

Board Members

VMS Board members do not represent their respective faiths, but rather come together as practicing members of their faiths who can thereby bring to the table a multifaith perspective. VMS presently includes the following board members, and an Executive Director, Sheila Flood.

Ashok Agarwal

Hindu community

Seishin Ledingham

Buddhist community

Fran Pardee

Unitarian community

Rev. Dale Perkins

Christian community

Jennie Preuss

Jewish community

Bashir Qureshi

Muslim community

Jagir Singh Virk

Sikh community

Sharon Welsh

Bahá'í community

One of the first VMS meetings, 2006



Announcing

Multifaith Resources

Would you or your community like to contact one of our faith communities?

Whether it's for:

general information;

educational resources;

speakers;

contact information

or other,

please email

multifaithsecretary@gmail.com

The message will be forwarded to the appropriate board member.

For further information:

www.victoriamultifaith.com

The Victoria Multifaith Society



Formed in April 2006, the Victoria Multifaith Society invites people of all backgrounds to join in its mission:

To learn from one another

*To celebrate our
unity and diversity*

*To work respectfully
for the well-being of the
community and the world*

Mandate & Goals

Our Vision:

- To learn from one another, to celebrate our unity in diversity, and to work respectfully together for the well-being of the community and the world
- To foster an environment of trust between people of different faith traditions, where open and respectful dialogue can take place
- To promote collective and co-operative action that fosters intellectual understanding and social interaction, facilitating practical application of wisdom arising from each faith group

Our Goals:

- To demonstrate that people of faith can work respectfully together
- To be a resource for the community:
 - ◇ Responding to emergent humanitarian issues which impact on relationships between communities of Faith
 - ◇ Liaising with and providing resources to communities wanting information and educational material on multi-faith perspectives and social issues
- To increase engaged and committed membership
- To develop a Multifaith Centre in the area (long term goal)

Services Offered



*As the Multifaith Society develops,
programs and services may change.
Suggestions are welcome.
Currently offered are:*

General Meetings

Held roughly 4 times per year, these meetings are open to the general public and are dedicated to specific themes.

Upcoming:

Multifaith Meals

open to those of all faiths, who wish to come together in fellowship.

Events in the Region

Sponsored by member faiths and like-minded organizations, various events of interest to VMS members are regularly featured on our website,
www.victoriamultifaith.com



*To learn about the world's spiritual
heritage and one another's
faith traditions:*

The Golden Rule

Hinduism

This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you.



Judaism

What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbour. This is the whole Torah; all the rest is commentary.



Buddhism

Treat not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.



Zoroastrianism

Do not do unto others whatever is injurious to yourself.



Christianity

In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.



Islam

Not one of you truly believes until you wish for others what you wish for yourself.



Sikhism

I am a stranger to no one; and no one is a stranger to me. Indeed, I am a friend to all.



Unitarianism

We affirm and promote: the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity and compassion in human relations.



Bahá'í Faith

Lay not on any soul a load that you would not wish to be laid upon you, and desire not for anyone the things you would not desire for yourself.