

Bridge Building Facilitator Job Description July 27, 2022

Position: Bridge Building Facilitator; 0.5 FTE

Vision

- 1) Strengthen the ability of MCA congregations to declare the foundation of our hope in Jesus in authentic ways with people from other faiths and cultures.
- 2) Develop more intentionality in how and where MCA congregations expand and deepen intercultural and interfaith relationships to bridge understanding and create authentic inclusion.

Objectives

Collaborate with MCA congregations to:

- 1) Explore existing intercultural/interfaith relationships and opportunities;
- 2) Expand intercultural/interfaith understanding;
- 3) Develop deeper intercultural/interfaith relationships;
- 4) Develop intercultural/interfaith intentionality in our worship, invitations, and activities;
- 5) Capture and share stories to inspire others.

Strategies

- 1) Nurture and model interfaith and intercultural relationship-building;
- 2) Develop and lead regular meetings with an active network of Bridge Building point persons in MCA Congregations;
- 3) Develop intercultural/interfaith resources for worship, personal/group study, awareness building;
- 4) Initiate mosque/temple/powwow etc. visits to connect people in community and reflect on experiences;
- 5) Serve as a resource to MCA congregations and staff in intercultural MCA contexts e.g. congregational relationships, retreats, Camp Valaqua, etc.;
- 6) Represent MCA at interfaith events and initiatives;
- 7) Respond to column requests for Menno Minute, *Canadian Mennonite*, and other opportunities;
- 8) Connect with the Missions and Service Committee as a resource for its related activities.

Accountability

The Bridge Building Facilitator reports to the MCA Executive Minister.

Desired Skills and Experience

- Active participation in an MCA church and a good understanding of Anabaptist/Mennonite theology;
- Post-secondary degree in a relevant area such as intercultural studies, religious studies, or community development;
- 5 years + experience navigating intercultural and interfaith relationships;
- Good knowledge and understanding of the local, national and global Mennonite church;
- Ability to form and nurture trusting relationships in Mennonite and larger community contexts;
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, including comfort in leading discussions and public speaking/preaching
- Experience and skills in facilitating intercultural group discussions;
- Ability to work independently, take initiative and complete tasks within a flexible work schedule;
- Ability to understand and empower non-native English speakers;
- Valid Drivers' license.