

Who we are

The Canadian Churches Forum is an ecumenical agency that works in partnership to foster intercultural leadership, learning and ministry—weaving together a history of over 90 years of ecumenical intercultural ministry and global engagement.

We offer learning programs in intercultural mission and ministry, provide forums for dialogue, publish a number of resources, and encourage cross cultural and international dialogue.

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What people have to say about *Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry*

"I grew in self-awareness and grew in my capacity to be in right relationships with God's people."

"It was one of the best learning events I have attended, in that it allowed me enough time to consider how I might apply learnings to my context."

"This course has helped equip me immensely with tools for intercultural ministry; with tools to help us become more self-aware"

Engage Difference!



Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry

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6 days



The program moves through several phases through conversational learning:

- Theories of culture, models for understanding, dimensions & definitions.
- Historical shaping of “Canadian” culture, power, social location. Applying models of culture to Canada, church, community, self.
- Practical reflections on how culture shapes specific areas of ministry and faith. Tools for encouraging deeper intercultural ministry in distinct contexts.
- Practice with course content through group projects and presentations that use areas of ministry/work as case studies.
- Take away resources for self-care and support; next steps, commitments.

“I don’t impress easily...but I am always impressed by the Forum. Every time I participate in one of their events or programs I know it will be well done.”

focused on *faith, heart, mind, and skills*

DUIM uses a variety of approaches to help participants practice facilitating the content in their own ministry setting:

- An intentional learning community to draw on the experience and knowledge of the participants.
- Worship shaped by different cultures & traditions.
- An “Intercultural Mentor” provides daily observations and reflections.
- Resource guests offer examples of practical engagement.
- Several content facilitators who have different cultural identities and styles.
- Hands-on approaches that allow active learning cooperation.
- Practice, models, tools, and resources as “take away” content.
- Reflection as individuals, and in small and large groups.



“Thanks for a transformative week, and for your gentleness and wisdom as facilitators”

for the *art of intercultural ministry*



The Participants:

Ministry leaders working in diverse settings where cultural identity, power and difference impact relationships.

Individuals and congregations with theologically grounded appreciation for diversity and justice orientation for mutual, respectful, faithful relationships across cultural difference.

Individuals preparing for placements with Canadian church partners outside of Canada.

The Facilitation team:

DUIM Core Facilitators with training in Adult Dialogue Education™ and backgrounds in intercultural ministry.

Additional DUIM Core Facilitators with Adult Dialogue Education™ and intercultural ministry experience to guide specific units of the program.

Other resource persons from the wider community with specific expertise to share.