

**On December 10, 1948** the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**.

Preamble

- Whereas recognition of the **inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights** of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,
- Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy **freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want** has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,
- Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that **human rights should be protected by the rule of law**,
- Whereas it is essential to promote the development of **friendly relations between nations**,
- Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the **equal rights of men and women** and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,
- Whereas Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in co-operation with the United Nations, the promotion of **universal respect** for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,
- Whereas a common understanding of these rights and freedoms is of the greatest importance for the full realization of this pledge,

Now, Therefore THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY proclaims THIS UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS as a **common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations...**

# Human Rights Global Dignity



*The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the UN Declaration on Human Rights  
1:00 - 4:30 p.m., December 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Free registration at [www.VictoriaMultifaith.com](http://www.VictoriaMultifaith.com)*

## Conference Programme



Organised and sponsored by the  
**Victoria Multifaith Society**  
Venue: *Cadboro Bay United Church,  
[2625 Arbutus Rd.](http://www.VictoriaMultifaith.com), Victoria B.C.*

*\* Showcase of Exhibits, Keynote Speakers*

*\* Artistic Presentations*

*\* Human Rights Workshop for Children 5 - 13 years*

*\* Workshops on Homelessness, Mental Health & Addictions,  
First Nations Rights, Nurturing Children's Virtues*

## Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00 p.m. Showcase of exhibits & Registration  
1:30 p.m. Welcome & Artistic presentation  
2:00 p.m. (C) Children's Workshop "*Becoming Your Best Self*"  
2:00 p.m. (A) Keynote speaker Dr. Mary-Wynne Ashford  
2:30 p.m. Break, Refreshments, Exhibits  
3:00 p.m. Keynote speaker Dr. Gerald Filson  
3:30 p.m. Q&A with keynote speakers  
4:00 p.m. Children's presentation  
4:30 p.m. Close

### Keynote Speakers

**Mary-Wynne Ashford, M.D.**, past President of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and author of *Enough Blood Shed*, will present some of the powerful examples of civil society, especially faith communities, taking action for human rights around the world.

**Gerald Filson, Ph.D.**, is Director of External Affairs for the Bahá'í Community of Canada and past chair of the national executive of the Canadian International Human Rights Network. Dr. Filson travels frequently to India where he is involved in community development. He will speak on the progress in human rights from the dual perspectives of international law and moral responsibility, and how the two are linked.

### Children's Workshop Leader

*"Becoming Your Best Self"* (ages 5 to 13) 2pm—4pm Saturday

**Linda Kavelin Popov**, co-founder of the Virtues Project, is an international speaker, psychotherapist and bestselling author of several books including *The Family Virtues Guide*, and *The Virtues Project Educator's Guide*.



## Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00 p.m. Showcase of exhibits & Registration  
1:30 p.m. Welcome & Workshop Introductions  
2:00 p.m. Workshops  
3:30 p.m. Break, Refreshments, Exhibits  
4:00 p.m. Closing devotional— Gettin' Higher Choir  
Anthem for the World AV Presentation  
4:30 p.m. Close

### Sunday Workshops

Please choose one—Rooms will be posted  
See Workshops flyer for details

#### 1. The Rights of the Child

**Linda Kavelin Popov**

Five strategies for nurturing the virtues and potential of every child.

#### 2. Homelessness and the Declaration of Human Rights

**Peggy Wilmot, Susan Draper, Patricia Roche**

Fulfilling our obligations to society's most vulnerable.

#### 3. Human Rights, Mental Health and Addictions

**Margaret O'Donnell**

The universal right to the enjoyment of mental health.

#### 4. Human Rights & First Nations Peoples

**Debra Bell Seysener**

Education, spirituality, integrity and family