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## Newsletter - June 2019

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**Grace to you and peace!**

Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity...and summer: June is such a wonderful month for ecumenical and inter-religious activities and events. Here are some things that we will be working on in the coming weeks:

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### Walk for Values – June 1, 2019

The **Walk for Values** is a community event organized by the Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre of Edmonton to raise awareness of the importance of practicing universal human values of **Truth, Love, Peace, Non-violence** and **Right-conduct**. Each participant pledges a value to practice in their daily lives, to become better Canadian and Global Citizens.

This year's walk takes place in Edmonton on **Saturday, June 1, 2019**, starting from **Tipton Park (108 Street & 81 Avenue)** at **11:00 AM**. As a group of community leaders who care about peace and harmony in our society, we invite you to join us to spread the word of love and tolerance, most needed in today's times to our fellow citizens.

Everyone is welcome and participation is FREE.

**For more information please contact: Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre of Edmonton: (780) 437-7243 / [saicenteredmonton@telus.net](mailto:saicenteredmonton@telus.net)**

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### ***No Room in the Inn* \$1-Million Milestone Celebration – June 12, 2019**

Since 1999, **Edmonton & District Council of Churches** has sponsored an ecumenical Christmas fund-raising initiative called ***No Room in the Inn***. Each year, church congregations and individuals from many denominations join



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together to provide financial support to a housing provider for the homeless or people at risk in the Edmonton Capital Region.

Now completed its 20<sup>th</sup> year, *No Room in the Inn* has surpassed the \$1 million mark in community funds raised! A community celebration of this milestone is being planned for:

**Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

**12:00-1:00 PM**

**Main Floor – Edmonton City Hall (1 Sir Winston Churchill Square, Edmonton)**

Program to include: presentations by Mayor Don Iveson and reps from the Edmonton & District Council of Churches; a “Celebrating Our Faiths” photo exhibit, food, friendship and general merriment.

**For more information and to RSVP please contact:** [Sarah.Alber@caedm.ca](mailto:Sarah.Alber@caedm.ca)



**Bridgefolk Conference**

**July 25-28, 2019**

**Bridgefolk** is a grassroots ecumenical movement of Mennonites and Catholics who work together to promote Christian unity.

The **18<sup>th</sup> annual Bridgefolk conference** will be held **July 25-28, 2019 at Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, Manitoba – Treaty 1 Territory and the homeland of the Metis Nation.**

The 2019 conference theme is “**Toward a Just Peace: Indigenous-Settler Reconciliation Through Friendship**” which will continue Bridgefolk’s model of proceeding through friendship, encouraging participants of Mennonite, Catholic, Settler, and Indigenous backgrounds to share our lives and experiences.

For more information or to register for the Conference, please visit: [Bridgefalk 2019](#)

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**Other upcoming items to note and keep in your prayers:**

- June 11: A Common Word-Alberta meeting (Muslim-Christian dialogue)
  - June 15: [Aga Khan Garden Celebration](#) (U of A Botanic Garden, Devon, AB)
  - June 21: Edmonton Mennonite-RC Dialogue meeting
  - June 24: Phoenix Multi-Faith Society for Harmony meeting (Jewish-Christian-Muslim)
  - June 25-28: CCCB Ecumenical/Interreligious Forum meetings (Montreal)
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Thank you for your help in praying, promoting and supporting these ecumenical and interreligious activities in the Archdiocese.

Please let us know if you are aware of or organizing ecumenical and interreligious events in your own parish or location. We would love to help you to promote them via our [Facebook page](#). Visit us there for up-to-the-minute postings, event notices, theological updates, greetings and salutations to religious communities.

Blessings,  
Julien

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