



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

*February 6, 2022*

**A Decade Of World Interfaith  
Harmony Week in Toronto**

**“Listen, Learn, Engage”**

**World Interfaith Harmony Week 2022  
Diversity in Harmony**

*“World Interfaith Harmony Week seeks to bring together all people of good will, regardless of faith, to learn about each other and find ways to work together on common agendas.”*

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### PRELUDE

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinaabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

### WELCOME

### SHARING OF PEACE

### SONG

"Christ our Peace"

ACS 1037

### PRAYER

### READINGS FROM SACRED TEXTS

Vivian Kwok - Christianity

Yasmin Ratansi - Islam

Bhante Saranapala - Buddhism

Michelle Singh - Interfaith

### CHILDREN'S SONG

"Everybody's Always Welcome Here"

### MESSAGE

Shaila Kibria Carter

### PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO MR. PAUL MCKENNA

Sid Ikeda, John Voorpostel

### SONG

"Children of the Light"

No Fixed Address

### CLOSING

### SONG

"Love Has Brought Us Here Together"

ACS 1040

### DISMISSAL

## PARTICIPANTS

**Ms. Vivian Kwok** has obtained the Honors Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Toronto, and the Masters of Divinity from the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology. She is experienced in Ecumenical and Interfaith work from her many years of networking with faith partners and organized Ecumenical and Interfaith events. She had worked in the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto for over 7 years. Vivian is a member of the National Muslim Christian Liaison Committee.

**Yasmin Ratansi, MP**, represents the riding of Don Valley East. She is an Ismaili Muslim, and was the first Muslim woman elected to the Canadian House of Commons.

**Rev. Dr. Bhante Saranapala**, Urban Buddhist Monk and World Civility Ambassador. He is a Global Public Speaker and Teacher of Mindfulness Meditation. He is the Founder of "Canada: A Mindful and Kind Nation" and Buddhist Chaplain of University of Toronto.

**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.

**Shaila Kibria Carter** is a mother, loving wife, and daughter to one of the first Bangladeshi Immigrants to Canada. A community activist at heart, Shaila started as the VP Equity at the University of Toronto Student Union fighting for social justice issues, and now is the Interfaith Specialist of the largest Muslim relief organization in the country, Islamic Relief Canada.

**Sid Ikeda** has devoted his life to fostering unity. He has served three times as president of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (JCCC) before being appointed its Special Ambassador in 1999. He has received countless awards and recognitions.

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



## WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

**Monday, February 7 @ 7:00 – 8:30 pm:** Toronto's Spiritual Dialogue Circle: "Listen, Learn, Engage" Join Rev. Michelle Singh once again in a Spiritual Dialogue Circle. This year, the focus is on Indigenous Canada. Join our Circle to listen to participants from diverse backgrounds, of faith, and none, as we continue to explore topics that expand our connection with each other and with our common home.

**Tuesday, February 15 @ 7:00 – 9:00 pm:** Durham Multi-faith Community Spiritual Dialogue Circle. You will have an opportunity to meet friends from different cultural and religious backgrounds and engage in a rich discussion. We start with a circle of prayers and then have a facilitated discussion where all can contribute.

**Wednesday, February 23 @ 7:00 – 8:30pm:** National Muslim Christian Liaison Committee "Bridging Our Divides, Fostering Inclusivity and Positive Engagements". Participate in an engaging discussion on developing inclusive communities while living out our faith in our multicultural society.

**Thursday, February 24 @ 8:50 - 10:30 am:** Archdiocese of Toronto, Toronto Catholic District School Board and Mary Ward Centre: "Justice & Reconciliation: Learn, Listen, Engage". *Restricted to high school and interfaith youth.*

Please check the website for full details and registration:  
[Interfaith Toronto Home Page.](#)



## SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Ms. Shaila Carter	Guest Speaker
Yasmin Ratansi, MP	Reader
Bhante Saranapala	Reader
Vivian Kwok	Reader
Michelle Singh	Reader
No Fixed Address House Band	Music
Lauren Voorpostel	Vocalists
Sarah McCutcheon	
John Voorpostel, Sid Ikeda	Presenters
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual

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## ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday

Tuesday Bible Study @ 7:00 pm on Zoom

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### 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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