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATE PARTNERS



The benefit of Spiritual Health Services has been clearly demonstrated during the pandemic. Spiritual Health practitioners have done significant work in reducing the impacts of trauma, stress, grief and loss.

Currently, the Provincial Clinical and Preventive Service plan is moving forward in terms of implementation. The role of the Interim Regional Director to ensure inclusion of Spiritual Health Services in transformation planning. For more information on Manitoba's Clinical and Preventive Service Plan, please see the Final Report at:

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/wp-content/uploads/Final PCPSP Final-Report 2019Nov-28.pdf>

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Rempel Boschman

Interim Regional Director, Spiritual Health Services



I went outside to check on my plants. I felt something cold and wet on my arm. I looked down and saw a mosquito using a wet wipe before he bit me.



Membership Report

Engagement with **faith groups, associations and communities**, as well as **affiliate partners** throughout Manitoba, including:

- Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land*
- Bhai Kahan Sing Nabha Foundation*
- Congregation Shaarey Zedek*
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Manitoba & NW Ontario Synod*
- First Church of Christ, Scientist
- First Unitarian Universalist Church of Winnipeg*
- Manitoba Buddhist Association*
- Manitoba Islamic Association
- Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba
- Mennonite Church Manitoba*
- Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Boniface*
- Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Winnipeg*
- Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters*
- Sikh Society of Manitoba
- Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Winnipeg*
- United Church of Canada: Prairie to Pine Regional Council*
- Vedanta Society of Winnipeg
- Winnipeg Manitoba Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*
- Catholic Healthcare Association of Manitoba (CHAM)
/Interfaith Healthcare Association of Manitoba (ICHAM)*
- Canadian Association for Spiritual Care (CASC), Manitoba Region
- Canadian Interfaith Conversation (CIC)
- Jewish Child and Family Service (JCFS)*
- Manitoba Justice – Community Safety Division
- North American Interfaith Network (NAIN)
- Pembina Valley Multifaith Council (PVMC)
- Spiritual Health Services –
Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA)

**2019-20 membership dues paid*



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<input type="checkbox"/>	Thu, Aug 13, 2020, 8:11 AM	MMC Connects - 13-Aug-20	515	150 38%	7 5%	115 22%	0 0%

Nominations Report

The following people have agreed to stand for nomination as MMC's **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Elected/re-elected at the 2020 AGM, for the 2020-22 term:

- AL-NAHAR, Khaled
- ASHRAFI, Ruth
- BARONINS, Christine
- CAMPBELL, Larry
- DWARKA, Diane
- FONTAINE, Stan
- JARNIEWSKI, Belle
- NASO, Jamileh
- POLZ, Robert

Having been elected/re-elected at the 2019 AGM for the 2019-21 term:

- HARRIS, Ray
- LONG, Ron
- PANNU, Jessie
- PETERS DERRY, Paul
- TOWFIGH, Payam

Board members not standing for re-election, or not completing their term:

- BARRETT, Greg
- NASO, Nafiya
- PUNJANI, Rafiq

The following individuals have agreed to fulfill the following positions
as **OFFICERS, forming the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- **President:** Payam Towfigh
- **Vice-President:** *vacant*
- **Past-President:** Belle Jarniewski
- **Secretary:** Ray Harris
- **Treasurer**
and **Membership Secretary:** Paul Peters Derry

and **STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS / BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Health:** Julie Turenne-Maynard / Ron Long
- **Justice and Corrections:** Bernie Mullins / Larry Campbell
- **Education:** Ruth Ashrafi
- **Community Relations:** Christine Baronins

Motions for Consideration

MOTION #2020 – 1

It was moved by _____, and seconded by _____, that the **AGENDA** as circulated (included on *page v* of the **ANNUAL REPORT**) be adopted.

MOTION #2020 – 2

It was moved by **Ray Harris**, and seconded by _____, that **MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**, as included on *pages 3-7* of the **ANNUAL REPORT**, be approved [with additions, corrections or edits].

MOTION #2020 – 3

It was moved by _____, and seconded by _____, that **REPORTS** of the **PRESIDENT, STANDING COMMITTEES, AFFILIATE PARTNERS** and **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**, as found on *pages 1-2* and *14-29* of the **ANNUAL REPORT**, be received for information.

MOTION #2020 – 4

It was moved by **Paul Peters Derry**, and seconded by _____, that **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** for the **Fiscal Year** ending **March 31, 2020**, as found on *pages 8-12* of the **ANNUAL REPORT**, be received for information.

MOTION #2020 – 5

It was moved by _____, and seconded by _____, that the Board of Directors appoint **Alex Watt, CPA, CA**, of **FROSTIAK & LESLIE CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS, Inc.**, as auditor to conduct review of Financial Statements for the **Fiscal Year** ending **March 31, 2020**.

MOTION #2020 – 6

There being no further nominations, it was moved by **Ray Harris**, and seconded by _____, that the **NOMINATIONS REPORT**, as it appears on *page 30* of the **ANNUAL REPORT**, be accepted as our **Board of Directors** and **Officers** for **2020-21**.

MOTION #2020 – 7

There being no further business, the 2019-2020 **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MANITOBA MULTIFAITH COUNCIL, INC. (2011)**, adjourned on a motion of _____, at _____ pm.