

PROGRAM FEES

All program fees based on minimum enrolment. Cost may vary depending on final group size. Accommodation, meals, program, and resource materials included.

Prices are based on double accommodation. Travel to and from the conference site is the responsibility of the participant or the sponsoring agency. Programs may be cancelled if a minimum number of applications are not received. There is a \$200.00 fee for cancellation 30 days or less before the January and July programs and a \$75.00 fee for all other programs within 2 weeks of program start date.

Winter Orientation:
January 4-17, 2012 \$2700

Summer Orientation:
July 8 – 21, 2012 \$2700

Children & Youth Program:
Minimum of 6 school-age children. Other childcare options discussed with denomination and Forum.

Fall Re-Entry:
October 17-21, 2012 \$520

Mission Discernment Event:
Feb. 13-15, 2012 TBA \$390

Learning for International Faith Engagement Seminar
March 10 – 11, 2012 Vancouver, BC
September 22 – 23, 2012 Toronto, ON \$370
2012 Expanded MTLS with Partner Visit – dates TBC

OTHER PROGRAM AREAS:

- Intercultural Ministry in Canada
- Orientation to Canada for International Visitors
- Group facilitation on global ministry and faith issues

Contact the Forum for more information.

ABOUT THE FORUM

The Canadian Churches' Forum for Global Ministries (formerly *The Ecumenical Forum of Canada*) is among the oldest ecumenical organizations in Canada, having emerged from the *Canadian School of Missions* founded in 1921 by several churches and theological colleges. For ninety years the *Forum* has played a unique role in preparing people for global ministry and mission.

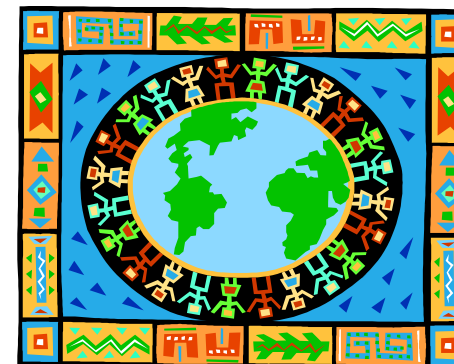
Our goal is to stimulate ecumenical dialogue about intercultural ministry, global concerns and social justice and to prepare individuals to serve faithfully in global ministry in an ever-changing world. Through its programs, resources, and initiatives, the *Forum* responds to the changing needs of its member churches, Canadian society and global realities.

As it has since its inception, the Forum continues to foster a deep spirit of community and solidarity among groups and individuals of distinct traditions and beliefs involved in intercultural ministry through its Global Ministry Personnel programs and other activities.



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The Canadian Churches' Forum For Global Ministries



Discernment

Partnership

Orientation

Re-Entry

Intercultural

2012 Programs For Global Ministries

ORIENTATION

Dates:

January 4 - 17, 2012

July 8 - 21, 2012

Purpose:

The purpose of Orientation is to help prepare for intercultural life and work and for participation in God's mission in a global context.

Goals:

1. To provide a supportive, ecumenical, and intercultural learning environment where individuals learn with others involved in global ministry.
2. To foster reflection on intercultural experience, mission history and foundations, and health and safety.

Learning Goals:

1. To learn more about Biblical foundations, history and traditions of mission and to reflect on one's involvement in God's mission.
2. To prepare for the challenges to and growth in faith and theology that an intercultural ministry experience might present.
3. To deepen understanding and appreciation of other cultures, religions and value systems while developing intercultural skills.
4. To develop ways to learn about the host country and culture.
5. To anticipate integrating the international experience upon return to home country.

Program:

The program includes: Biblical, historical and contemporary perspectives on global ministry; intercultural skills; interfaith dialogue; overviews of key global issues; interpersonal, safety and health considerations; dealing with violence; ecumenical Bible study and worship; spiritualities for global ministry. Participants have access to an extensive range of resources, and participatory learning is used throughout.

Participants:

Between fifteen and thirty participants from different denominations preparing for intercultural ministry.

RE-ENTRY

Dates:

October 17 - 21, 2012

Purpose:

The *Re-Entry Program* is designed to help those returning to North America in their process of transition and re-integration.

Goals:

1. To provide a supportive, ecumenical, community environment in which individuals can reflect on their experiences of global ministry and transition.
2. To discuss the challenges and opportunities of re-entry and extension of the global ministry experience in North America.

Learning Goals:

1. To assess personal skills, needs and gifts emerging from global ministry experience and formulate future goals.
2. To provide for theological reflection on, and integration of global ministry experience.
3. To deepen understanding of the realities of the society and church of Canada and North America.
4. To discover opportunities to express solidarity with the culture and community left behind.
5. To develop skills for effectively communicating about intercultural ministry experience.
6. To provide opportunities for interaction with those in other stages of intercultural ministry.

Program:

A group process designed to utilize talents and personal experiences of participants along with presentations by staff and resource people.

Participants:

Between eight and twelve people who have been in North America for a minimum of three months after a long-term intercultural ministry experience or a minimum of one month for individuals with terms of one year or less.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Dates and location:

This program runs parallel to adult conferences and integrates children from families in Forum programs.

Purpose:

The program addresses the specific needs of children and youth in families involved in intercultural ministry.

Goals:

1. To provide a supportive environment for children and youth to experience community with others their own age.
2. To encourage discussion and reflection about global ministry and intercultural living.

Leadership:

Staff with experience in children's programs and in intercultural living.

LEARNING FOR INTERNATIONAL FAITH ENGAGEMENT

March 10 -11, 2012 Vancouver, BC

September 22 - 23, 2012 Toronto ON

2012 Expanded MTLs with Partner Visits TBA

Purpose:

1. To address specific needs for mission exposure trip leadership.
2. To provide for biblical reflection and integration of denominational mission travel practices.

The program includes biblical, historical and contemporary perspectives on mission travel; intercultural skill building; program discernment, planning, and development; interpersonal and health issues; and financial issues.

DISCERNMENT

Dates:

Feb. 13-15, 2012

Purpose:

1. To help people engage in self exploration and reflection on their vocation and call.
2. To work with individuals to discern their suitability for global ministry by considering personal gifts and goals, as well as the goals of the sending organization.