

Engage Difference! Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry

July 10-14, 2023: Edmonton Alberta

Program Logistics

Program Schedule

The program will begin at 9:30 am Monday July 10. Plan to arrive by 9:00 am to settle in. Meals, including suppers, and informal time together is considered part of the program. Monday evening and Thursday evening there will be program activities. Tuesday and Wednesday evening there will be optional activities. The program will end by 4:30 pm on Friday.

COVID Health Precautions

The 5-day program includes the building of a learning community in which we care for, support, and provide a safer space for each other. This includes a commitment to each others physical well being. Toward that:

- Participant are asked to review the St. Stephen's College [Health and Safety Measures](#) and complete the Personal Health Check linked on that page prior to arriving on campus.
- Participants will be asked to do a rapid COVID test on arrival. Additional tests will be available if needed.
- Participants can wear masks if they choose. They will be intentionally made to feel comfortable doing so.
- Any person experiencing COVID type symptoms are asked to excuse themselves from the program.
- There will be a no questions asked full refund of program fees for participants withdrawing due to a positive COVID test for COVID symptoms.

As COVID-19 circulation in the community changes these guidelines will be reassessed closer to the program dates.

Travel to the Program Site

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the program site.

Directions:

The Program will be held at [St. Stephen's College](#) on the University of Alberta campus. 8810 112 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2J6 <https://goo.gl/maps/st2GhKcRoa6xQxTd6>
Accommodation will be at [St. Joseph's College](#) on the University of Alberta campus. 11325 89 Ave NW, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2J5 <https://goo.gl/maps/xuAPzfEVM98GGnsp6>

Car-pooling: Prior to the program participants will be connected to each other to organize their own car-pooling.

Edmonton Transit System: <https://www.edmonton.ca/edmonton-transit-system-ets>

Both the Capital Line and Metro Line (Light Rapid Transit) as well as several bus routes service the University of Alberta Campus.

VIA Rail www.viarail.ca/en – Edmonton Via Rail Station: 12360 121st Street NW, Edmonton, AB, T5L 5C3 <https://goo.gl/maps/jyC5myqcXaLCMBU39>

Edmonton International Airport YEG flyeia.com/

Accommodation and Meals

Accommodation: Each person will have a simple university style residence room in a quad (4 rooms per suite.) Each person will be in a separate locking bedroom with individual sink area. Each quad has two toilets and two showers. A shared kitchen has a microwave, fridge, and stove but are not stocked with kitchen utensils. All linens and towels are provided.

Additional Accommodation: A room can be booked for the night of Sunday March 9 or Friday March 14. Meals are not included. Cost is \$45/night. Click this option when registering or contact the Forum for Intercultural Leadership and Learning prior to the program to book.

Meals: Monday lunch through Friday lunch and mid-morning and afternoon coffee/snacks are all included in program fees. Meals will be in the St. Joseph's College dining hall. There may be a meal off-site as part of a program excursion.

Please indicate any food requests or allergies when registering. We will consult with the St. Joseph's dining hall, and if needed with you, to ensure your food needs are met.

Meeting Space: Most of our program time will be spent together in a large meeting room at St. Stephen's College. We will also have time outside the classroom, likely in the nearby Saskatchewan River Valley and other locations in Edmonton.

Program and Preparation

Plan to gather by 9:00 am on Monday to settle in for a 9:30 start. Sessions will begin at 9:00 am every other day. There will be two evening program sessions and two optional evening activities. The program will end by 4:30 pm on Friday. The week will be intense and full, but the activities will be varied to accommodate a variety of learning styles.

It is important to set aside the time for the program. Except for emergencies it is best to arrange for time away from home or work commitments during the scheduled program time. For your learning and that of all the participants please plan to be at all sessions.

Prior to the program, participants will be asked to look over a draft program itinerary. The program is designed so that you will learn from each other and be able to apply the content to your ministry setting. As you look at this outline of the content, consider:

- What piques my interest? What sessions am I most looking forward to?

- What questions might I bring to each session?
- What resources do I have for this content that I could bring to share?
- How does this content look in my context or ministry setting?

Pre-program reading: Participants in the DUIM program often ask if there is reading they should do before the program. There is no assigned pre-program reading as the primary document will be you, your experience and your context. During the program you will be introduced to documents and activities you may want to look at after the program.

The most important preparation is to bring your 'self', your experiences, and your willingness to engage and learn.

What to Bring

Please dress comfortably and informally. Pack comfortable walking shoes for outside activities.

Please also dress for the weather. The historic average July temperature in Edmonton has been highs of 23 Celsius and lows of 12 Celsius. However, temperatures have been much hotter in recent summers. Check the long range forecast as you pack.

Bring pens, notebook, and a Bible. You will also be given a participant's binder which will include outlines of the content and space to write notes.

As bathrooms are accessed in a common area of the accommodation quads you will want to have presentable night clothes and shower shoes. Bedding and towels are provided. You will need to bring your own toiletries.