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Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

We are inviting persons in local, regional, and national ministries and representatives of faith based institutions and organizations to participate in a consultation to help resource Canadian denominations and faith based organizations in intercultural ministry, ministry across difference, and racial justice ministries.

The Canadian Council of Churches Forum for Intercultural Ministry brings almost 100 years as an organization resourcing ministry across cultural and other difference. In order to be a relevant ecumenical resource to the Canadian Churches we need to hear from our many denominational, institutional, and ministry partners.

We will be asking what is working well, what the struggles are, and how we might support and learn from each other as the Church responds in ministry to an increasingly diverse Canada.

Please plan to attend, or help identify others to attend the consultation. There are two options:

- In person: Thursday April 12, 2018, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm, Friends House: 60 Lowther, Toronto, ON
- By webinar: April (dates to be determined by poll)

As the Forum for Intercultural Leadership and Learning (FILL) integrates more fully with the Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), another body of the Council, The Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network (CEARN), is exploring how they might work more closely with FILL and the wider Canadian Church so will also be part of this consultation.

As you consider attending, or help us identify others to attend, please think creatively about how intercultural ministry or racial justice shapes the many areas of ministry. Attending the consultation will be up to 6 representatives of each of the 25 member denominations of the CCC, grassroots practitioners of intercultural ministry, and representatives of theological colleges and other faith based organizations. As you register or invite others to register we will help organize the consultation participation to make sure there is a diversity of denominations heard, and the consultation reflects some of Canada's diversity.

We are attaching a registration form and the terms of reference of the Forum for Intercultural Leadership and Learning. There is more information at [www.interculturalleadership.ca/consult](http://www.interculturalleadership.ca/consult). When you register we will send some questions to consider prior to the consultation.

Please forward this package and/or register. Send registrations to [registrar@councilofchurches.ca](mailto:registrar@councilofchurches.ca) Feel free to be in touch with me if you have any questions 416-972-9494 x 26 or [schmidt@councilofchurches.ca](mailto:schmidt@councilofchurches.ca)

I look forward to our conversations as we discern together supporting ministry in Canadian contexts,



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