



Learn. Lunch. Second Fridays.



Explore theology, diversity, and social justice topics.

Centre for Christian Studies

The second Friday of the month, January to March 2013.

Noon-hour learnings—come to one or come to them all!

January 11

**Theology of Diversity:
Ecumenical Connections**

Michele Barr and Virginia Platt

Michèle Barr, a diaconal minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, has lived out her ministry through leadership music and worship in Winnipeg. As well, she has worked with pre-school children in the inner city. For almost a decade, she has been actively involved in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Virginia Platt's first active involvement

with ecumenical social justice work began in 1978, when Canadian Churches, through Ten Days for World Development, endorsed the boycott of Nestle products because of the corporation's aggressive promotion of infant formula in developing countries. She has served as staff person for the regional Ten Days group and a volunteer with KAIROS, the successor to Ten Days and other Canadian church-based social justice coalitions. Ecumenism came naturally to her as she grew up with a Methodist mother, Presbyterian father, Episcopalian cousins, and Evangelical United Brethren grandparents. Presently she is a member of an Anglican church in Winnipeg..

*All Second Friday events
are scheduled to take place
at Woodsworth House, 60
Maryland St.*

*Please bring your own
lunch. Beverages will be
provided.*

*Let us know you are
coming by email tdodd@ccsonline.ca or call Ted
Dodd at 1-866-780-8887.*

February 8

**Theology of Diversity:
Interfaith Dialogue**

Ray Dirks and Manju Lodha

Ray Dirks, has been curator at the Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery since 1998. He believes artists need a place of relevance in the church and believes the gallery, as an institution of the church, can have an important role in an increasingly multicultural society. Having worked in 30 countries, he is passionate about telling the stories of our global family.

Manju Lodha was raised in the culturally rich area of Rajasthan in India, and has lived in Canada for over forty years. The resultant Indo-Canadian fusion is quite visible in her art



where elements of prairie life, winter snow, Canada Geese, Rocky Mountains and the Winnipeg River merge with Indian scenery. As an artist

Manju has painted many works based on such contemporary themes as water, environment, peace, war, tolerance, non-violence and multicultural cooperation.

Ray Dirks and Manju have collaborated on projects since 2006. For one project "In the Spirit of Humanity", they worked with a Muslim artist, which resulted in a book and a short video. In 2012, Ray and Manju produced as creative co-directors the film project Leap in Faith: Glimpses of Spirituality and Beliefs..

March 8

**Theology of Diversity:
Multiculturalism**

Adrian Jacobs and Diane Dwarka

Adrian Jacobs is Cayuga First Nation of the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario. In his home community, he founded and maintained an Indigenous church that continues to be self-governing, self-supporting, and thriving. In August, Adrian began work as the Keeper of the Circle/ Principal of the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre. Previous to this appointment, Adrian was working at the University of Alberta to promote Aboriginal Health. Adrian Jacobs possesses over thirty years experience in networking and training of ministry candidates and Aboriginal leaders for organizations in Canada and the United States.

Diane Dwarka is a retired librarian and passionate community volunteer. She has held positions as past President of the Council of Caribbean Organizations of Manitoba, Community Legal Education Association, Chair of Red River College Alumni, and the Women's Inter-Church Council of Winnipeg and others. An active lay member of the United Church of



Canada, Diane has served all four courts of the church. Diane has received many awards in recognition for her work the YM-YWCA Women of Distinction Award, the Red River Distinguished Alumni

Award, the Premier's Award for Volunteerism and the B'nai Brith Human Rights Award.

**Watch for more Second Fridays,
coming in the Fall of 2013!**

Sept 13 - Faith & Art - Hospitality

Oct 11 - Faith & Art - Social Justice

Nov 8 - Faith & Art - Peacemaking

Dec 13 - Faith & Art - Humour

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