



The Canadian Multifaith Federation (CMF)

Spiritual & Religious Care Awareness Week (SRCAW)

Date: October 18 - 24, 2020

Theme: Healing The Wounds Within

CANADIAN MULTIFAITH FEDERATION

HEALING THE WOUNDS WITHIN

Spiritual & Religious Care Awareness Week
October 18 - 24, 2020

Join hands in our essential work of chaplaincy

To organize events in your community/institution please contact us:

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The Canadian Multifaith Federation (CMF)

July 6, 2020



Dear Community Partner

Re: Proclamation.

Spiritual & Religious Care Awareness Week (SRCAW) Oct 18 - 24, 2020



The Canadian Multifaith Federation (CMF) is dedicated to advocate on behalf of faith, spiritual beliefs and religious communities on matters of mutual interest and consensus.



CMF initiates an annual event of Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week (SRCAW) which provides an opportunity to recognize the value and dedication of spiritual and religious service providers of all faiths who work in specialized settings such as, hospitals, long-term care facilities, mental health centres and correctional facilities.



While the world grapples with the unfolding Covid-19 crisis, we as faith communities need to begin by acknowledging the tremendous work of frontline workers, by having compassionate empathy for the hardship that our communities are facing, and by looking forward to advice and wisdom of leaders and planners thinking of post Covid-19.



Moving forward we are asking that consideration be given for SRCAW to be proclaimed throughout Canada during the week of **October, 18 - 24, 2020**. Our theme for this year is **Healing the Wounds Within**.



CMF was founded in 1972 by the leadership of 27 faith communities to serve the diverse needs of the society. Today we have 32 faith leaders on the CMF Board. CMF has continued collaborating with the support of faith leadership in providing spiritual and religious care in institutions. This support is directly with the help of spiritual and religious service providers, who aim at building bridges by way of visiting, listening, assessing, caring nurturing, healing, sustaining, guiding and reconciling. In short, CMF has opportunities at the edge and keeps moving ahead with every change, challenge, and transformation. Our faith leadership has had tremendous appreciation from the government and communities.



It is our hope that your response to our request will be positive. We would be most pleased to provide any additional information that is required to enable you to process our request.,



Sincerely,



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Attached: Proclamation & Press Release Sample



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Proclamation - Sample

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS across the nation thousands of dedicated, well-trained, highly qualified and gifted spiritual and religious caregivers of all faiths labour to serve faith communities and in highly specialized settings including hospitals, correctional facilities, mental institutions, the military, spiritual and religious care counseling centres and facilities for people with developmental disabilities where they bring spiritual healing resources to bear in the care of hundreds of thousands of people; AND

WHEREAS the need for and work of dedicated, qualified and competent spiritual and religious caregivers in society and particularly in institutions of care needs to be officially recognized and applauded, AND

WHEREAS the multicultural mosaic of Canada demands diversity in the provision of spiritual and religious care and the protection of religious rights, this unique phenomenon, having been recognized and provided for by the Canadian Multifaith Federation, AND

WHEREAS throughout Canada there will be a SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS CARE AWARENESS WEEK during **October 18-24, 2020**, under the theme “**Healing the Wounds Within.**”

THEREFORE be it resolved that the (name of province, municipality, e.g. City of Cornwall) join with other like-minded political jurisdictions in Canada (or the name of the province/region) and declare the week of October 18-24, 2020 as Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week and to support all local observances pertaining thereto.



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Sample Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (October 1, 2020)

Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week

<Community name> – October 1, 2020

<Name of facility or community> has designated **October 18 -24, 2020** as Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week. The theme for 2020, “**Healing the Wounds Within,**” is to re-enforce our commitment to support and value the services offered by spiritual and religious providers.

Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week offers an opportunity to recognize the value of spiritual and religious care and to honour those who provide the care. Spiritual and religious care is about listening, clarifying and offering spiritual direction to those in need. When one is scared, lonely, confused, angry or disillusioned, spiritual and religious care providers offer counsel and support.

Across Canada thousands of dedicated spiritual and religious care providers of all faiths work in specialized settings such as hospitals, long term care facilities, correctional facilities, mental health centres, and facilities for people with developmental disabilities.

During Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week facilities recognize the contributions of staff, families and faith community volunteers in providing the best care possible for clients, inmates, residents, patients, etc. in private, public and government organizations..

Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week is sponsored by the Canadian Multifaith Federation. Canadian Multifaith Federation is one of North America’s largest organizations dedicated to advocacy of spiritual care and the protection of religious rights. The activities of the Canadian Multifaith Federation promote an environment of acceptance and respect amongst the diverse communities of Canada. Each year the Canadian Multifaith Federation provides Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week packages to facilities to help promote this very special work.

For more information please contact:

<Press contact for your facility>, <Your facility name><Phone number and email>

Note: For additional information on Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week please visit www.cmfsrc.ca