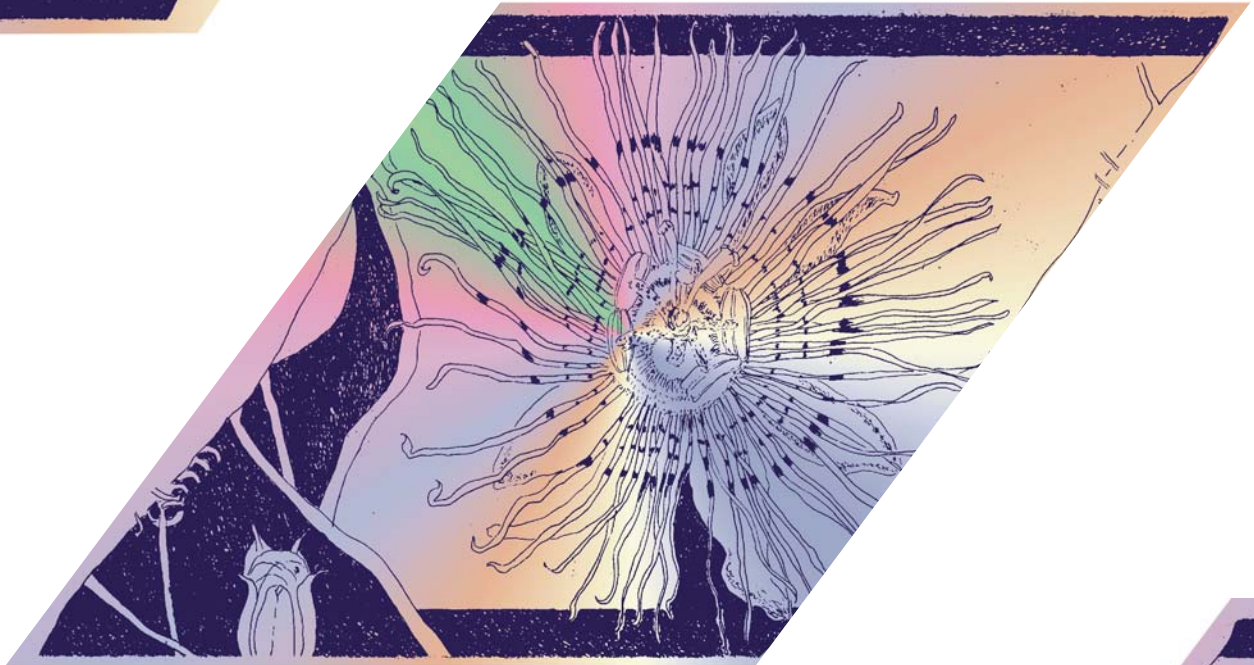




Across Boundaries Multifaith Institute



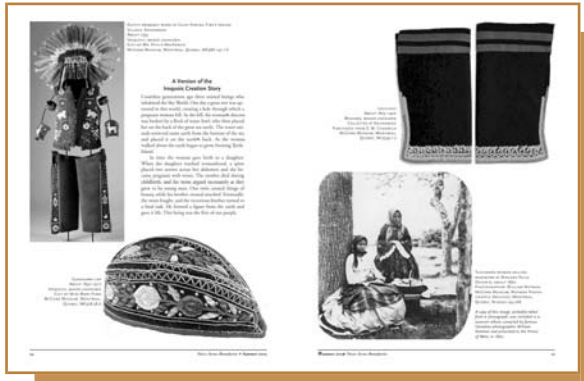
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*a peaceful society, enriched by
its plurality of voices, transformed
through active and open dialogue*

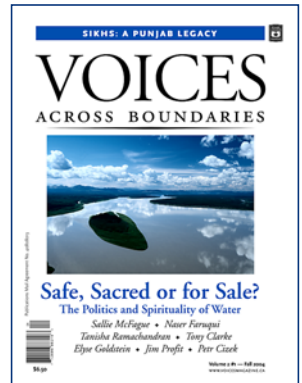


Voices Across Boundaries

A magazine for the new Canada



Voices Across Boundaries reflects the diversity of cultures, languages and religions of the peoples who make Canada their home. In its pages, Christians rub shoulders with Zoroastrians, Muslims with Mohawks, Buddhists with secularists. As a multifaith review of current affairs, it brings the world's spiritual wisdom to bear on such challenging topics as the causes of religious violence, the ethics of sex selection and the changing nature of community.



At the core of **Voices** are multilayered, multifaith theme sections that explore these topics from an astonishing variety of angles. In addition, **Voices** is a forum for visual art, fiction, poetry, book reviews, reflections on sacred figures and sacred texts, new and traditional prayers, a multifaith calendar and much more.

In **Voices** top writers explore essential issues:

- ◆ **Ernie Regehr** discovers that pacifists may sometimes need to take up arms
- ◆ **Navsharan Singh** and **Shree Mulay** lament India's 20 million missing girls
- ◆ **Mohamed Ihsan Alief** grapples with the tensions between Muslim and Indonesian identities
- ◆ **Sallie McFague** seeks a new paradigm in which the earth is a body of God



Vox Feminarum

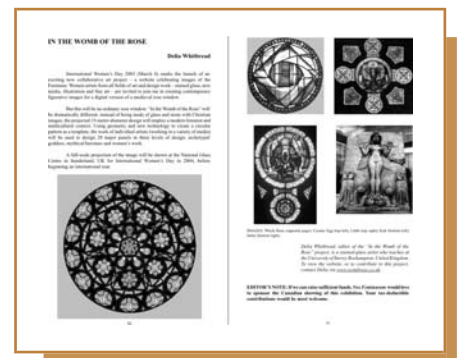
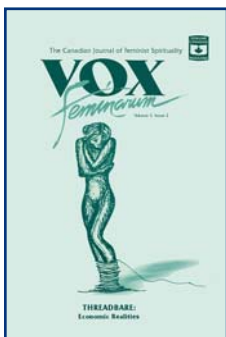
The creative edge of women's wisdom

Vox Feminarum is Canada's only multifaith journal devoted to spirituality from a feminist perspective. Each issue crosses religious and geographic boundaries to explore and celebrate the integral connections between the individual, the community, creation and the Sacred.

Vox offers a fresh, feminist perspective to timely and provocative issues through analysis, spiritual autobiography, award-winning poetry, fiction, visual arts and book and media reviews.

Contributors to **Vox** provide excellent writing, diverse perspectives and innovative works such as:

- ◆ **Roksana Bahramitash** exploring the many meanings beneath the Islamic veil
- ◆ **Laura Wolfson** sharing the challenges and joys of being a Jewish lesbian mother
- ◆ **Lois Wilson** reporting on women's transformation of Christian ritual
- ◆ **Susan Witmer** recovering the teaching of Hypatia, killed for being a witch 1,500 years ago



Events and public offerings

Across Boundaries sparks the multifaith imagination:

- ◆ Panelists **Charles Taylor, Farhang Rajae, Thupten Jinpa, Michal Shekel** and **Ronald Beiner** wrestle with the question **“Is Religion the Problem?”**
- ◆ Historian **Marilyn Färdig Whiteley**, in costume as **Molly Wesley**, recreates the life of the wife of the founder of the Methodist Church on stage
- ◆ **David Burrell, Norbert Samuelson, Liyakat Takim** and other Christian, Jewish and Muslim speakers explore **the meaning of creation in their traditions**
- ◆ **Dancers, Native drummers, poets, visual artists** and others celebrate **creativity**
- ◆ McGill University students get a hands-on introduction to **the way various traditions approach death and dying**



I am encouraged by the establishment of a new multifaith institute in Canada called Across Boundaries... I believe we should take every opportunity to create harmony wherever we can and that Across Boundaries can make a significant contribution in this direction.

– His Holiness the Dalai Lama

The real issue for faith today is, “Does affirmation require negation? Can I celebrate my own history, traditions and forms of worship without feeling threatened by the music and intensity of other faith commitments?”

– Rabbi David Hartman

Ongoing Across Boundaries activities include:

- ◆ sponsoring/cosponsoring conferences on themes such as **building world peace** (Edmonton), **religions after 9/11** (Montreal) and **Abraham in Christianity, Judaism and Islam** (Toronto)
- ◆ mounting a **playwriting competition** leading to a professionally produced play on a multifaith theme
- ◆ organizing **Whole in Body, Whole in Spirit**, a full day of healing and ritual in a variety of modalities and healing traditions
- ◆ maintaining a website, **www.acrossboundaries.net**, as an information source on religious topics and multifaith dialogue
- ◆ publishing **proceedings of multifaith conferences**
- ◆ developing a **list of resources and experts** on various traditions and practices

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Diverse, Engaged, Enriched, Peaceful...

A World Transformed

ACROSS BOUNDARIES MULTIFAITH INSTITUTE is a Canadian charitable organization dedicated to strengthening civil society and enhancing pluralism in Canada and globally by promoting dialogue and exchange among divergent groups and populations, and by bringing the diverse wisdoms of the world's religious and secular traditions to bear on current global ethical, cultural, social, economic and scientific issues.

WE SEEK TO...

INFORM by enhancing public knowledge about contemporary beliefs, traditions and practices, about the complex relationships among them and about the insights they offer into contemporary issues and events.

EXCHANGE by stimulating dialogue among diverse religious and secular perspectives, encouraging discussion of their impact on contemporary society and facilitating networking among people interested in exploring multifaith/interfaith perspectives.

EXPERIENCE by engaging people in retreats, experiential workshops and artistic activities to help deepen mutual understanding and respect among people from a variety of backgrounds.

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