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### **Mission Statement:**

*The Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations exists to promote unity and reconciliation between Catholics and members of other Churches and ecclesial communities within the Archdiocese; it also fosters relations of respect and understanding between Christians and members of other faith communities present in the Archdiocese. The Office provides support and training for activities related to ecumenical and interreligious prayer, education, dialogue and various social action initiatives.*

## **Coordinator's Report - Julien Hammond**



2017-2018 was a busy year in the Ecumenical & Interreligious Office of the Archdiocese. By God's grace, and the hard work of many people, we were able to complete many activities and events aimed at building up the body of Christ and/or developing interreligious relationship throughout the Archdiocese.

Please take some time to see everything that we accomplished together. Personally, two items really stand out for me as highlights in the past year:

- 1. Commemorative Events related to the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.**
- 2. Archbishop Smith's historical visit to Al-Rashid Mosque.**

Both of these activities are described in some detail further in this report. I'm sure you will agree with me that these represent huge developments in the context of E&I relations in our Archdiocese, for which we must give praise to God and thanks to many.

**I would like to thank Archbishop Smith, my supervisor Teresa, my administrative assistants, members of the Advisory Committees serving the office, and many colleagues throughout the Archdiocese for their moral and prayer support.** Without their assistance and advice at times, we certainly would not have been as effective in advancing the mission of the office this year.

**Thank you to our pastors and many lay leaders who support the work of the office with their prayers and tangible supports in various ways.** Words cannot convey how grateful I am to serve a community of such ecumenical openness and collaborative interreligious spirit.

**Thank you to all our ecumenical and interreligious partners throughout the Archdiocese who collaborate with us on, and often invite us into, life-giving initiatives and activities.** We are truly blessed to reside in a part of the world filled with people of so many backgrounds and traditions, who value the spiritual life and desire the good of all.

**Finally, I give thanks to the Lord whose wisdom and strength guided us throughout the past year.** I am proud of all that we were able to do and I recognize in all of it the working of the Holy Spirit.

May we continue to heed the voice of Jesus guiding us toward greater Christian unity and increased interreligious understanding in our time.

With gratitude for the support of many prayers, in Christ,  
Julien

## **PROGRAM AREA REPORTS**

### **A. Dialogues**

The Archdiocese supports quite a number of formal and informal dialogue sessions with ecumenical and interreligious partners.

#### ➤ **Edmonton Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic (ELARC) Dialogue**

As part of the commemorative activities of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, the [Archdiocese entered into a new relationship](#) with our partners at the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton and the Alberta/Territories Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.



(Photo credit: Margaret Glidden, Anglican Diocese of Edmonton)

**Bishop Larry Kochendorfer (Evangelical Lutheran), Bishop Jane Alexander (Anglican) and Archbishop Richard Smith signed a joint-statement on October 30, 2017, inaugurating a new structure for ongoing dialogue between the three churches.**

The new structure – called Edmonton Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic (ELARC) – expands the existing Edmonton Anglican-Roman Catholic (EARC) dialogue group to include new members from the ELCIC Synod. The ELARC group met twice (January and May) in 2018.



## ➤ Edmonton Mennonite – Roman Catholic (EMRC) Dialogue

The Archdiocese completed an eighth year of dialogue with local members of Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren churches in the Edmonton area. The Edmonton Mennonite-Roman Catholic (EMRC) dialogue group meets regularly to consider local happenings and ways that our churches might collaborate on projects.

**In July 2017**, three members of our local dialogue attended the annual [Bridgefolk](#) conference held in Seattle, USA.



The conference theme was “Pilgrimage toward Christian Unity: Beginning with Baptism” which focused on the unity already present between Christians by virtue of their baptism in Christ.

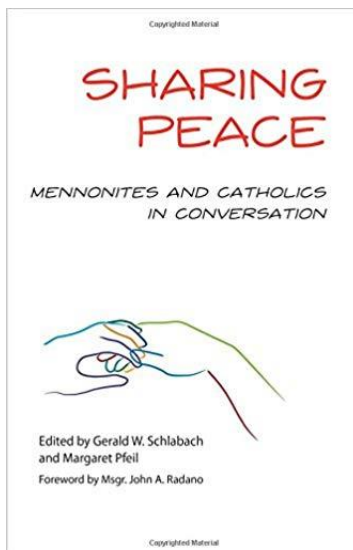
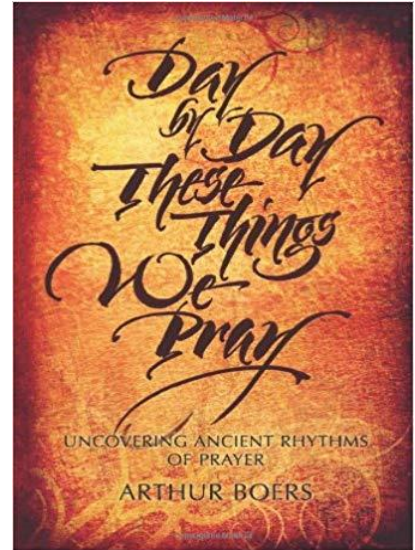
The conference featured ecumenical presentations, workshops, field trips and spiritual/liturgical experiences including Lectio Divina, monastic mid-day prayer, a foot-washing service, a Mennonite-Catholic hymn sing, and an Agape Meal among others. Click here to read a [report of the 2017 Bridgefolk Conference](#).

Inspired by this Bridgefolk experience, our local dialogue group undertook a study of various spiritual practices in our respective communities. Together we learned about and participated in an experience of “Lectio Divina”.

We considered Pope Francis’ recent teachings re: the rejection of nuclear deterrence, and the call to Christian discipleship which this implied. Finally, as our main activity for the year, we read together a book by Mennonite author, Arthur Boers, entitled ***Day by Day These Things We Pray: Uncovering Ancient Rhythms of Prayer (2010)***.

This book explores the author's attempts to reclaim a morning and evening prayer tradition within his own Mennonite heritage, and raises questions about times, places and means of prayer within both of our traditions (and in the wider Christian family).

Our study stimulated rich times of sharing about prayer traditions past and present in the lives of our members and our congregations/parishes. The study left our group with the longing to pray together more frequently, especially in the high holy seasons of the church year. We look forward to exploring new possibilities of praying together in the years ahead.



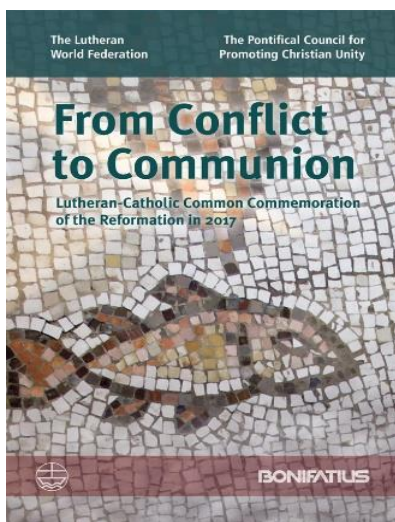
On February 23, 2018, we held our **7<sup>th</sup> annual Mennonite-Catholic Meeting** at **Lendrum Mennonite Brethren Church** in Edmonton. This meeting is always an opportunity for our local Catholic-Mennonite dialogue group to share with a larger gathering of Catholic and Mennonite parishioners the theme(s) of their previous year's study.

This year's theme was "Sharing Peace" inspired by our study of a book by the same title. **Thank you to our colleagues at Lendrum Mennonite Brethren Church for their generous hospitality in hosting this event.**



➤ **Edmonton Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC) – Roman Catholic Dialogue (ELCCRC)**

The Archdiocese meets four times a year with members of the Lutheran Church-Canada through the Edmonton Lutheran Church-Canada – Roman Catholic (ELCCRC) dialogue group.



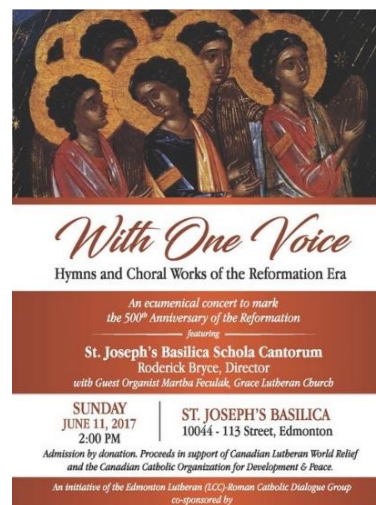
The group concluded its three-year study of [From Conflict to Communion](#) – the document published by the Lutheran World Federation and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity to prepare Catholics and Lutherans to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation together in 2017. This document explores many of the significant themes picked up in Catholic-Lutheran dialogue over the past 50 years and sets forth “Five Ecumenical Imperatives” for Catholics and Lutherans to cultivate as they continue to work toward reconciliation and church unity.

A report of the 3-year dialogue was compiled and submitted to Archbishop Smith and the National President (national bishop) of the Lutheran Church-Canada. Subsequently, the group’s mandate was renewed for a second three-year term.

**Thank you to LCC National President Robert Bugbee, LCC Alberta-BC District President Glenn Schaeffer and Archbishop Smith for their generous support of this local dialogue initiative.**

Four meetings in 2018 are dedicated to studying various aspects of the ground-breaking [Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification](#) (1999).

The [Canadian Lutheran Online](#) published an article on the Reformation 500 anniversary concert that took place at St. Joseph’s Basilica on June 11, 2017.



## ➤ Catholic-Jewish Relations

The Office maintained active contact with various local Jewish communities:

- September 2017: **Archbishop Smith sent a letter to the Jewish communities of Edmonton** offering his personal best wishes on behalf of the Catholic community on the occasion of the High Holy Days: Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur.
- December 19, 2017: **Archbishop Smith exchanged holiday greetings with the Executive Director and the President of the Edmonton Jewish Federation.**
- April 12, 2018: **Yom Ha-Shoah Commemoration** (Holocaust Memorial on the grounds of the Alberta Legislature)
- April 13, 2018: **Installation of Rabbi Gila Caine** (Beth Ora Temple, Edmonton)



(Photo credit: Edmonton Jewish News)

- June 14, 2018: **Farewell event for Rabbi Daniel and Rabbanit Batya Friedman**



(Beth Israel Synagogue, Edmonton)



## ➤ Catholic-Muslim Relations



On August 28, 2017, **Archbishop Smith made an historic visit to Al-Rashid Mosque**, Edmonton's first and oldest Muslim community: [Story and Video](#).

This visit marked His Grace's first visit to a mosque as Archbishop of Edmonton. The occasion consisted of a tour of the mosque, an informal meeting with mosque officials and a light reception and social time.

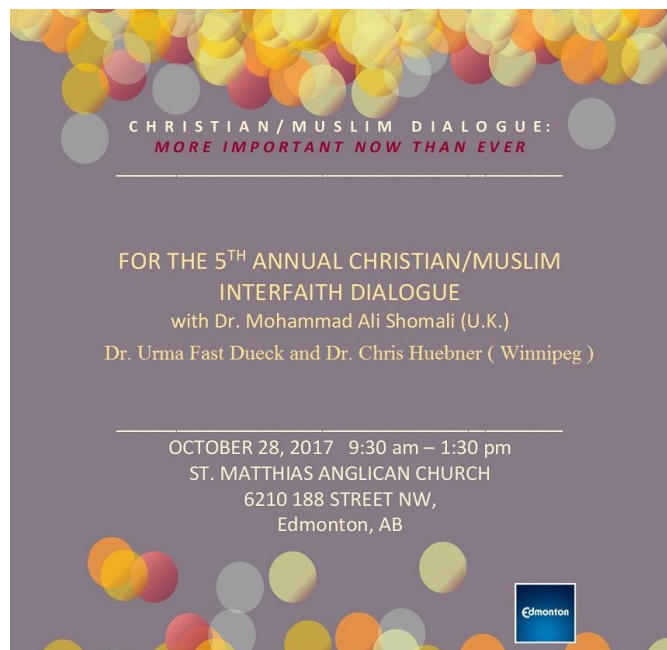
Archbishop Smith, and several members of the chancery staff were warmly received by imams and lay leadership before the Muslim faithful met for sunset prayers.



- August 20, 2017: Julien attended **“Fences & Neighbours: Promoting Sustainable Interfaith & Multicultural Connections in the Current Canadian Environment.”** Dr. Ingrid Mattson (Huron University College, University of Western Ontario). Presented by the Edmonton Council of Muslim Communities (Radisson Hotel, Edmonton)
- August 29, 2017: Julien attended **“Together/Ensemble: An Exhibit on Global Development.”** Presented by Aga Khan Foundation Canada (Belle Rive Ismaili Jamatkhana, Edmonton)
- October 1, 2017: Julien attended a rally/vigil organized by the **Alberta Muslim Public Affairs Council** urging unity and community support in wake of a vehicle and stabbing attack in Edmonton. (Sir Winston Churchill Square, Edmonton)
- On October 28, 2017, about 150 Christians and Muslims gathered at St. Matthias Anglican Church in Edmonton to engage in a day of meeting and learning about one another’s faiths.

This event was organized by [A Common Word-Alberta](#), an organization dedicated to Christian-Muslim dialogue in Alberta, and to which the Archdiocese is a member. The theme for the day was **"Christian/Muslim Dialogue: More Important Now Than Ever"** and it featured presentations by **Dr. Mohammad Ali Shomali (U.K.)** and **Drs. Irma Fast Dueck and Chris Huebner (Winnipeg)**. Participants

from Sunni, Shiite, Roman Catholic, Anglican, United, Mennonite and Aboriginal traditions all participated in the day. Representatives of the Edmonton & District Council of Churches, the Edmonton Council of Muslim Communities and Edmonton’s indigenous community brought greetings to the event.



- November 6, 2017: Julien attended the official **Eid al-Adha Commemoration** hosted by the Speaker of the Alberta Legislature.
- March 26, 2018: Julien attended “**Islam and Islamophobia: Cross Currents and Community Calls to Action**” – a workshop offered by Nakita Valerio of the Alberta Muslim Public Affairs Council (Edmonton Moravian Church)
- May 25, 2018: The Office co-hosted along with IDI-Edmonton, a **Community Iftar Dinner at Providence Renewal Centre**. The evening featured complementary presentations on “*Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving*” offered by Fr. Daniel Tshimbalanga (Pastor, St. Thomas d’Aquin parish) and Imam El-Sayed Amin (MAC/Rahma Mosque). Participants enjoyed table conversations, prayers, hymn-singing, and a festive meal. Over 100 people attended this activity from a variety of Muslim, Christian and some other faith communities.



- June 2018: **Archbishop Smith sent a letter to the Muslim communities** of Edmonton offering his personal best wishes on behalf of the Catholic community for the feast of Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan).
- August 1, 2018: Julien participated in “**A Journey towards understanding the “Other”: the Christian-Muslim dialogue experience in Edmonton**”: a workshop offered at the 2018 North American Interfaith Network Conference (held at MacEwan University in Edmonton, July 31-August 3, 2018).



➤ **Eastern Religions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, etc.)**

The Office maintained active contact with local community representatives of various Eastern Religions:

- October 2, 2017: Annual Interfaith Banquet organized by the **Mahatma Gandhi Canadian Foundation for World Peace** (Fantasyland Hotel)

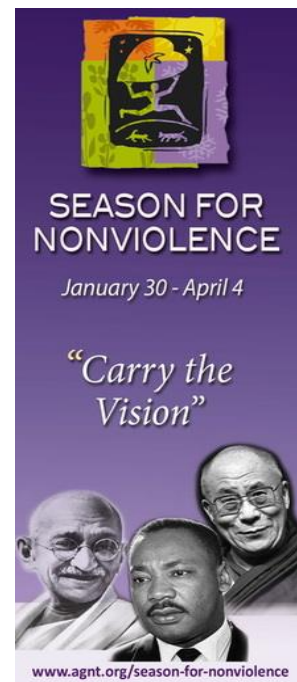


- November 19, 2017: Commemoration of the birth of **Sai Baba** (Sathya Sai Baba Centre, Edmonton)

- October 2017: **Archbishop Smith sent a letter to the Hindu communities** of Edmonton offering his personal best wishes on behalf of the Catholic community for the feast of Diwali.

- June 10, 2018: **Interfaith Taizé/Peace Prayer** at Sathya Sai Baba Centre

- January 30-April 4, 2018: The Office promoted the **Season for Nonviolence** through its Facebook page: CAEDM UNITY. This program offers “64 Daily Practices to educate and inspire individuals and organizations alike to actively seek out nonviolent means by which to empower themselves and others to co-exist in peace and prosper together in community.”



- May 2018: **Archbishop Smith sent a letter to the Buddhist communities** of Edmonton offering his personal best wishes on behalf of the Catholic community for the feast of Vesakh.

## ➤ Regional, National and International Dialogues

The Archdiocese is represented in dialogue meetings at home and abroad:

- The annual meeting of the **Western Diocesan and Eparchial Coordinators of Ecumenism (WDECE)** took place, November 2-4, 2017, in Regina, SK. The theme for this year's gathering was "**Truth & Reconciliation: Catholic-Aboriginal Relations**", which featured two main activities:
  - A training session led by Indigenous Catholic educators **Susan Beaudin** and **Joanna Landry** exploring the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's 10 Principles of Reconciliation and the 94 Calls to Action.
  - A workshop led by Indigenous rights activist **Sue Deranger** exploring the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* and the responses (or not) to the Declaration made by churches in Canada and around the world.

Both sessions were held in conjunction with the Diaconate and Lay Formation programs of the Archdiocese of Regina.

- **Anglican-Roman Catholic – National Dialogue Commission** (Julien attends these meetings by appointment of the CCCB)
  - November 10-13, 2017 (Quebec City, QC)
  - May 22-24, 2018 (Toronto, ON)
- **Roman Catholic-Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – International Dialogue Commission** (Julien attends these meetings by appointment of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity)
  - June 23-27, 2018 (Green Bay, USA)





## **B. Spiritual Encounters**

### **➤ Reformation 500**

On October 30, 2017, the **Lutheran (ELCIC), Anglican (ACC) and Roman Catholic bishops of Edmonton** led a **joint Lutheran and Catholic prayer service marking the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation**. This event took place at All Saints Anglican Cathedral in Edmonton and featured the same liturgy that Pope Francis used during his visit to leaders of the Lutheran World Federation in Sweden one-year earlier. An impressive ecumenical choir was assembled for the occasion and candles of repentance were lit by members of all three communities. Several hundred people attended the Edmonton service and witnessed, among other things, our bishops signing an agreement to establish a new Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic (LARC) dialogue structure in Edmonton. Full stories of this event were picked up by [Grandin Media](#) and [The Anglican Messenger](#).

The same liturgy was held the evening before (October 29, 2017) at **Sacred Heart Parish in Wetaskiwin**, with Lutheran and Roman Catholic pastors presiding.



## ➤ Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County

The mainline churches of Strathcona County organize an annual **Ecumenical Mission** that features preaching from one of the participating churches. The mission takes place over a four-day period and events take place in the morning, at mid-day and in the evening.



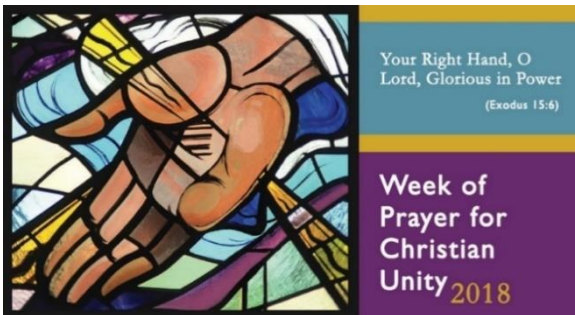
This year's mission ran from October 15-18, 2017 and was led by Archbishop Donald Bolen of Regina who preached on the theme "Growing Together in Unity and Mission."

Archbishop Smith brought greetings to the evening worship service held at Salisbury United Church in Sherwood Park.

## ➤ Edmonton Ecumenical Peace Network (EPPN)

The Edmonton Ecumenical Peace Network organizes an annual candlelight **Prayer Walk for Peace** through downtown Edmonton held during the evening on Remembrance Day (November 11). It follows an interdenominational prayer service usually held at McDougall United Church. The Archdiocese helps to promote this event and is often called upon to lead prayers during the service/walk.

## ➤ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018



Liturgical materials for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by an ecumenical writing team from the Caribbean Council of Churches. Christians worldwide were invited to reflect on the theme: "*Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power*" (Exodus 15.6).

Several activities took place in the context of marking the Week including:

- The lay students of **Newman Theological College** organized a prayer service and Caribbean-themed lunch with students and faculty members from neighbouring Christian post-secondary institutions. (Held in the Chapel and Assembly Hall of the **Pastoral & Administrative Offices of the Archdiocese.**)

- The churches of **Ponoka, Alberta** took turns hosting prayers and lunches throughout the week. (St. Mary's Anglican Church in Ponoka.)



- The **Archdiocesan Council of the CWL** used part of the service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to open their Midwinter Meeting (St. Thomas More Parish, Edmonton.)

- Julien was invited to deliver a message on “The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity & Spiritual Ecumenism” during Chapel Time at **Taylor Baptist Seminary**, Edmonton.

- Archbishop Smith joined pastors and leaders from the member churches of the **Edmonton & District Council of Churches** at an ecumenical prayer service held at McDougall United Church, Edmonton. The service featured steel-drumming, a Caribbean choir, hymns, prayers and preaching around the biblical theme. The service was followed by a time of fellowship in the parish hall, around a beautiful table of delicacies and sweets. A collection was taken at the service with all of





the funds going to support the designated recipient for this year's No Room in the Inn project.

- Ecumenical neighbours from **St. Thomas d'Aquin Roman Catholic**, Trinity Lutheran and Holy Trinity Anglican parishes in Edmonton, got together for a bonfire and Taizé prayer service in the Millcreek Ravine to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- **Red Deer Ministerial Association** organized an inter-denominational worship service for the Week of Prayer at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Red Deer.
- **Wetaskiwin Ministerial Association** organized an ecumenical prayer service for the Week of Prayer at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wetaskiwin**

### ➤ **World Day of Prayer**

The Archdiocese promotes the annual **World Day of Prayer** (1<sup>st</sup> Friday in March) organized and prepared by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC).



The preparatory materials for this year's World Day of Prayer service brought attention to the reality of Christianity in **Suriname**. Invited by an ecumenical writing team from that country, Christians worldwide were invited to reflect on the social justice theme, "Am I Being Unfair to You?" Many services were held around the Archdiocese, often with the leadership or participation of members of the **Catholic Women's League**.

➤ **Interfaith Prayer to End Homelessness**

On March 27, 2018, more than 30 representatives from the Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Unitarian communities met at Edmonton City Hall to pray according to their own traditions for an end to homelessness in our city. The event was organized by the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative (CRIHI). The Archdiocese was represented at this event by Coordinator of Lay Apostolate and CRIHI liaison, Lucy Kaakyo. Full story at [Grandin Media](#)

➤ **Outdoor Way of the Cross**

The **38<sup>th</sup> annual Outdoor Way of the Cross** took place on Good Friday, March 30, 2018 in Edmonton's inner-city. This is an ecumenical prayer event which commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus, and connects the gospel values of Jesus to individual and social contexts today. The theme for this year's event was "Speaking Truth to Power." Full story at [Grandin Media](#).



(Photo credit: Michael Hoyt, Edmonton Outdoor Way of the Cross Facebook page)



## ➤ Taizé Prayer Events

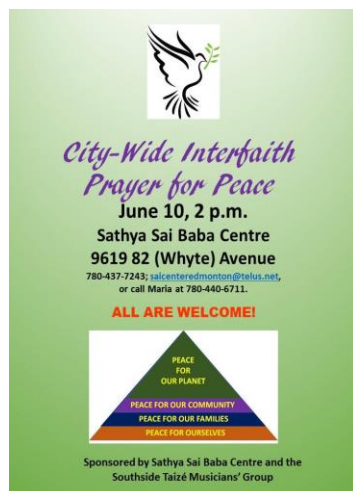
An increasingly popular form of ecumenical prayer ministry in the Edmonton area is the meditative style of prayer practiced by the monastic community of Taizé, France.

Once a month members of several churches in the Bonnie Doon neighbourhood of Edmonton participate in a **Taizé-style ecumenical prayer** ministry. Different churches take turns hosting an evening of prayer, while a group of musicians leads the local congregation and friends from the neighbourhood in the chants. Typically between 30 and 60 people participate in these prayer evenings. The Archdiocese covers a licensing fee for printing copyrighted materials associated with this ministry.

- The participating churches in 2017-2018 were: Sept. 2017: First Church of God
- **Oct. 2017: Assumption Catholic**
- Nov. 2017: Holyrood Mennonite
- Dec. 2017: Ascension Lutheran
- **Jan. 2018: Resurrection Catholic**
- **Feb. 2018: St. Thomas D'Aquin Catholic**
- **Mar. 2018: Providence Renewal Centre**
- April 2018: St. Luke's Anglican
- **May 2018: Assumption Catholic**



This year the Bonnie Doon Taizé musicians partnered with Hindu friends at the Sathya Sai Baba Centre to present an afternoon of Interfaith Prayer for Peace. This event included silent prayer for peace, two simple chants, and community fellowship.



## ➤ Other Occasions for Spiritual Ecumenism

- Kickoff and wrap-up events for 7<sup>th</sup> annual **Habitat for Humanity's Interfaith Works Project** (February-May 2018)



- The Edmonton and Area Ministerial Association (formerly called the Edmonton Evangelical Ministerial Association) hosts **Monthly Pastors' Prayer** meetings at the Marketplace Chapel in the West Edmonton Mall and at Calvary Community Church in Mill Woods.
- Every year the Christian communities of Edmonton organize an ecumenical **Edmonton Prayer Breakfast** to pray for God's protection upon the city, its Mayor and other elected and civic leaders. This is a major undertaking attracting several hundred participants each year. This year's prayer breakfast took place on April 25, 2018 at the Shaw Conference Centre.



**Special thanks to our Edmonton Catholic Schools for their participation in the planning and sponsoring of this event.**

## C. Common Witness/Discipleship

There are literally dozens of ecumenical/interreligious common witness projects occurring in the Archdiocese, so many that it is impossible to name them all. The following are examples of projects formally endorsed and/or supported through our Office:

### ➤ **Covenant Health – Diversity and Inclusion Committee**



**Covenant Health** is Canada's largest Catholic healthcare provider, and is committed to respecting diversity and ensuring inclusive practices within its organization. The Archdiocese participates in quarterly meetings of their Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

### ➤ **Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative – Steering Committee**



The Archdiocese is one of 22 signatories to the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative, which animates faith-based activities aimed at tackling the problems of homelessness and affordable housing in the Edmonton area. In 2017-2018, Julien represented the Archdiocese on the CRIHI Steering Committee which met monthly to oversee projects associated with the initiative:

### ○ **Habitat for Humanity – Interfaith Works Project**



Faith communities are invited to participate as lunch providers, prayer leaders, build-site volunteers or in **Habitat for Humanity's** Re-store, as part of an annual Interfaith Works Project. This year's build took place at Carter Place in Edmonton, February 27-May 31, 2018.

### ○ **Catholic Social Services – Welcome Home Project**



Welcome Home is a volunteer based program, administered by **Catholic Social Services**, that provides companionship to individuals and families making the transition from homelessness to settling into a home.



➤ **No Room in the Inn Collection**

**No Room in the Inn** is an annual ecumenical collection to assist an affordable housing project in the Edmonton area. Parishes are invited to contribute all or a portion of their Christmas Eve offering toward this collection.

This year No Room in the Inn helped to raise over \$59,000 for the Canadian Mental Health Association-Edmonton.



Several parishes in the Archdiocese donated money from their Christmas collections to the ecumenical campaign, which is devoted to charities that help alleviate homelessness. [Full story](#)

➤ **Phoenix Multi-Faith Society for Harmony**

The Archdiocese is a member of the Phoenix Multi-Faith Society for Harmony, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of inter-faith cooperation. Its board includes members from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths, as well as the Edmonton Police Services.



On April 6, 2018, board members of the Phoenix Multifaith Society for Harmony participated in a Diversity Day event, organized and hosted by Edmonton Public Schools.

## D. Education/Formation

One of the key purposes of the E&I Office of the Archdiocese is to provide resourcing and support for ecumenical and interreligious formation both within the Archdiocese and with partners in the community. Such formation occurs in a variety of settings:



- August 28, 2017: CAEDM Media Interview with Archbishop Smith (ahead of the Archbishop's visit to Al-Rashid Mosque); [Story and Video](#)
- September 15, 2017: "Reformation 500: Church Life in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century." Presentation to Grade 12 Social Studies class (St. Marguerite D'Youville School, St. Albert)
- September 17, 2017: "Reformation 500: What is there to celebrate? A Roman Catholic Perspective." Published Online: *Orthodoxy in Dialogue*: [Essay](#)
- September 20-21, 2017: "From Conflict to Communion: Commemorating the Reformation in an Ecumenical and Global Age." Workshop offered together with Dr. Faith Nostbakken in the context of Fall 2017 Interdisciplinary Studies Conference (The King's University of Edmonton)
- September 22, 2017: CAEDM Media Interview (in the context of Dr. Brad S. Gregory's Presentations on the Reformation); [Story](#)
- October 14, 2017: Introduced Guest Speaker, Archbishop Donald Bolen at Newman Theological College Convocation (St. Joseph's Seminary)
- October 20, 2017: "Ecumenism and Interfaith Ministry in Canada." Enculturation of Priests Program (Ukrainian Basilian House of Studies, Edmonton)
- October 27, 2017: "Five Hundred Years After Reformation, Future Depends On Healing Wounds" Julien Hammond interviewed by *The Catholic Register*: [Story](#)



- October 31, 2017: “Reformation 500: A Roman Catholic Perspective” Chapel Time Sermon (Taylor Seminary, Edmonton)
- November 1, 2017: “That All May Be One: An Ecumenical Conversation for Reformation Day” Podcast Interview with Dr. Randal Rauser (Taylor Seminary); *The Tentative Apologist*: [Podcast #98](#)
- November 6, 2017: “Introducing the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity” NTC Lay Formation Students (Newman Theological College)
- January 2018: “The 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation: Some Considerations for Religious Educators” Article in *Fully Alive* – Newsletter of the Religious & Moral Education Council: Alberta Teachers Association (Winter 2018)
- January 11, 2018: “Christian Unity – A Catholic Perspective.” Published Online: *Orthodoxy in Dialogue*: [Essay](#)
- January 17, 2018: “Ecumenism and the Catechetical Ministry of the Church” Archdiocesan Pastoral Assistants/Catechists Formation Workshop
- January 25, 2018: “The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity & Spiritual Ecumenism” Chapel Time Sermon (Taylor Seminary, Edmonton)
- March 27, 2018: “Faith leaders join together in prayer and mission to end homelessness.” Interviewed by *Grandin Media*: [Story](#)
- May 5, 2018: “Community leaders come together for annual prayer breakfast.” Local news story in *FortSaskOnline*: [Story](#)



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*Thank you to all of our community partners in ecumenical/interreligious formation this past year!*

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