



COMMONWEALTH DAY 2018

39th COMMONWEALTH INTERFAITH SERVICE

Promoting a Diverse and Inclusive Commonwealth

When: MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Where: PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH (429 Parkdale Ave, Ottawa)
Who: EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
Cost: Free (Donations are welcome and tax receipts will be issued for \$20+)

The Commonwealth Interfaith Service celebrates – with prayer, music, song and readings – the values and ideals that Canada shares with the 52 member countries of the Commonwealth, and the diversity of the 2.6 billion people in the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth Interfaith Service has been held for 39 years in Ottawa for Commonwealth Day. The Interfaith Service brings the major faiths together for a joint service and we will have seven faiths represented, in addition to the participation of High Commissioners, Members of Parliament and Senators.

At a time of increasing instability and uncertainty in the world, the Commonwealth family of nations, in its rich diversity becomes an ever more-needed source of strength and hope for all our members. “An Inclusive Commonwealth” is our theme for 2018.

Commonwealth Interfaith Service represents the best of Canada and the Commonwealth. We are proud to once again host a celebration of faith that reflects the spirit of the Commonwealth Charter, which asserts that everyone is equal and deserves to be treated fairly, whether they are rich or poor, without regard to their race, age, gender.

All Are Welcome!

While last minute attendees are fully welcome, early registration is always appreciated. We've made it easy to register:

Online: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/commonwealth-day-2018-39th-commonwealth-interfaith-service-tickets-42849354573>

Email or Phone:

- Gregory Evanik, President, (613) 600-0190, president@rcs-ottawa.ca
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A reception in the Parkdale Church's Hall will follow the service with light food and refreshments. Free parking is available in the rear of the Parkdale Church!

The Interfaith Service is organized by the
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2018 Theme: A Diverse and Inclusive Commonwealth

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The Royal Commonwealth Society Ottawa (RCS Ottawa) is dedicated to supporting the values contained in the Charter of The Commonwealth of Nations, which emphasizes the inter-dependent, cross-cultural, and interfaith nature of member countries. RCS Ottawa is dedicated to promoting The Commonwealth, its values and its diversity. RCS Ottawa believes that the Commonwealth of Nations is an important influence for good in the world. The 52 member countries are representative of all geographic regions of the world. Within, there is a great diversity of races, cultures, creeds, and political beliefs. These are enhanced by our ability to communicate and act constructively for peaceful ends.

The member countries form a network of mutual assistance in many areas, including economic affairs, development, research, law, education, health, and communication. All member countries are equal and free to follow their own policies and all subscribe to a set of common ideals including: democracy, equal rights for all citizens and the liberty of the individuals, opposition to colonial domination, opposition to racial domination and oppression, and the realization of a fairer society.

The Commonwealth in Ottawa finds Strength in Diversity. Diversity will only positively contribute to our Country -- diversity of faiths, culture, and language. We believe that it is critically important to offer opportunities where the sharing of faiths and culture can be done in a supportive and respectful manner.

Canada is an open, inclusive and respectful country. The Commonwealth Interfaith Service represents the best of Canada and the Commonwealth. The Interfaith Service strengthens sharing and mutual respect based on the Commonwealth Heritage of Canada... please join us for prayer and celebration on Commonwealth Day, Monday, March 12, 2018!