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Building Community Relations April 29 2017 Fulford Hall

The Church is still coming to terms with learning how to live at the margins of society instead of at the centre. As individuals and families, we live every day in the "real world". This can be a great asset to the church as we build new bridges from our faith community to the community around us. Yet, somehow this potential remains largely untapped.

As Anglicans, we mostly live our faith and act out our church membership as a compartment of our life that is less visible to others with whom we interact (including even our own families). Consequently, in spite of our members living as part of the wider community, as an organization, the church can feel separate and apart.

While our buildings house self-help groups, homeless shelters, day cares, and food banks, at the end of the day, these often exist apart from our mission and ministry of making disciples.

The focus of this training event is to learn to bridge this gap. Along with a variety of community leaders, we will examine those points where the church and community intersect and explore both realized and missed opportunities.

There is a new climate of openness to the mission of the church that requires faith communities to develop new skills and training in community relations and understanding. It begins with the realization and acceptance that those who live outside our faith community are not hostile or our enemies. We are part of one another.

This event counts for 5 hours toward your CCEP!





The Standing Committee on Human Resources

SCHEDULE

WORKSHOP LEADERS

9:30AM - WELCOME

Registration & Morning Coffee

Overview of day and introduction of speakers

10:45AM - MORNING WORKSHOPS

Faiths without Borders:

Musabbir Alam & Steven Mackison

On Line Communication for Dummies:

Angelina Leggo

Communication en Ligne pour les Nuls:

Victor David Mbuyi Bipungu

Connecting with Community: Liz Falco

11:45AM - LUNCH

12:30PM AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

Faiths without Borders:

Musabbir Alam & Steven Mackison

OnLine Communication for Dummies:

Angelina Leggo

Connecting with the Community:

Liz Falco

1:30 - 2PM -THANKS/FINAL COMMENTS

ATTENDANCE/REGISTRATION: All clergy are expected to attend. Two representatives of each parish are invited as well. Send the completed form to dhaddad@montreal.anglican.ca by March 29th. If you can't attend, please send your regrets with reasons to the Bishop's Office bishopsoffice@montreal.anglican.ca.



Musabbir Alam, Founder-PEACE Initiatives Canada, Co-Founder- Canadian Muslim Alliance, Co-Founder/Director/Imam- Imani Community Centre, Little Burgundy. Born in Bangladesh, raised in Montreal with background in both Academic & Islamic Studies, cosmopolitan, multilingual, teacher, Peace activist & community organizer.



Victor David MBUYI Bipungu est prêtre en charge de deux paroisses: St Simon & St. Bartholomew et Eglise de la Nativité. Après son doctorat à l'Université de Montréal, il rejoint la Communion anglicane en 2014 avant d'être reçu au Diocèse anglican de Montréal.



Liz Falco joined Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre as Executive Director in January 2016. Ms. Falco's career spans over 25 years during which she has held posts from teacher to head of school in a full range of K -12 settings. With her passion for fostering human potential through education, Liz is an advocate for continuous improvement.



Angelina Leggo is a member of Christ Church Beaurepaire, where she runs a youth group. She has been working as a communications consultant for four years and is currently a communications coordinator. A vested interest in the development of the Anglican Church has led Angelina to actively encourage proper communication skills online.



Steven Mackison is the incumbent of St. George, Place du Canada, the Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and the Liturgical Officer of the Diocese of Montreal. For the past 20 years, a significant focus of his ministry has been on Social Justice and Advocacy, particularly working with the poor and homeless.