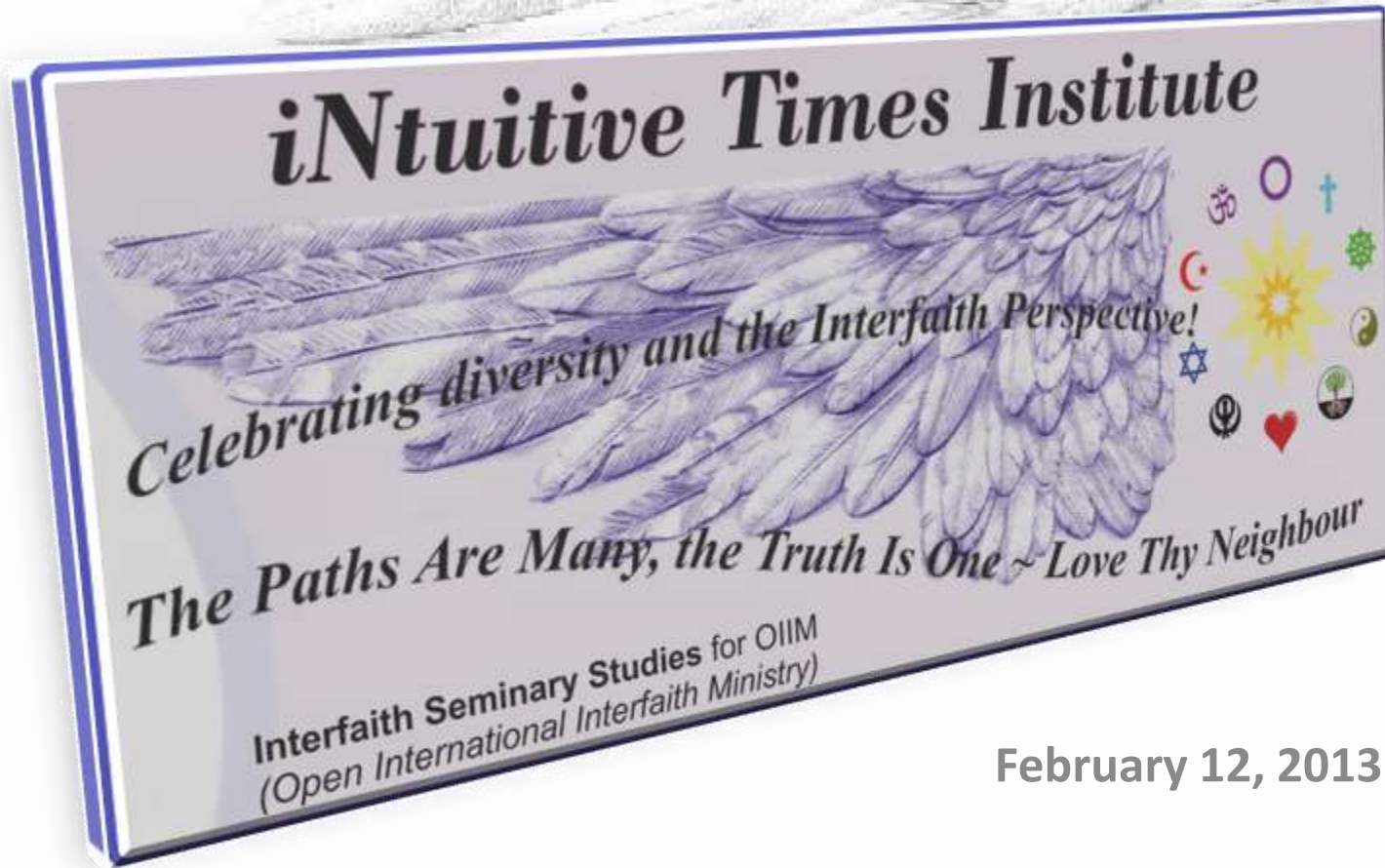


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Celebrating diversity and the Interfaith Perspective!

The Paths Are Many, the Truth Is One ~ Love Thy Neighbour

Interfaith Seminary Studies for OIIM
(Open International Interfaith Ministry)

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WHY? What NTI Is About.

- ◆ NTI celebrates the many faces of the Divine as seen in the World's diverse spiritual traditions
- ◆ NTI assists in giving credibility and grounding to the Healing and Spiritual Arts
 - ◆ What makes a profession credible?
 - ◆ Following an established Code of Ethics
 - ◆ Having a Standard of Practice
 - ◆ Offering the public protection through grounded, well-trained practitioners/ministers
 - ◆ Having structures in place to be taken seriously and that demonstrate trustworthiness

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WHY? What NTI Is About.

- ◆ NTI provides a vehicle for training professional, skilled Interfaith Ministers and Spiritual Arts Practitioners
- ◆ NTI provides a home to Healing and Spiritual Arts Practitioners seeking a professional context:
 - ◆ NTI Graduates are part of a larger community – OIIM
 - ◆ NTI's Foundation Program, the CASC, offers professional skills that are simply not part of most spiritual or healing arts training programs
 - ◆ Example 1: Reiki, Therapeutic Touch or similar laying on of hands healing program training often does not include how opening the chakras can affect one's communication with the other side.
 - ◆ Example 2: Most spiritual and healing arts training, including that of ministers, does not include helping skills, counselling skills or holistic wellness skills.
- ◆ Much harm is done in the name of helping without these professional skills as a foundation

WHY? What NTI Is About.

- ◆ Hence our Foundation Program, the CASC, offers these professional skills as a foundation to the spiritual and healing arts
- ◆ Many NTI students bring with them a specialization in the spiritual or healing arts
 - ◆ e.g. Hypnotherapy, Reiki, Seiki, TT, EFT, Angel Therapy, Thanatology, Prayer, Crystal Healing, Core, Gestalt, Real Happiness, Chaplaincy...
- ◆ Many NTI graduates go on to specialize in one of NTI's specializations: *Spiritual Counselling, Spiritual Healing, Spiritual Mediumship, Spiritual Direction and/or Interfaith Ministry*
- ◆ NTI offers established professions such as Certified Counsellors, Registered Massage Therapists, Social Workers, Psychotherapists the training to infuse their sessions with spirituality through a tailored version of the CASC

WHY? What NTI Is About.

- ◆ Assisting in elevating the professionalism of the very important helping skills that are offered by Interfaith Lay/Licensed and Ordained Ministers and Spiritual Arts Practitioners
- ◆ Ensuring the public has access to highly trained professionals providing Interfaith spiritual services
- ◆ Building the structure for a long-term Interfaith Ministry to thrive
- ◆ Graduating Practitioners and Ministers who embody professionalism and trustworthiness and who put clients first

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OIIM Registration Board

Hallmarks of a professional body – demonstrating trustworthiness

- Empowers the public:
 - By making it easy to identify professionals with grounded training in the Interfaith Lay/Licensed and Ordained Ministry and in the Spiritual Arts Practices
 - With an appeal process where the public can lodge a complaint
 - Credentialing that offers the public coverage through most extended health care plans
- Registrants must:
 - Submit proof of 30 hours of CEU's every three years (30 hours of direct contact personal development training)
 - Submit proof of therapy
 - Submit a police check
 - Publicly pledge to be of service, follow the International Code of Ethics for Spiritual Directors and meet OIIM's Standard of Practice
- First edition of *OIIM Registration Booklet* September 2012 online at our publication site www.InterfaithConnexions.org
 - Print copies available for public use

Advantages of Attending NTI

- ◆ Canadian Federal HRSDC Certified Training Institute #7009/12501 ensures:
 - ◆ Educational tax exemption with Revenue Canada
 - ◆ For 2012, 15% tax credit of tuition fees plus
 - ◆ \$400 + \$65 (textbooks) per month if you choose full-time studies
 - ◆ \$120 + \$20 (textbooks) per month if you choose part-time studies
- ◆ Eligibility for membership in professional associations whose members provide naturotherapist (n.d.) / naturopathic treatments
- ◆ The n.d. qualifications allow most clients to benefit from their extended health care benefits when receiving n.d. services
- ◆ The n.d. qualifications also make you eligible for Professional Liability Insurance – required by most third party billing
- ◆ Extensive mentoring with an experienced Minister/Practitioner through our Apprenticeship component

Advantages of Attending NTI

- ◆ Ordained Interfaith Ministers who graduate from the NTI Program are automatically credentialed through the International Council of Community Churches (ICCC), a member of the World Council of Churches (WCC)
- ◆ Ordained Interfaith Ministers are eligible for membership in A World Alliance of Interfaith Clergy (AWAIC)
- ◆ NTI Students and Graduates are invited to contribute to OIIM's E-Zine at www.InterfaithConnexions.org published three times per year
- ◆ NTI graduates are eligible for a free AD in OIIM's E-zine
- ◆ NTI graduates are invited to contribute to NTI training as an Associate Professor
- ◆ NTI Graduates and Candidates are eligible to be listed in the OIIM Registry, part of *the OIIM Registration Booklet*

Entrance Requirements

- ✘ Commitment to being of service – references and essay
- ✘ Dedication to providing professional services in a reverent, respectful, safe and professional context
 - ✘ Commitment to building the Interfaith Ministry
- ✘ Other relevant courses may qualify you for up to 50% of each Program – need certificate, diplomas, transcripts – proof of courses and /or experience
- ✘ 300 hours of Personal Development Programs, Courses or Workshops half of which have to be through an OIIM Interfaith Centre – can also be fulfilled during Residency
- ✘ Demonstration of a commitment to an Interfaith and Spiritual Arts Practices lifestyle – e.g. daily practice, weekly commitment of personal development training, pursuit of gaining experience and knowledge

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Five Programs

- ▣ Foundational Program Required for Entrance to NTI Upper Level Diploma Programs:
 - 1 NTI **Certificate/Apprenticeship Program** = OIIM **CASC** - Certificate of Applied Spiritual Counselling
- ▣ Lay or Licensed Ministries and/or Spiritual Practitioner training:
 - 2 NTI **Diploma of Interfaith Spiritual Counselling** = OIIM **RSPc** - Registered Spiritual Counsellor
 - 3 NTI **Diploma of Interfaith Spiritual Healing** = OIIM **RSPh** - Registered Spiritual Healer
 - 4 NTI **Diploma of Interfaith Spiritual Mediumship** = OIIM **RSPm** - Registered Spiritual Medium
- ▣ Interfaith Minister:
 - 5 NTI **Diploma of Interfaith Studies** = OIIM **OM, RSPd** - Ordained Interfaith Minister and Registered Spiritual Director

Difference Between a Certificate and Diploma Program

- Most educational institutions consider Certificate Programs to be one to two years of full-time study
- Most educational institutions consider Diploma Programs to be more than two years of full-time study
- NTI's Certificate Program, the CASC, includes 500 hours of apprenticeship
- NTI's Diploma Programs, RSPc, RSPh, RSPm, RSPd, OM, include 1500 hours of Apprenticeship

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8 Course Subject Areas

80% on Each Course Required to Graduate

- 🌸 MIN Ministering (900-999)
- 🌸 REL Comparative Religious Studies (500-599)
- 🌸 SPR Spirituality (200-299)
- 🌸 COUN Counselling (100-199)
- 🌸 NPSY iNtuitive/Psychic Studies/Mediumship (400-499)
- 🌸 OSIDE Life After and Before Life Studies (600-699)
- 🌸 SPHEAL Energy Work and Spiritual Healing (800-899)
- 🌸 WELL Holistic Wellness (300-399)

Course Numbering System

- ❖ Core **Subject Code** is 1st i.e. MIN, REL, etc.
- ❖ Prefaced by **A** a Foundational Certificate Course
- ❖ Prefaced by **B** a Lay Ministry and/or Spiritual Practitioner Diploma Course
- ❖ Prefaced by **C** an Ordained Ministry/Spiritual Direction Diploma Course
- ❖ 3 digit numbers are progressive
 - ❖ i.e. 100 is a prerequisite for a 110 level course
- ❖ Last digit is the weight of the course
 - ❖ 3 = 3 credit units and is equivalent to a one semester university course with respect to time and content and 30 training hours

Course Numbering System Example

■ **COUN A-100-6**

■ **COUN** = core subject area is counselling

■ **A** = a foundational level course

■ **100** = a course required by more advanced counselling courses

■ **6** = weighted to be the equivalent of 2 semester university courses of 3 credit hours each with respect to the time and study you put into it / 60 training hours

■ A typical university semester would carry 5 courses of 3 credit units

■ The weight also determines the cost and the emphasis placed on that course

Course Cost by Credit Unit

- COST of one credit unit at NTI is \$30
- A university typically charges \$60-70 per credit unit and some charge as much as \$250 or more per credit unit
- As NTI increases its services, what it has to offer, delivery methods that embrace new technologies and programs, cost per credit unit may rise
- NTI's Loyalty Program – the cost at the time of your initial enrolment will stay the same for the duration of your NTI enrolment

Course Work Supported

1. Compulsory and voluntary weekly 1-hour tele-learning sessions (seminars through tele-conferencing)
 - These are on Mondays 8-9PM AST
 - Dial in number is 1-559-546-1800 Access code 107361#
 - 1st Monday is compulsory
 - 2nd Monday is for those specializing or interested in the professional skills related to Connecting to Spirit/Mediumship
 - 3rd Monday is one night workshops or seminars provided by graduates, Professors, Deans and guest speakers
 - 4th Monday (starting in the fall of 2013) will be programs. Examples - Rev. Jean Leone will be doing her course on Interfaith Chaplaincy over a few sessions. Many of our students co-study areas of specialization such as Gestalt, CORE, Thanatology, Real Happiness, Crystal Healing... Graduates will be invited to offer courses in their areas of specialization.

Course Work Supported

2. Extensive online resource in the password protected site www.OIIM.net
3. Intensive Residencies (6-10 days for each program)
 - Thematic, based on participants' areas of specialization
 - Focus is on professional skills not normally covered in personal development workshops, seminars and courses
4. Mentoring – extensive apprenticeship under the mentorship of an experienced minister/practitioner
5. www.counsellingtrac.com is a powerful resource that gives you:
 - An easy way to keep professional records accepted by the standards of helping professional associations such as those of psychologists, counsellors, psychotherapists and social workers
 - The ability to build a database of your clients, groups, weddings and other ceremonies
 - The ability to communicate with your mentor, from a distance, about clients and groups

Module Approach

- Affords a thematic approach
 - Easier payment schedule
- There is some overlap of courses amongst the Diploma Programs
 - Deans who specialize in specific topics
 - Deans are mentors providing feedback on distance education course work

Grouped by Modules - Common Themes

Certificate/ Spiritual Practitioner Apprenticeship Program – CASC

1. Module I ~ Intro to Interfaith Counselling & Helping
2. Module II ~ Intro to Interfaith Ministering & Being of Service
3. Module III ~ Intro to Interfaith Spiritual/Energy Healing
4. Module IV ~ Intro to Interfaith Connecting to Spirit/Mediumship

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CASC Training Hours – 1,520 – Modules I-IV

- 1500 hours are necessary to qualify as a Naturotherapist (n.d.)
 - All NTI graduates are eligible for n.d. status
- n.d. status empowers you to offer clients receipts for reimbursement through most extended health care plans

- Distance Education credit hours - 62
- Distance Education training hours - 620
- Apprenticeship training hours - 500
- Residency training hours - 100
- Personal Development training hours -300
 - Your yearly transcript from your Interfaith Centre will log these for you
 - Your NTI application should also identify the number of hours in personal development training not received at an Interfaith Centre
 - Residencies are focused on professional skills. NTI infuses each residency with some personal development workshops and courses for those who do not have the opportunity to attend an Interfaith Centre

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Diploma Program **Interfaith Spiritual Counselling** **RSPc - Module V**

- Distance Education credit hours - 52
- Distance Education training hours - 520
- Apprenticeship training hours - 1500
 - Residency training hours -100
 - Total training hours - 2120

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Diploma Program

Interfaith Spiritual & Energy Healing

RSPh - Module VI

- Distance Education credit hours - 27
- Distance Education training hours - 270
- Apprenticeship training hours - 1500
 - Residency training hours - 100
 - Total training hours - 1870
- Many of these courses are common to all NTI upper level diploma programs

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Diploma Program

Interfaith Spiritual Mediumship: Connect to Spirit RSPm – Module VII

- Distance Education credit hours - 38
- Distance Education training hours - 380
- Apprenticeship training hours - 1500
 - Residency training hours - 100
 - Total training hours - 1980

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Diploma Program

Interfaith Ordained Minister & Spiritual Direction OM/RSPd – Module VIII

- Distance Education credit hours - 55
- Distance Education training hours - 550
- Apprenticeship training hours - 1500
 - Residency training hours - 100
 - Total training hours - 2150
- Divided into five sub-modules each with its own Dean

2013 NTI Deans

- Dean Rev. Sandi King, BA, BEd, MEd, PhD(TC), CCC, OM, n.d., Reiki Master, RSPchmd, Master Spiritual Counsellor

- NTI Registrar & OIIM Co-founder and Treasurer

- Dean of Module I and VIII(iii)

- Practitioner for over 30 years and recipient of a number of national awards



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2013 NTI Deans

- Dean Rev. Barry King, OM, RSPchmd, Reiki Master and Master Spiritual Medium
 - NTI Educational Director & OIIM Co-founder and President
 - Dean of Module IV and VIII(iv)
 - Practitioner for over 30 years and publicly acknowledged as a gifted medium and Interfaith leader



2013 NTI Deans

- Rev. Debra Lynn Sinclair, CASC, RSPd, n.d., Reiki Master, Cert. Hyp., Prayer and Angel Practitioner
 - Dean of Module III and VIII(ii)
 - Director of Senior Interfaith Centre, Stratford, ON
 - Has contributed for many years to elevating the Interfaith Ministry through work at Well Springs in ON and palliative care both privately and through Hospice



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2013 NTI Deans



AWAIC

- Dean Rev. Dean Philip Waldrop, OM, OUnI, M.R.P., M.B.A
 - Dean of Module II and VIII
 - Chair of AWAIC – through which the Interfaith Movement has been assisted in being brought together and elevated
 - Jesuit and Catholic background, an environmentally oriented Masters in Business Administration and a gifted healer



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2013 NTI Deans

- Dean Rev. Susan Eaton, CASC, OM, RSPhd, Reiki Master and Master Spiritual Director
 - Dean of Module V(i), VI, VII(i) and VIII(i)
 - Involved in Interfaith Movement through various organizations for over 30 years
 - Publicly acknowledged as a key leader & organizer of International Tea Houses and other events that promote inclusivity
 - Senior Minister in OIIM, Member-at-large on OIIM Board of Directors and Member of OIIM Registration Board



Graduation Requirements

- ✎ Completion of Distance Education
 - ❖ 80% or above in all courses
 - ❖ 85% in Internships and Practicum
 - ❖ Completion of Apprenticeship requirements – hours logged, Client evaluation forms and Counselling Trac entries (Pass/Fail)
- ✎ Attendance at Residency (Pass/Fail)
- ✎ Program Exam if module average in distance education is less than 85%
- ✎ Criminal Check
- ✎ Proof of Therapy
- ✎ Meet current OIIM Registration Requirements

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The Mission of the Interfaith Ministry, its leaders and ministers is to create and maintain a vibrant, Interfaith community:

- *that embraces diversity*
- *empowers the receiving of and expression of the gifts of Spirit*
- *draws on spiritual practices, knowledge and truths of all traditions*
- *is served by trained, anointed and committed leaders who will inspire peace in their extended communities and amongst all people*

OIIM's Motto

*The paths are many,
The truth is one ~
Love thy neighbour!*

