Sacred Pathways 2027

Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care Conference

May 14-15, 2027 | Booth University College | Winnipeg, Manitoba

Friday | May 14, 2027

8:30–9:20 | Worship Everyone attends

Morning Worship, Welcome & Opening

Welcome, worship, announcements and introduction of the opening plenary speaker.

9:30–10:15 | Plenary Everyone attends

The Heart of Spiritual Care

Major Brenda Coles · Plenary Session

Spiritual care begins with presence—being fully attentive to God and to those entrusted to our care. This plenary explores the foundational values and practices that shape compassionate spiritual care, inviting participants to reflect on presence, deep listening and faithful accompaniment.

10:30–10:45 | Break Everyone attends

Coffee Break

10:50–12:15 | Concurrent Workshops & Master Class Concurrent choice

Practicing Presence: Rediscovering Sacred Listening in a Noisy World

Major Sandra Hong

In a world marked by distraction, urgency and constant noise, attentive presence remains at the heart of spiritual care. This workshop explores deep listening as a pathway to compassion, connection and healing.

10:50–12:15 | Concurrent Workshops & Master Class Concurrent choice

Sacred Presence in a Digital Age: Opportunities and Challenges for Spiritual Care

Dr. Tracy Trothen

Explore the opportunities, challenges and ethical considerations that technology and artificial intelligence present for spiritual care, while preserving compassionate presence, meaningful relationships and faithful spiritual care.

10:50–12:15 | Concurrent Workshops & Master Class Concurrent choice

Sacred Spaces for All: Building Inclusive Multifaith Environments

Jonathan Jandavs-Hedlin

Explore practical approaches to creating welcoming, respectful and inclusive multifaith environments that honour diverse beliefs and support compassionate care.

10:50–12:15 | Concurrent Workshops & Master Class Concurrent choice

Deepening Sacred Care: Integrating Compassion, Trauma Awareness, and Spiritual Presence — Part 1

Dr. Gloria Woodland

The first part of a two-part formation experience in trauma-informed spiritual care, combining compassionate presence, trauma awareness, guided reflection, practical application, case studies and collaborative discussion. Selecting the Master Class registers participants for both Part 1 and Part 2.

12:15–2:00 | Networking Everyone attends

Lunch & Networking

2:00–3:30 | Special Conference Session Everyone attends

Walking Together: Indigenous Wisdom, Spiritual Care, and the Path of Reconciliation

Knowledge Keeper Allen Sutherland

Through teaching, storytelling and reflection, participants are invited to deepen their understanding of Indigenous wisdom and its relationship to spiritual care, reconciliation, respectful relationships and walking together with humility and hope.

3:30–3:50 | Networking Everyone attends

Break & Networking

5:00–7:30 | Feature Session Everyone attends

Gathering Around the Table; Sacred Pathways Forward: Reimagining Spiritual Care in a Changing World

Christine Baronins · President, Manitoba Multifaith Council

Drawing on the experience of multifaith collaboration, this address considers how spiritual care can build understanding, respect, belonging and compassionate presence across diverse faith traditions and cultures.

7:30 | Worship Everyone attends

Evening Reflection & Prayer

Saturday | May 15, 2027

8:30–9:20 | Worship Everyone attends

Morning Worship, Welcome & Opening

Welcome, worship, announcements and introduction of the plenary speaker.

| Plenary Everyone attends

Second plenary speaker to be announced.

10:30–10:45 | Break Everyone attends

Coffee Break

10:45–12:15 | Concurrent Workshops & Master Class Concurrent choice

Spiritual Care Behind the Walls: Compassion, Hope, and Human Dignity

Bernie Mullins

Explore the realities, opportunities and challenges of correctional chaplaincy, with particular attention to compassionate presence, human dignity, restorative relationships and hope.

10:45–12:15 | Concurrent Workshops & Master Class Concurrent choice

Self-Care for the Soul: Avoiding Burnout in Compassion-Focused Work

Major Barb Stanley

Explore spiritually grounded practices that support resilience, renewal and sustainable caregiving while addressing compassion fatigue and burnout.

10:45–12:15 | Concurrent Workshops & Master Class Concurrent choice

Make Mentorship Matter: Practical Wisdom for Lifelong Learning (and Leading)

Mr. Doug Koop

Explore mentoring as a practice that can strengthen personal and professional growth, spiritual companionship and effective spiritual care among emerging generations.

10:45–12:15 | Concurrent Workshops & Master Class Concurrent choice

Deepening Sacred Care: Integrating Compassion, Trauma Awareness, and Spiritual Presence — Part 2

Dr. Gloria Woodland

The second part of the two-part Master Class builds on Friday's session through practical application, reflection, case studies and integration into ministry contexts.

| Networking Everyone attends

Lunch & Networking

2:00–3:30 | Panel Conversation Everyone attends

The Future of Spiritual Care: Integrating Voice, Vocation, and Vision

Moderator: Major Barb Stanley

This session is designed as a sacred conversation rather than a debate. Through guided discussion, large-group engagement, small-group reflection and closing reflection, participants will consider: • the evolution of spiritual care • multifaith inclusion • sustaining compassion • emerging hope and the future of spiritual care

3:30–3:50 | Break Everyone attends

Break

4:00–5:00 | Commissioning & Sending Forth Everyone attends

Walking Forward on Sacred Pathways

Closing, Commissioning & Sending Forth

A closing time of reflection and commissioning as participants prepare to return to their ministries, workplaces and communities.