



# The Canadian Multifaith Federation (CMF)

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## Canadian Multifaith Federation Names Inaugural Ambassador-at-Large

The Canadian Multifaith Federation is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Prof. Dr. James Taylor Christie, late of the University of Winnipeg, to the newly established post of Ambassador-at-Large.

Dr. Christie brings a wealth of experience and formation to the CMF. He holds degrees from McGill University in Theology and Social Ethics, and a doctorate from The University of Toronto focusing on Interfaith Dialogue.

During fifteen years at The University of Winnipeg, Dr. Christie served as Dean of Theology; inaugural Dean of The Global College; and Director of The Ridd Institute for Religion and Global Policy. His academic speciality was as professor of Whole World Ecumenism and Dialogue Theology.

An ordained minister of The United Church of Canada, Dr. Christie served in a range of churches during his twenty-five years of congregational ministry. Concurrently, he held a number of denominational posts, including President of Toronto Conference and Interim General Secretary responsible for ecumenical and interfaith relations.

In the world of Christian Ecumenism, Dr. Christie has served over 25 years with The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), including as President. He currently Chairs Project Ploughshares, The Peace Research Institute of the CCC, among the world's preeminent peace and disarmament organizations.

He is a founding member of the Canadian Interfaith Conversation; was Secretary-General of the 2010 World Religious Leaders Summit; is a member of the Executive Committee of the G20 Interfaith Association Advisory Board (IF20); and is a member of the Board of Experts of the International Religious Liberties Association.

Dr. Christie has twice been appointed a Visiting Fellow at The International Islamic University in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and was the inaugural Commonwealth Community Visiting Scholar to Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia.

He is the author of dozens of articles in the disciplines of Theology, ecumenism, interfaith dialogue and global governance. In 2018 Dr. Christie was a contributor and Canadian editor for Dr. Paul Mojzes' *The North American Churches in The Cold War*. He is currently working with Dr. Sherrie Steiner, of Purdue University, co-editing *Religious Engagement as Loyal Opposition: Religious Soft Diplomacy and The United Nations*.

Dr. Christie looks forward to interpreting and promoting the Mission and Mandate of CMF, dedicated to the advancement of the many and varied positive contributions to Canada and the world of our religious and spiritual communities.

Sincerely

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