

# Multi-Faith Saskatchewan News

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## **Rev. Canon Colin Clay celebrates 60 years of ordained ministry**

One of the key leaders in the multi-faith movement in Saskatchewan, Rev. Colin Clay celebrated 60 years of ordained ministry on June 1.

To mark the historic milestone, Colin was honored at a special service in St. John's Anglican Church, Saskatoon, on June 3.

Also celebrating 60 years of ordination to the priesthood was Colin's colleague and friend Rev. Fr. Bernard de Margerie, who was ordained on June 1, 1958.

Colin devoted much of his career to pastoral, ecumenical and multi-faith ministry in Saskatchewan.

He served in parish ministry in his native United Kingdom and Canada, and in university chaplaincy in Thorneloe College of Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ont. and University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

He served as President of Multi-Faith Saskatchewan in 2015.

Colin is the author of numerous books, his most recent being his two-volume autobiography, *From School Boy to Soldier and Fifty-Nine Dinner and Other Stories*.

Colin was ordained in Southwark Cathedral, London, England, and Fr. Bernard in Vonda, SK.

Fr. Bernard was founder of the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism in 1984 and served as its Executive Director until 1994.

In retirement, he continues to work in the areas of Christian reconciliation and unity and with the Islamic and multi-faith communities of Saskatoon.



**Fr. Bernard de Margerie and Rev. Canon Colin Clay at Service of Solemn Evensong to celebrate ordination to priesthood.**

## **AGM planned for July 7 in Saskatoon**

Multi-Faith Saskatchewan will hold its annual general meeting on Saturday July 7 in the Ahmadiyya Mosque in Saskatoon from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Although we are required to meet within 90 days of our fiscal year-end, we could not find a date in June that was convenient for the Board. July 7 was found to work best without going into the summer period.

In addition to the usual agenda items of election of officers, reports, decision making and constitutional amendments, the hosts at the mosque will offer us a tour of the facility. In addition, we will have the privilege of hearing a presentation by our own Rev. Colin Clay about his multi-faith journey.

We invite nominations for President, Vice-President and Communications Director. Please consider these opportunities or nominate someone from your network.

All members and friends of Multi-Faith Saskatchewan are encouraged to attend. This invitation particularly includes members of Multi-Faith Saskatoon, Regina Multi-Faith Forum and Calling Lakes Interfaith Fellowship.

Membership dues for 2018 – 2019 may be paid at the meeting.

A light lunch will be provided.

Because travel is a reality for any face-to-face provincial meeting, we hope car pools can be arranged to facilitate attendance. The mosque is located five minutes east of Highway 11 on Highway 16.

## **Islamic Observances**

The four weeks from May 16 to June 14, Muslims in Saskatchewan and around the world have been observing Ramadan.

Ramadan is regarded as the holiest month of the year for Muslims as it was the month in which the Quran was revealed to Prophet Mohammad.

Adult Muslims fast from dawn to dusk every day throughout Ramadan. Those who are ill, elderly, diabetic, pregnant, menstruating, or breast-feeding are not required to fast.

Children are not required to fast unless they have reached puberty, although many still do out of choice. In addition to abstaining from eating, drinking, and smoking, Muslims also refrain from sexual relations as well as sinful speech and behavior.

Ramadan is also a time for Muslims to practice self-discipline, sacrifice, and empathy for those less fortunate. It encourages generosity and charity. Fast may be broken at sunset. Dates are traditionally the first food to be eaten each evening. The fast-breaking meal is called Iftar.

Ramadan ends with the festival of Eid al-Fitr, the "Festival of Breaking the Fast," one of the two most important Islamic celebrations. At Eid al-Fitr, a sense of generosity and gratitude prevails.

Although charity and good deeds are always important in Islam, they have special significance at the end of Ramadan. As the month draws to a close, Muslims are obligated to share their blessings by feeding the poor and making contributions to mosques.

Ramada Kareem and Eid Mubarak to the Muslim community!

## News Briefs

### Walk of Values

Sai Baba of Saskatoon will be holding their annual Walk of Values (starting at the downtown Civic Square at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 24th). This usually brings together quite a few from various faith groups in Saskatoon.

### Art Display at Central Library

Selected art of Saskatchewan Youth Visual Art project has been on display at Regina Central Library since the last week of April. It will be open for viewing for two more weeks. This cooperative event is at the courtesy of Dunlop Art Gallery.

### Art Display at Rotary Club Meeting

Next display will be at a Regina Eastview Rotary Club meeting in coming months. Eastview Rotary is an important sponsor of this Art Awards - Earth Day Project.

### Art Display at Fort Qu'Appelle in Fall-2018

Selected art shall be at display in Fort Qu'Appelle Valley Centre for the Arts for couple of days. Calling Lakes Interfaith Friendship Centre will also arrange showcasing the art in local high school.

More details to come.

### CLIFF

Calling Lake Interfaith Fellowship has concluded another active year with screening and discussion on "National Highway" enhanced by presence of several young people who even danced along with youth on the screen.

About the same time, several from CLIFF participated in an afternoon of song supporting the Canadian Food Grains Bank helping raise

more funds for overseas food needs. Three evenings are now planned for resumption of monthly gatherings this fall including hosting the 2018 Visual Art Project.

### RMFF

June 25 is the tentative date for a meeting of Regina Multi-Faith Forum.

Details will be confirmed in the coming days.

### NAIN

"Pilgrimage – Journeys of Discovery" is the theme for the annual conference of the North American Interfaith Network in Edmonton July 31 to August 3.

Delegates from the United States, Canada and Mexico will gather in Grant MacEwan University to celebrate 30 years of North American Interfaith Network harmony.

NAIN is the oldest volunteer-based interfaith network on the continent.

*Host for the event is the Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Action.*

Speakers at NAIN Connect will include Lieutenant-General, the Hon. Roméo Dallaire (Ret'd); Dr. Marie Wilson; Stephen Kakfwi; Nakita Valerio; Shachi Kurl; and Rev. Dr. Robert Sellers.

Among the workshops will be a presentation by Multi-Faith Saskatchewan on The Making of the Canada 150 Video. Presenters are Moses Kanhai and Krishan Kapila.

Other workshop presenters from Saskatchewan are Maysa Haque and Dr. Brenda Anderson.