



MULTIFAITH PERSPECTIVES
— IN SPIRITUAL & RELIGIOUS CARE —

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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& TRANSFORMATION



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ONE PURPOSE. MANY FAITHS. UNITED IN CARE.

President's Message

I hope this message finds you well. As we move through the spring season, I'm excited to share some highlights, updates, and plans for the future of our organization.

Following are some of the highlights:

With the rapid growth of Artificial Intelligence, CMF took a bold step in organizing a first ever Forum titled: **“AI, Faith, and the Future of Humanity: Ethics, Human Dignity and Shared Responsibility.”** The virtual event was attended by people of all walks of life from coast to coast.

***Participated as a member of the planning Committee for the 6th Annual Faith Leaders' Forum on March 24, 2026 by the North East Toronto Local Immigration Partnership, titled: **Faith & Welcoming Communities Forum.** It brought together: faith leaders, settlement agencies, community organizations, public sector partners, advocates, and residents for a day of meaningful dialogue, shared learning, and collaboration.

*** Participated in an international conference in Toronto, organized by Strong Cities Network, a global network of cities dedicated to addressing all forms of hate, extremism and polarisation.

Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow announced a funding grant called **Hostile Vehicle Fund** for places of worship, Schools, Daycare Centers and community festivals for instituting security barriers.

*** Last October, delivered a virtual presentation for creating awareness to address the need for a cultural and religious approach vis-a-vis the changing demography of the population in palliative care at the Annual Conference of Palliative Institute in Halifax.

***Continue to pursue advocacy with the Ontario Provincial Government for a new Memorandum of Agreement on ensuring access for Spiritual and Religious Care in Hospitals, Correctional Facilities and Long-Term Care Facilities.

*** Participated as a member of a Steering Committee on establishing a Toronto based: **Faith in the City**, a coalition of faith leaders reaching out to strengthen the network of diverse faith leaders committed to social justice, dignity, compassion, and the well-being of communities across our city.

In the coming weeks/months, we're planning:

- Engagement opportunities for Faith groups, Faith Leaders and community, through various educational forums on health, social justice and spiritual care.
- Continued advocacy to address food insecurity and housing under Interfaith Social Assistance Coalition and Ansaar Foundation.

I want to sincerely thank our members, volunteers, and partners for your continued support. Your dedication makes everything we do possible

Sincerely,

Imam Dr. Abdul Hai Patel

President.

CEO'S Message

Dear Readers,

We are proud to present this edition of the **Canadian Multifaith Federation Newsletter**, a publication created to serve as a meaningful resource for all faith communities.

Our hope is that this newsletter will provide a space to share information, highlight important community initiatives, and help us remain connected in a spirit of respect, understanding, and cooperation. In a diverse society, communication between faith communities is essential in building trust, strengthening relationships, and promoting peace.

We warmly welcome opinions, comments, reflections, and articles that may be of value to all communities. Through shared knowledge and respectful dialogue, we can continue to learn from one another and work together for the common good.

We thank all contributors and readers for their support, and we look forward to growing this newsletter as a platform for unity, understanding, and meaningful engagement.

Sincerely,

Chief executive office

Canadian Multifaith Federation Newsletter

CMF- 54 years in Multifaith Leadership

This organization was founded and named as Ontario Provincial Interfaith Committee on Chaplaincy (OPIFCC) on March 9, 1972.

The name of Ontario Provincial Interfaith Committee was changed on December 3, 1992 to Ontario Multifaith Council on Spiritual and Religious Care (OMCSRC). The Regional Interfaith Committees were renamed as Regional Multifaith Interfaith Committees (RMCs).

The name Ontario Multifaith Council was again changed to Canadian Multifaith Federation, on September 3, 2014. It was Incorporated on July 23, 2015.

1992- O.P.I.F.C.C became Ontario Multifaith Council on Spiritual and Religious Care, OMCSRC). A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between OMCSRC's 26 faith groups and Ministries of Community & Social Services, Health, Solicitor General & Correctional services

Regional Multifaith Committees (RMC), 1986 -:

Through that decentralized network of regional committees, O.P.I.F.C.C. reached into the communities of the province generating thousands of volunteers who assisted the chaplains and cared for the institutionalized citizens of Ontario. Regional Multifaith Committee's Mission Statement was: The mission of a Regional Multifaith Committee is to ensure that the objectives of the Ontario Multifaith Council on Spiritual and Religious Care are carried out on a local and Regional level

The Government of Ontario provided core funding to CMF with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (with four Ministries & Chaplaincy Services Ontario). Funding was from December 3, 1992 to March 31, 2013.

CMF's Services & Programs

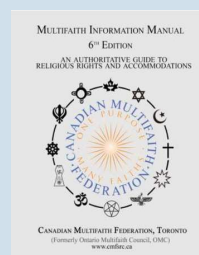
• Fee Based Projects:

- Ministry of Education's Religious accommodation
- City of Toronto Long Term Care Homes Chaplaincy
- Multifaith Competency assessment
- Multifaith Manual (MIM)
- Death & Dying (Multifaith Guide-under publication)

• Partnership with community organizations:

- Public Health- Canada & Toronto,
- Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC)
- Center for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)
- University of Ottawa,
- Lakehead University
- North York Local Immigration Partnership

CMF's Publication:



MULTIFAITH INFORMATION MANUAL . (5th edition, translated in French, 6th edition is in English)

Each chapter in the Manual explores themes, such as, Basic Beliefs, Sacred Books, Worship, Structure, Divisions, Leadership, Rituals, Laws, Dress, Diet, Sacred Symbols, Death & Dying, and Holy Days & Festivals. Also included, for the first time, in this edition are Suggested Readings and a Glossary of Common Terms in Spiritual and Religious Care.

Screening For Multifaith Competency

- CMF ensures that candidates for positions as Spiritual and Religious Care Providers (Chaplains) have sufficient knowledge and experience to provide and coordinate spiritual care and religious services in a multifaith setting.
- A competency process has been developed to enable candidates to demonstrate their knowledge of multifaith issues and their ability in working with persons from diverse faith backgrounds.

Spiritual & Religious Care Awareness Week, Annual Event

- Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week (SRCAW) honors professional spiritual and religious care providers and celebrates the collaboration of staff, families and countless volunteers across Canada. SRCAW offers an opportunity to recognize the value of religious services and spiritual care and to thank those who provide the care.
- CMF provides SRCAW packages to individuals and facilities to help create awareness of the profession and assist with the celebration of this special work.

Annual Educational Conferences

- Each year an Educational Conference for chaplains and other spiritual and religious care providers is organized. The conference features keynote speakers and workshop leaders who provide information about the spiritual needs and religious practices of persons of diverse faith backgrounds.

Board Members

Abdul Hai Patel - President

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Roopnauth Sharma - Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

(Hindu Rep - Hindu Federation)

Moses Henry - Christian Rep

Seventh Day Adventist Church

Charles Smartwood - Christian Rep

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

Raj Patil - Jain Rep

Shri Jain Mandir & Shri Adhinath Jain Temple

Dario Chiaquin - Jewish Rep

Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA)

Reverend Sirinanda Bandagiriye - Buddhist Rep

Atlantic Theravada Buddhist Cultural and Meditation Society

Dianne Algera

Board Member

Dr. James Taylor Christie

Ambassador Emeritus

Abdul Hai Patel & Council of Imams



Imam Dr. Abdul Hai Patel is a respected faith leader and community advocate who has served as an Imam in Canada for over five decades. Founder and Past Coordinator of the Canadian Council of Imams and current Director of Interfaith Relations, he has played a significant role in fostering interfaith dialogue and community engagement. A recipient of the Governor General's Award, Ontario Government Community Service Award, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, Imam Patel continues to contribute to public service, education, and faith-based initiatives across Canada.

The Canadian Council of Imams (CCI) is an independent, non-profit organization that brings together Imams and Islamic religious leaders from across Canada. Established in 1990, CCI aims to empower Imams to fulfill their roles as spiritual and community leaders while serving as a trusted source of Islamic guidance for Canadian Muslims, governments and authorities, and the public.

Roopnauth Sharma & Hindu Federation



Pandit Roopnauth Sharma, Founder and Spiritual Leader of Mississauga's Ram Mandir, has devoted his life to serving the community through spiritual guidance, social initiatives, and charitable work. He is also the Founder of the Canada Hindu Heritage Centre and serves in leadership roles with several community organizations. A recipient of the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal and numerous service awards, Pandit Sharma continues to inspire others through his lifelong commitment to community service and his philosophy, "Service to others first, then the self."

The Hindu Federation is an amalgamation of temples of varied Hindu denominations and other organizations in Canada. It serves as a platform to bring into the glare of publicity our great community and celebrate its achievements in the areas of religion, arts, culture and heritage. It has been in existence for several years in Canada. The Hindu Federation has been playing an amazing role as a functional body that represents the burgeoning Hindu community while dealing with the Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels of government and other agencies.

Moses Henry & Seventh Day Adventist Church



Moses Henry is a dedicated faith leader and community advocate with a long history of service in Ontario's Seventh-day Adventist community. A respected member of the Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church in Scarborough, he served as Head Elder for more than a decade and continues to mentor emerging leaders. He has also provided extensive chaplaincy services within the youth justice system and correctional facilities, supporting individuals through guidance and spiritual care.

Currently serving as Vice President of the Canadian Multifaith Federation, Moses brings a strong commitment to faith, leadership, and community engagement, supported by academic credentials in Theology and Ministry.

Seventh-day Adventists are a global family of Christians who hold the Bible as the ultimate authority.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is an Adventist Christian denomination which is distinguished by its observance of Saturday, the seventh day of the week in the Christian and the Hebrew calendar, as the Sabbath; its emphasis on the imminent Second Coming of Jesus Christ; and its annihilationist soteriology.

Charles Swartwood & Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada



Rev. Charles M. Swartwood is an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada who has served in pastoral ministry across Ontario for over 50 years. Throughout his distinguished career, he has led several churches, participated in international mission work, served on numerous community boards and Councils of Churches, and played a key leadership role in the Canadian Police Chaplain Association Ontario, where he continues to serve on the National Leadership Team. His lifelong commitment to faith, community service, and leadership has made a lasting impact across Ontario and beyond.

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada is a Fellowship of more than 1,100 churches across English- and French-speaking Canada. More than 235,000 people across the nation attend services in more than 40 languages, and we are pleased to provide ministerial credentials for more than 3,500 pastors and ministry leaders. We're also here to help facilitate the vital work of spreading the good news of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and bringing hope and help to those in need in Canada and around the world.

Dario Chiaquin & Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA)



Dario Chiaquin serves as Associate Director of National External Affairs at CIJA, where he focuses on building partnerships and strengthening relationships with diverse faith and community organizations across Canada. With extensive experience in advocacy, government relations, and international affairs, he has worked with community organizations, universities, and the Embassy of Israel in Canada. Fluent in four languages and holding advanced degrees in Security, Diplomacy, and Political Science, Dario is committed to fostering collaboration, dialogue, and mutual understanding among Canada's diverse communities.

The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) is the advocacy organization representing Jewish Federations and Jewish communities across Canada. Working closely with community partners and international Jewish organizations, CIJA advances issues important to Canada's Jewish community and promotes understanding of Jewish perspectives among leaders in government, media, business, academia, and civil society. Through its advocacy and public engagement efforts, CIJA helps ensure that the interests and concerns of the Jewish community are reflected in Canadian public policy discussions.

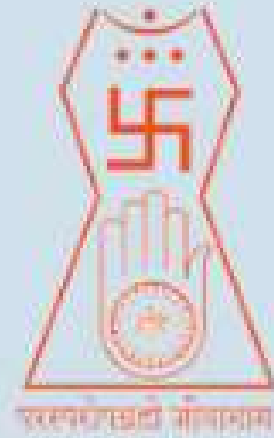
Bandagiriye Sirinanda & Atlantic Theravada Buddhist Cultural and Meditation Society



Venerable Bandagiriye Sirinanda is a Sri Lankan-born Buddhist monk, educator, and counselor who has dedicated his life to the study and teaching of Buddhism. Ordained as a novice at a young age, he pursued extensive academic training in Buddhist Philosophy and Psychology, earning postgraduate qualifications and a Master's degree. After serving as a teacher and vice principal in Sri Lanka, he moved to Canada in 2013 and has since played a significant role in promoting Buddhist teachings, mindfulness, and spiritual care. As founder and president of the Atlantic Buddhist Society and a chaplain with Correctional Service Canada, Bhante Sirinanda continues to serve communities through compassionate guidance, counseling, and education.

Atlantic Theravada Buddhist Cultural and Meditation Society, established in January 2015, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, thrives to institute Theravada Buddhism among a wider global community, by promoting traditional Buddhist culture and emotional and spiritual growth, while disseminating the teachings of the Buddha to all irrespective of nationality and age.

Raj Patil & Shri Jain Mandir Toronto



Raj Patil is a respected community leader and longtime advocate for Jain values, guided by the principle of “Live and Help to Live.” For more than 25 years, he has dedicated thousands of volunteer hours to serving the Greater Toronto Area’s Jain community through leadership, community service, interfaith outreach, and fundraising initiatives. A recipient of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal, Raj continues to play an active role in fostering faith-based values, cultural engagement, and community collaboration across the GTA. Through his leadership and volunteer service, he has helped build stronger connections across faiths and generations. His dedication to community engagement continues to inspire and benefit the broader Canadian society.

Out of a greater need to practice and promote Jainism, the Jain community in GTA founded the temple. Sri Jain Mandir Toronto, also referred to as SJM by its members, was established at 247 Park Lawn Road Toronto on 1st January 2001 by a group of Jain families in GTA. Thereafter, every year 1st January is celebrated as the founding day, with large number of members participating in the day's activities. Sri Jain Mandir or SJM Toronto is a not-for-profit registered charitable organization which practices and promotes Jainism. A closely knit community of 250+ Jain families in Greater Toronto Area (GTA) practicing Jain principles. The community is ever growing and we heartily welcome new Jain families to the community.

Dr. James Taylor Christie



Rev. Dr. James Taylor Christie is a distinguished theologian, educator, author, and interfaith leader whose career has spanned academia, ministry, public policy, and global dialogue. A Professor Emeritus of the University of Winnipeg and former Dean of Theology and Global College, he has dedicated his life to advancing ecumenical and interfaith understanding. Dr. Christie has held numerous leadership roles within the United Church of Canada, the Canadian Council of Churches, and international interfaith organizations, while also contributing extensively as a scholar and author. Recognized for his work in peacebuilding, global cooperation, and interreligious dialogue, he continues to serve as an influential voice in fostering understanding and collaboration among diverse faith communities.

AI, Faith, and the Future of Humanity

MAY 21, 2026

CANADIAN MULTIFAITH ORGANIZATION PRESENTS A
CONFERENCE ON

AI, Faith, and the Future of Humanity

An Interfaith Conference on Ethics,
Human Dignity & Shared Responsibility

📅 **May 21, 2026**

🕒 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM (EST)

Virtual Event | Live Online



Scan to confirm attendance

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Opening Speakers

The Honourable Mike Moroz, MLA and Minister of Innovation and New Technology (Manitoba), opens at 9:45 AM EST, followed at 10:15 AM EST by renowned science fiction author and futurist Robert J. Sawyer.

Why this Conference Matters

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly reshaping human values, decision-making, and social life. While AI offers powerful opportunities for innovation and social good, it also raises serious ethical and spiritual concerns. This interfaith conference brings together faith leaders, scholars, ethicists, technologists, and policymakers to explore responsible, human-centered approaches to Artificial Intelligence grounded in shared moral values.

Key Focus Areas

- Human dignity in the age of AI
- Truth and AI-generated misinformation
- Bias and impacts on faith communities
- Moral responsibility and automated decision-making
- Surveillance, privacy, and freedom of belief
- Faith-based ethical frameworks for AI
- Interfaith collaboration and shared responsibility
- Ethical and positive uses of AI in community life

Who Should Attend

Faith leaders • Theologians • Scholars • Ethicists • AI practitioners • Policymakers • Interfaith and civil society organizations

Call For Papers & Participation

Faith communities and allied contributors are invited to submit papers exploring the ethical, spiritual, and societal impacts of Artificial Intelligence and to participate in this vital interfaith dialogue.

Submission & Registration:



Scan to submit papers

[Click to Submit Papers](#)

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An interfaith initiative advancing ethical, human-centered Artificial Intelligence.

Guest Speakers



The Honourable Mike Moroz

MLA and Minister of Innovation and New Technology (Manitoba) - delivered his personal message via his executive assistant "Alki Hasselman"



Robert J. Sawyer

Hugo, Nebula and Campbell Memorial Award-winning Science Fiction writer.



Nick Christie

Winnipeg-based filmmaker and writer, serves as a graduate of the University of Winnipeg with degrees in Film Studies and History. His background reflects a blend of cinematic storytelling and historical study.

Opinion on AI By Pandit Roopnauth Sharma –

Hindu Federation Representative

Positive Aspects of AI from a Hindu Perspective

One of the positive aspects of Artificial Intelligence is that AI does not possess an ego. Unlike human beings, AI does not act out of pride, jealousy, anger, personal ambition, or self-importance. It does not seek recognition, power, or personal gain. This is significant when viewed through the lens of Hindu philosophy.

The Hindu text; The *Bhagavad Gita*, teaches that one of the highest spiritual goals of human life is to reduce and ultimately overcome the ego. Lord Krishna teaches that a person should act with discipline, humility, and detachment from selfish desires. Such a person becomes a tyāgī—one who performs action without attachment to the fruits of action. In this sense, AI can serve as a reminder of the value of ego-free action. It performs the task assigned to it without personal desire or emotional attachment.

Another positive aspect of AI is that it does not have “motivated reasoning” in the human sense. Human beings often interpret facts according to their desires, fears, prejudices, or personal interests. AI, when properly designed and responsibly used, operates based on the information, instructions, and data available to it. It does not have its own personal agenda. This can make AI a useful tool for analysis, organization, learning, and decision support.

A simple but powerful example is the GPS navigation system. The GPS does not question the traveller’s chosen destination. It does not criticize the traveller for taking a wrong turn. It does not become angry, impatient, or disappointed when the traveller ignores its instructions. Instead, it simply recalculates the route and continues guiding the traveller toward the chosen destination.

In this way, the GPS reflects a quality that can be compared symbolically to the divine principle of guidance. It patiently supports the journey, corrects the path when mistakes are made, and continues to help the traveller move forward. It does not condemn error; it assists in correction.

This example shows that AI, when used wisely, can model certain qualities that Hindu teachings value: patience, detachment, service, non-judgment, and consistency. AI is not a replacement for human wisdom, spirituality, or moral responsibility. However, it can become a powerful instrument when guided by dharma, humility, and the welfare of society.

Therefore, AI should not only be seen as a technological development. It can also be understood as a tool that challenges humanity to reflect on its own ego, attachments, biases, and responsibilities. Used properly, AI can support human beings in becoming more thoughtful, more disciplined, and more service-oriented.

Opinion Section - Dr. James Taylor Christie

In the contemporary popular mind, science and religion are at worse perceived to be polar opposites; at best, parallel endeavours which, like railway tracks disappear into the horizon, never converging.

But wait. Is this really so?

In 1961, addressing the Ceylon (Sri Lankan) Academy of Science, Sri Jawaharlal Nehru, then Prime Minister of India, observed, “the time has passed for politics and religion; the time has come for science and spirituality.”

On May 21 of this year, 65 years since PM Nehru’s remarks and less than a month since the writing of this brief article, The Canadian Multifaith Federation convened an international webinar described as AI, Faith, and the Future of Humanity. The wisdom of Nehru was, in a modest way, realized.

The panelists brought a diversity of expertise which, in itself, embodied the principle of diversity in dialogue.

The Hon. Mike Moroz, the first Cabinet Minister at any level of government in Canada to hold the portfolio of Minister of Innovation and New Technology, provided a thoughtful and forward looking address on the vexing nature of AI from a practical political perspective. The celebrated Canadian author of science fact and science fiction, Robert J. Sawyer, offered a chilling wake-up call to the passive consumer of superficial AI applications. Film maker and writer, Nick Christie, articulated the threat to creative artists from AI. Ambassador James Taylor Christie provided an extensive theological reflection from a Christian and multifaith perspective on a spiritual response to an entirely new reality.

The accolades for the webinar continue to accrue, and the webinar may be viewed on the CMF website.

The webinar was rich in awareness, if poor in answers: rather like life’s dilemmas in every age. But it demonstrated the wisdom of the late great physicist, Freeman Dyson, who observed decades ago that among human projects, only two speak genuinely to the future of our human tribe: the voice of science and the voice of religion.

Both, in their discreet magisteria and in collaboration, offer essential insights into the nature of being human, and both provide essential insights into living into the future.

The CMF takes Dyson’s assessment very much to heart.

We intend to continue this dialogue of religion and science, of science and spirituality on into the immediate and distant future, ensuring a safe table at which these two voices may meet, may assess, and may engage in dialogue for the sake of heaven and earth.

We hope that all of our members and all of our readers will take every opportunity to study and to contribute.

To borrow from the genius of Star Trek creator, Gene Roddenberry, we shall “go boldly” where so far humanity has only dared to tiptoe.

Ansaar Foundation

Two significant issues facing the GTA and in fact our entire country:

FOOD INSECURITY - an issue of dignity, identity and belonging. The GTA is currently living through a 'quiet crisis' whereby, food insecurity has been declared a municipal emergency. Food Bank visits have reached unprecedented limits.

MENTAL HEALTH - Another GTA crisis that is also countrywide. Recent statistics have shown that the number of people reporting to have 'good mental health' have dropped significantly from 73% to 52%.

Behind every statistic is a neighbour, a colleague, a student, a parent, a friend - we can no longer claim that this does not affect us or we do not know anyone who is so afflicted - it is all around us in societal behaviours that affect us all.

Click on the below points to access the youtube link for the highlights on these issues by Ansaar Foundation

1. [Food Security](#)

2. [Mental Health](#)

Hindu Federation Past Events

HINDU FEDERATION
PRESENTS

AI CONFERENCE 2026

Where Dharma Meets Artificial Intelligence
Reimagining the Future of AI through Sanatana Hindu Dharma.

DATE MAY 30TH 2026
TIME 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
LOCATION RAM MANDIR
270 Export Blvd,
Mississauga ON,
L5S 1Y9
ADMISSION \$5 PER PERSON

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

DANDAPANI
Why Sanatana Dharma Must Lead the AI Conversation

4 POWERFUL SESSIONS

- 1** **DHARMA**
The Ethical Operating System AI is Missing
- 2** **CONSCIOUSNESS**
What the Vedas Knew that Silicon Valley is Just Discovering
- 3** **ASTROLOGY & ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**
Reviving Vedic Knowledge Systems in the Digital Age
- 4** **PRESERVING & TRANSMITTING DHARMA**
In the Digital Age

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- PANEL DISCUSSION**
Engage in thought-provoking discussions on AI, Dharma & the Future
- NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY**
Connect with Policy Makers, Industry Experts, and Community Leaders
- COLLABORATE. INSPIRE. TRANSFORM.**
Build meaningful connections and shape impactful solutions

 **SCAN TO REGISTER**
Reserve your spot today!

 **JOIN US IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF AI WITH DHARMA**

tinyurl.com/HF-AI-2026

The Ram Mandir recently hosted a successful AI Conference that brought together technology professionals, community leaders, educators, students, and innovators to explore the growing impact of Artificial Intelligence in today's world. The event featured insightful discussions on emerging AI technologies, real-world applications, ethical considerations, and the role of AI in sectors such as education, healthcare, business, and social services. Participants gained valuable knowledge about the latest advancements in artificial intelligence, automation, and digital innovation while learning how these technologies can be used responsibly to benefit society. The conference also provided an excellent opportunity for networking, collaboration, and youth engagement, inspiring attendees to develop future-ready skills and embrace innovation while upholding community values. By hosting this conference, Ram Mandir demonstrated its commitment to fostering learning, technological awareness, and community empowerment, successfully bridging the gap between tradition and modern innovation.

Canadian Council of Imams Past Events



COMMUNITY LEADERS SEMINAR

Equipping our Imams to better support domestic violence survivors.



with Imam Sikander Hashmi



Tuesday April 14th, 2026
10 AM - 4 PM

Port Credit Memorial Arena



40 Stavebank Road North,
Mississauga ON
L5G 2T8



nisafdn.ca/community-leaders



Question or Inquiries - learning@nisafoundation.ca

Atlantic Theravada Buddhist Cultural and Meditation Society Past Events



YESAK FULL MOON POYA DAY

BUDDHA · DHAMMA · SANGHA

VESAK

Celebration

Moncton · 2026 · 2570 B.E.

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DATE & TIME

May 31, 2026

SATURDAY · FROM 4:00 PM

VENUE

Cornerstone Community Hall
100 Plummer Crescent
Moncton, NB

TIME · 4:00 PM Onwards

STARTS 4:00 PM
May 31, 2026

PROGRAMME · 0 0 0 0 0

- Buddhi Puja
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- Lantern Procession
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- Dhamma Sermon
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- Musical Concert
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- Dance
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ALL ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN IN MERIT

*Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle.
Innumerable good deeds accrue from a single virtuous act.

Shri Jain Mandir Past Events

Link Inauguration

Unveiling the "Pathway to Moksha", a sacred connection between the Derasar and Cultural centre that bridges devotion with cultural enrichment.



Bhaktamar Vidhan

Devotees participated in the auspicious Bhaktamar Vidhan, experiencing a spiritually enriching ceremony filled with devotion, prayer and reverence.



Shri Jain Mandir Upcoming Events

Discourses by Pujya Gurudevshri Rakeshji: Two inspiring discourses that offer practical spiritual wisdom to navigate life with greater clarity, peace, and purpose.

Whether you are new to spirituality or have been walking the path for years, these sessions offer a unique opportunity to gain fresh perspectives, deepen your understanding, and experience the uplifting presence of a living Master.

We warmly invite you to register and encourage your family and friends to join you for this special opportunity to learn, reflect, and grow in Pujya Gurudevshri's presence.



An Experience of Inner Bliss with
Pujya Gurudevshri Rakeshji
Discourses in Toronto

Sat, June 27 Opportunistic Mindset	Sun, June 28 Add <i>Salt</i> to your devotion
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Discourses will be in English

10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Jain Society of Toronto, Scarborough

 Jain Society of Toronto IN COLLABORATION WITH  Shrimad Rajchandra Mission
Dharampur (Canada)

Register at srmd.org/toronto

Anniversary Celebrations & Dhwaja Mahotsav: We are delighted to share the dates for our upcoming celebrations and we invite all members to mark their calendars to join us for these auspicious and joyous occasion:

July 12 - 18 Abhishek

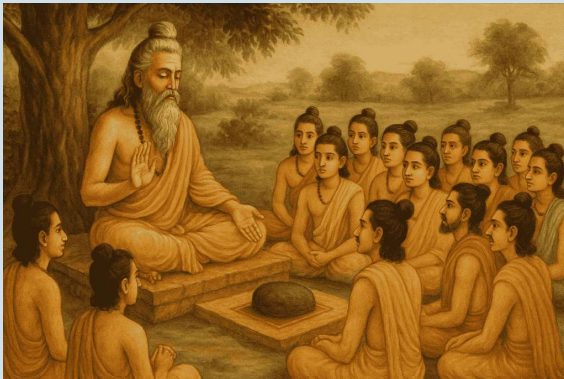
July 18 - Dhwaja Aarohan

July 19 - Cultural Program & Celebrations

Upcoming Hindu Festivals



**Puri Rath Yatra
(Chariot Fest)
July 15, 2026**



**Guru Purnima
July 29, 2026**



**Raksha Bandhan
August 27, 2026**



**Krishna Janmashtmi
September 3, 2026**

Upcoming Jewish Festivals



The Three Weeks
July 2-23, 2026
Tisha B'av
July 22, 2026



The 15th of Av
July 29, 2026



Rosh Hashanah
September 11-13, 2026



Yom Kippur
September 20-21, 2026

Upcoming Buddhist Events



Sri Lankan Day
July 11, 2026



Vassana Invitation
July 21, 2026

Upcoming Islamic Festival



Milad un Nabi
August 2026

*as per <https://www.calendarlabs.com/holidays/islam/2026>



THANK YOU

for being part of our journey
toward change, challenge, and transformation.

TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

STAY CONNECTED.
STAY INSPIRED. STAY UNITED.



We look forward to continuing
this path with you.

ONE PURPOSE. MANY FAITHS. UNITED IN CARE.



THANK YOU

For your partnership,
support, and commitment
to building a more
compassionate world.



KEEP EXPLORING

Continue discovering
stories, insights, and
resources in our
upcoming issues.



BE A LIGHT

Share kindness.
Uphold justice.
Lift others.
Make an impact.

UNTIL NEXT TIME

*May peace guide you, compassion inspire you,
and unity strengthen us all.*