

Public Service Announcement

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City of Edmonton

Celebrating Christian faiths at City Hall

Citizens are invited to join Councillor Bev Esslinger and members of the Christian faith in celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Date: Friday, January 17, 2014 Time: noon

Location: City Room, City Hall

During the week of January 19 to 26, 2014, Christians around the world pray to overcome divisions which exist among church communities.



Adisplay promoting the Week will be unveiled at City Hall as part of the City's <u>Celebrating Our Faiths</u> program which aims to educate and inform citizens on the manyfaith groups in the city. As well as information about Christianity in Canada, citizens will also have the opportunity to view Christian religious artifacts relating to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada.

Started in 1908 by Paul Wattson, the Week has grown into one of the most widely celebrated ecumenical events in the world. Traditionally, it's celebrated over eight days and covers the period from the feast of St. Peter to the feast of St. Paul.

Celebrating Our Faiths is a joint initiative with the Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Action. The program is designed to promote greater awareness of the city's diverse faith communities, some of their traditions, symbols and beliefs. It enables us to celebrate our diversity while at the same encouraging understanding and education. Since 2006, more than 18 different faiths have been featured.

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