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Interfaith Dialogue and Our McGill Community

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Format of today's session

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Brief remarks from McGill and Concordia multifaith offices

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Discussion on interfaith motivations and obstacles

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Sharing principles and approaches to interfaith

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Next steps for us at McGill





McGill University is on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabeg nations. We acknowledge and thank the diverse Indigenous peoples whose presence marks this territory on which peoples of the world now gather.

Brief remarks on the value of interfaith

- Carlene Gardner, Director, McGill Office of Religious and Spiritual Life (MORSL)
- Mathew Birgen, MORSL programming associate and PhD candidate at McGill
- Rev. Ellie Hummel, Chaplain and Coordinator of Concordia Multi-faith and Spirituality Centre (MfSC)
- Sonia Masand, MfSC Interfaith Facilitator

Guiding Questions for Discussion (*breakouts*)

- What do you value about interfaith/interfaith dialogue?
- What has your experience with interfaith been like? Any tips to share?
- If you have not had much interfaith experience, what are some things that have been holding you back?

Sharing Tips and Approaches to Interfaith

- “I” statements
- Break down monoliths – all labels are umbrella terms for incredible diversity
- Build relationships
- Beyond “tolerance” and “coexistence”, towards supporting, respecting, celebrating each other
- More?
- *See starter resource (shared in chat)*

Next Steps Discussion

To our students and leaders: where/how can we take this further?

Examples:

- Discover Spiritual McGill fair next term
- A big service project
- Other ideas?

Thank you!

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