



Canadian Multifaith Federation

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Hello Sir/Madam,



Canadian Multifaith Federation (CMF) has organized a forum on “Protest, Freedom of Speech and Intimidation - What is the Thin line?” This Zoom-based free event is to attract faith leaders from various religions, service providers, and interested community people. It is no coincidence that this event coincides with the Annual United Nations’ World Interfaith Harmony Week, February 1-7, 2024.



CMF invites you to join this discussion to be held virtually on Feb 7th at 7 p.m. (EST).



In light of world conflicts taking place in Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, and other places throughout the world, it is urgent for faith leaders in Canada to show its leadership by gathering peoples of faith for a joint dialog for peace.



The aim of our Forum meeting is to open a space to discuss and mitigate the tensions (such as, violence, abuse, hate and harassment in the world of work) so as to bridge workplace accommodations and public policy. It is also a space for a conceptual clarity about a 'Thin line' between freedom of expression and freedom of hate. In this regard CMF plans to bring together faith group leaders, government officials and politicians, to explore the role that faith groups can play along with service providers in addressing the 'Thin line' and moving towards harmony and tolerance in public spaces.



Panelists include:

- Pastor Peter Noteboom, Canadian Council of Churches
- Imam Hassan Guillet, CMF Ambassador, Québec
- Pandit Roopnauth Sharma, Hindu Federation, and CMF’s CEO
- Rabbi Ronald Weiss, Jewish Family & Child Service, and CMF’s Board member
- Dr. Imam Abdul Hai Patel, Canadian Council of Imams, and CMF’s President
- **Richard Marceau, Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs.**



RSVP (through [link](#)), by February 5th. On hearing from you a zoom link will be forthcoming.



About us: Canadian Multifaith Federation (CMF), is a not-for-profit organization providing research, education & advocacy on spiritual and religious diversity. CMF has been on this platform for 50 years as a voice and single point of contact on matters relating to the Multifaith communities. We have worked extensively over the past years to ensure the provision of spiritual and religious care in various institutions that provide services to the general public. More details of our services are on our website: www.cmfsrc.ca



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