

INTERCULTURALITY: AN INVITATION TO CONVERSATION AND DIALOGUE

Invitation to be a Conversation Local Host Convenor

The Forum for Intercultural Leadership and Learning (FILL) is convening a national conversation toward describing and articulating “interculturality” in Canadian contexts. For this conversation, FILL is seeking local host convenors in locations across Canada who will:

- **Invite others in their context and provide a 2-hour in-person or online location for a conversation. These invitations will be through personal connections and through the networks of FILL.**
- **Host and facilitate the conversation: provide hospitality and walk the group through a guided process.**
- **Submit three key questions that emerge from the conversation.**

- **Participate in a second national on-line conversation. Group members can participate individually, or hosts have the option of convening them to participate from a common location.**

Based on the open and living document: “*Interculturality Framework and Guiding Principles: An Invitation to Conversation and Dialogue*,” developed by The Theology and Research Working Group (TR) of The Forum for Intercultural Leadership and Learning (FILL), we are thrilled to invite you to a two-step, local and cross-Canada, open conversation to question the suggested document with your vision and understanding of interculturality in Canadian Church context(s).

The invitation to this activity is twofold. First, to enter into a local reading of the document during a two-hour conversation, either in-person or online. These local conversations will be an opportunity to read and wrestle with the document based on the local context and experiences of interculturality. Local groups will identify questions raised by the document. We envision the participation of eight groups across Canada. Second, a maximum of three questions will be submitted by each group to frame a cross-Canada online session. This final session will engage the local conversations' questions and will be moderated by the FILL staff and the TR group.

This activity has been framed by The Research and Theology group of FILL, which invites, fosters, and amplifies the many people working toward theologies of interculturality, connects faith based intercultural ministry to the learning of other disciplines, and initiates and brings together research on intercultural ministry in the churches.

The Forum for Intercultural Leadership and Learning

FILL, a reference group of the Canadian Council of Churches, is an ecumenical Christian partnership through which Canadian Churches work toward intercultural leadership development and ministry learning in Canada and Globally. Through FILL, Canadian Churches:

- Come together for biblical and theological reflection on issues of contemporary intercultural mission and ministry;
- Provide innovative educational resources and programs for intercultural learning, leadership development and ministry in Canada and globally, with special emphasis on cultural awareness and identity;
- Participate in learning and dialogue with church members and wider communities of faith about a society that fully honours diversity and God’s unequivocal welcome; and
- Network and support persons directly engaged in ministry across cultural and other differences.

Logistics

Activity 1:

Local groups meet in person or online for a 2-hour conversation to read and discuss the document *“Interculturality Framework and Guiding Principles: An Invitation to Conversation and Dialogue.”* At the end of the session, each small group will identify 3 questions for conversation to be submitted to the cross-Canada session.

Suggested date of encounter: between October 24-28 (each group decides a time and location to meet)

Length: 2 hours.

Location: Online or in-person.

Meeting tasks:

1. Read the document (no need to read in advance) *“Interculturality Framework and Guiding Principles: An Invitation to Conversation and Dialogue.”*
2. Open the floor for questioning, discussion, and conversation. Questions for conversation might be, “What is interesting, challenging, or inspiring in the document?”, “How does our local context and experiences of interculturality shape how we read this document?” and, “How might this document impact ministry in our context?”
3. Identify three key questions to be submitted to FILL for the Cross-Canada conversation.

Activity 2:

Local groups submit to FILL three key questions to be addressed during the cross-Canada online session.

Submission deadline: October 31st.

Local participants register for the cross-Canada session: **[[Registration](#)]**

Length: 2 hours.

Location: Online. (Zoom coordinates to be confirmed).

Meeting tasks: Small group conversation and large group plenary will be shaped by the questions submitted. Following the national conversation, the FILL Theology and Research group will provide a summary of local group questions and the insights of the Cross-Canada conversation.

To register and/or to confirm as a local host convenor: **[[Registration](#)]**

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