



**President's Action Committee on Anti-Racism (PACAR)**  
**Religious Inclusion Working Group**  
**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**  
**1:00-2:00 pm**  
**TEAMS**

**Attendees:**

Donald MacGillivray, Muffy McIntyre, Donna Trembinski, Elizabeth Yeo, *and Jennifer Sylvester (Recording)*

**Regrets**

Islam Ahmed, Jamie Levin, Abby Hopkins, Barry MacKenzie, Sara Parks, Caspian Tohidian, Moran Wortman

Today's meeting will focus on open discussion rather than a structured format, with an emphasis on our ongoing themes: Multifaith Chaplaincy, Inclusive Ceremonies, and Heritage.

In our recent meetings, we identified significant progress related to our Catholic Chaplaincy and Catholic heritage, which are core pillars of our mission. We continue to explore how our students and student groups can further support their peers in meeting their needs and aspirations. By documenting this work, we can build on these efforts and ensure continuity, even as roles change.

We will continue to strengthen our communication plan and further explore the idea of having a dedicated point person to manage the inclusive calendar of events. By doing this, we aim to get information out early and enhance our religious literacy across our community.

We've seen much success with panel discussions, as they allow us to explore a variety of views and opinions. We'd like to build on this success to deepen our understanding and engagement on religious inclusion. As a university, we are fortunate to have numerous experts in the field of religious studies including Catholic education. Is there an opportunity to leverage these valuable resources to enhance our programs and support our students further?

With limited resources is there an opportunity to connect our students with a broader faith community through online platforms or virtual engagement?

Historically as a Catholic school is that had placed the teachings, values, and practices of the Catholic faith at the heart of its curriculum, culture, and daily life. We now actively integrate religious education and all traditions into all aspects of learning and community involvement. Action: Barry MacKenzie to discuss inclusive ceremonies at our next meeting.

StFX is a school with Catholic heritage which on occasion incorporate elements of Catholic history and values, but it does not necessarily make Catholic faith and practices central to the curriculum or daily operations. It recognizes and honors the Catholic roots, but students are not required to participate in religious activities.



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Meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 9:00 am