



**ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
INTERFAITH SERVICE**

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PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME

SHARING OF PEACE

SONG

"Let Your Peace Rain upon Us"

ACS 989

PRAYER

READINGS FROM SACRED TEXTS

Yasmin Ratansi – Islam

Rev. Earl Smith – Scientology

Habeeb Alli – Islam

MUSIC

Singers, Sri Chinmoy Meditation Centre

"Peace: God's Beauty in His Oneness Home"

"Shantih - Peace Chant"

MESSAGE

Rev. Michelle Singh

PRESENTATION OF INTERFAITH CHAMPION AWARD TO REV. MICHELLE SINGH

Paul McKenna and John Voorpostel

SONG

"Draw the Circle Wide"

No Fixed Address

CLOSING

SONG

"Children of the Light"

No Fixed Address

DISMISSAL

PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Michelle Singh Born into an interfaith family, she has a deep understanding and appreciation for the world's rich spiritual and cultural diversity. She's been an Interfaith Minister since 2008 and has been actively engaged in Canada's interfaith movement, including vice-chairing the award winning World Interfaith Harmony Week Steering Committee and co-founding a multi-faith Spiritual Dialogue Circle which has been meeting monthly for 15 years. Michelle was also a Board member and Steering Committee Co-Chair for the 2018 Parliament of the World's Religions in Toronto. She sits on the Boards of Encounter World Religions and Greening Sacred Spaces Ottawa. She is currently Executive Director of Faith & the Common Good, a national interfaith network founded on the belief that our diverse faith congregations and spiritual communities can be powerful role models for the common good.

Yasmin Ratansi is an Ismaili Muslim who has been involved in interfaith dialogue and activities for over 30 years. She has worked with the Scarboro Mission to create a space for respectful dialogue between various faith communities. She has been a sought after speaker on topics such as Women in Islam, Islam and the Environment, the diversity within Islam, etc. She has spoken to church groups, synagogues, civil society groups, as well as at the public and private school systems. She is one of the founding members of the steering committee of the World Interfaith Harmony Week Toronto Steering Committee. She has presented a petition to the House of Commons to recognize February 1-7 as WIHW and also enlightened parliamentarians of this great initiative. She is by profession a Chartered Professional Accountant and a Management Consultant. She volunteers her time, to many worthy organizations.

Singers from the Sri Chinmoy Meditation Centre - a group from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds. Their spiritual teacher, Sri Chinmoy (1931-2007), dedicated his life to world peace through meditation, music, peace concerts, writings, lectures, Meditation at the UN, the global Oneness-Home Peace Run and in particular interfaith activities.

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PARTICIPANTS CONTINUED

Reverend Earl Smith has been a Scientology minister for more than forty-five years. During that time, he has worked with various interfaith bodies to promote understanding, peace, and harmony for all. He served as president, and other executive positions with the Horizon Interfaith Communications Media Council from 1978 to 2018. In partnership with Rogers Television, and York Regional Police, Earl was the producer of the 2014 York Regional Community Best Documentary Film, on the subject of domestic violence. He has served as the Church representative for the North American Interfaith Network (NAIN) since 1986. Earl also presented at the Parliament for World Religions in South Africa in 1999, representing the Church at the Parliament in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2015.

Imam Habeeb Alli is Chaplain with Correctional Service of Canada and Executive Director of One Love Family Services.

John Voorpostel is the founding member and co-chair of World Interfaith Harmony GTA Steering Committee.



WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

Sunday, February 5 @ 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Manor Road United Church, 240 Manor Road East, Toronto: Who Is My Neighbour?

Monday, February 6 @ 4:00 - 6:30 pm:

Don Heights Congregation, Multifaith Communities Toronto Spiritual Dialogue Circle. This Circle has been meeting for 14 years and has been participating in WIHW since 2014.

Tuesday, February 7 @ 8:45 - 9:45 am:

Office for Interreligious Dialogue at the Archdiocese of Toronto, Toronto Catholic District School Board, The Mary Ward Centre: World Religions 101. Join us for an engaging dialogue with members of diverse faith communities.



WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

Tuesday, February 7 7:30 - 9:00 pm: Interfaith Circle: Faith In Action - New Year's Resolutions. Join us to dialogue about how you have put your faith into action by setting and living out some of your New Year Resolutions this year.

Wednesday February 8 @ 2:30 - 4:10 pm:

Join us at the Aga Khan Museum with Director of Collections and Public Programs, Sascha Priewe to learn about how the Museum works to spark wonder, curiosity, and understanding of Muslim cultures through the arts. Explore the historical and contemporary connections of Muslim art and culture with the world through a set of Gallery tours led by Associate Curator, Bitu Pourvash.

Sunday February 12 @ 2:30 - 4:30 pm:

Mosaic Interfaith: Past, Present & Future: A Look at Faith in Action Through the Lens of Interfaith Cooperation. A look at Faith In Action through the lens of interfaith cooperation

Tuesday February 21 @ 8:00 - 9:30 pm:

Durham Multifaith Community: Durham Spiritual Dialogue Circle: As individuals, ...strive daily to live according to the teachings and to embody and express the principles of Faith in Action. "So free must be your thoughts and actions of any trace of prejudice — racial, religious, economic, national, tribal, class, or cultural","that even the stranger sees in you loving friends."

Thursday February 23 @ 7:00 – 9:30 pm:

National Muslim Christian Committee: Faith - Tool or Weapon? Mary Ward Centre, 70 Mary Street Toronto.

Please check the website for full details and registration:

[Interfaith Toronto Home Page.](#)



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Janelle Lightbourne	Intern
Rev. Michelle Singh	Guest Speaker
Yasmin Ratansi, Rev. Earl Smith, Shivaram Trichur, Habeeb Alli	Readers
No Fixed Address House Band	Music
Singers from the Sri Chinmoy Meditation Centre	Additional Music
Paul McKenna, John Voorpostel	Presenters
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday	Zumba @ 1:00 pm Joyful Noise Bell Choir @ 7:15 pm
Wednesday	Cover Girls @ 10:00 am Vocal Choir @ 7:00 pm
Thursday	50+ Luncheon @ 12:30 pm
Friday	
Saturday	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place your offering on the plate in the centre aisle. Other options can be found on our website: stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/

HOLIDAYS

Pastor Tuula will be away from **Feb. 6 - 17**. Rev. Susan Climo will assist Janelle Lightbourne, if needed.

50+ CHILI LUNCHEON

Please join us on **Thursday, February 9 @ 12:30 pm** for lunch followed by speaker: Dr. G. Morningstar answering your current health questions. Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: PANCAKE LUNCH AND LEARN

Please join us for a pancakes after church on **Sunday, February 19**. Janelle Lightbourne and Jerry Hogeveen will be speaking on Allyship. Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES



St. Philip's supports the use of these devices. Please enquire at the audiovisual table.



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MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, John Brownlie, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Mary Hanslep, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, John Lindman, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Ethan Suknundun, Debra, Helen, Lynette, and Marian.

OUR VISION

*Freed by the grace of Christ, we seek to connect with God,
neighbour and self.*

VISION STATEMENT:

We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise hospitality** of open hearts and open arms. We **unite with partners** to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** the community of Christ.

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