

## WHO WE ARE

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The Canadian Churches Forum is an ecumenical Christian partnership through which Canadian churches work toward intercultural leadership development and ministry learning in Canada and globally.

A program agency of the Canadian Council of Churches, the Canadian Churches Forum weaves together a history of almost 100 years of ecumenical intercultural ministry and global engagement.

The Canadian Churches Forum provides spaces for program alumni and others to gather for resource development and support for intercultural ministry.

*"I don't impress easily... but I am always impressed by the Forum. Every time I participate in one of their events or programs I know it will be well done."*

*"It was one of the best learning events I have attended, in that it allowed me enough time to consider how I might apply learnings to my context."*

*"Thanks for a transformative week, and for your gentleness and wisdom as facilitators."*

## GET IN TOUCH

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# ENGAGE DIFFERENCE!

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**DEEPENING  
UNDERSTANDING FOR  
INTERCULTURAL  
MINISTRY**

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## 5 DAYS FOCUSED ON FAITH, HEART, MIND, AND SKILLS FOR THE ART OF INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY

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*The program moves through several phases through conversational learning:*

- Theories and models of culture, definitions, and descriptions of how culture operates.
- Historical shaping of cultures, power, social locations. Applying models of culture to our cultures, communities, church denominations, and selves.
- Practical reflections on how culture shapes specific areas of ministry and faith. Tools for encouraging deeper intercultural ministry in distinct contexts.
- Practice with course content through group projects and presentations that use areas of ministry as case studies.
- Take away resources for self-care and support; next steps, commitments.
- Connecting with program alumni for ongoing support and development.



*The program uses a variety of approaches to help participants practice facilitating the content in their own ministry setting:*

- Worship shaped by different cultures and traditions.
- An "intercultural mentor" provides daily observations and reflections.
- Resource guests offer examples of practical engagement.
- Several content facilitators who have different cultural identities and styles.
- Hands-on approaches that allow active learning cooperation.
- Practice, models, tools, and resources as "take away" content.
- Reflection as individuals, and in small and large groups.

## THE PARTICIPANTS:

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Ministry leaders and community members working in diverse settings where cultural identity, power, and difference impact relationships.

Individuals and congregations with theologically-grounded appreciation for diversity and justice orientation for mutual, respectful, faithful relationships across cultural and other difference.

## THE FACILITATION TEAM:

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Facilitators and designers are a diverse group of program alumni with experience in intercultural ministry who have been mentored and received training in Adult Education.

A local host group shapes the program for their context.

Other resource persons from the local community with specific expertise to share.