



PURPOSE OF THE DAY: To provide personal growth and development of our Manitoba Catholic School teachers and staff in community with one another. As Christians we are called to work for social justice. This day invites us to ask ourselves why we are doing what we do. We will explore elements of Catholic Social Teaching, what it means and why it is important in our Catholic Tradition.

Please enter SMA grounds off Stafford St. Parking is available in all lots around the school and overflow parking is available at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue (561 Wellington Crescent). Enter through the Alumnae Hall entrance. We will have coat racks in the Atrium outside Alumnae Hall.

As part of our stewardship of the Earth, The Salvation Army Thrift Store offers a unique way to serve through retail and recycling by helping to divert waste from landfills. Please consider bringing a small number of gently used clothing items and donating them to make a difference for not only our neighbours in need but, the planet we share. There will be collection bins in the Atrium upon arrival.

8:30am – 9:15am **WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER** – Alumnae Hall

9:15am – 10:15am **KEYNOTE Part 1: Social Justice; Essential to the Gospel, Central to our Mission** by Dr. Sean Lansing

- This presentation will explore the definition of social justice, how essential it is to living the gospel and Catholic identity, the implications for our classrooms and our schools.

Dr. Sean Lansing currently serves as the Director for Mission Integration for Mount Carmel Grove City Hospital where he works collaboratively to build a culture rooted in the Catholic values of human dignity and social justice. He serves as an active member of the executive leadership team, supports colleague formation around Mount Carmel's Catholic mission and values, supports organizational and clinical ethics, and fosters relationships in the community in order to advance the mission. Previously, Dr. Lansing served as Vice President for Mission Integration for Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and taught as an adjunct professor in the Doctoral Program for Leadership Studies.

He brings over 24 years of experience teaching both youth and adults the skills necessary to mobilize their values and actions to create positive change in their communities. His research interests include social justice education, social justice leadership, and Catholic social teaching pedagogy.



He has authored or contributed to numerous publications, most recently the chapter "Putting Paint to Canvas: Artful Teaching Strategies for Teachers of Adult Learners" in the book "Outcome Based Strategies for Adult Learning and The Catholic Faith and Family Bible." He is also a frequent workshop presenter on Social Justice Education and Pedagogy as well as infusing Catholic identity into curriculum and culture.

10:15am – 10:45am **Coffee break with continental breakfast service (Academy Bistro -Cafeteria)**

11:00am – 12:15am **LEARNING SESSIONS**

1. Seeds of Reconciliation by Lisa Raven, Executive Director of Returning to Spirit (All grade levels)

Returning to Spirit (RTS) has been designing and leading reconciliation work since 2001, long before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was even established. Returning to Spirit has led reconciliation workshops in 7/10 provinces and 2/3 territories in the past 15 years.

- This session explores the concept of what reconciliation is, by discovering what it is not. The conversation will explore tools and resources that could provide individuals with valuable insights into themselves while also giving them the essence of our workshop process through engaging, experiential conversations that delve into the heart of what we think reconciliation means and why it has been achieved or not.
- Lisa Raven is from Hollow Water First Nation and attended Marieval Indian Residential School (SK) for one year. She first took the Returning to Spirit workshops in 2005 and found it to be a life-altering experience and became a Returning to Spirit trainer in 2007 to make a difference with others, in the same way that the trainers had made a difference for her.

2. Permeation of Catholic Social Justice – The method and the tools to bring social justice into any subject by Kathleen Ladouceur, Catholic Schools Program Officer, Development & Peace (Elementary level) – limit 50 participants

- Development and Peace has been committed to social justice education and action for more than 50 years. By partnering with educators, we seek to support the growth of faith-filled global citizens, offering resources for both curricular and non-curricular contexts that address current, real world issues. Want to teach about what is happening in the Amazon using cookies and playdough? Need help figuring out how to bring Catholic social thought into a lesson on potable and non-potable water? How do we help our students make the best decisions when they want to help after a natural disaster? Come be hands-on with the free tools Development and Peace offers – available in French and English, from early years through to the staff room. Through these tools, we will gain a method to respond to any social justice issue, and walk away with tools ready to use.

3. What are the fires about? By Janelle Delorme, Regional Animator for Development & Peace (Junior High and High School) – limit 30 participants

- This year, we have been hearing a lot about major fires – in the Amazon, in Australia, and as a (not-so) metaphorical 'the world is on fire' call to act around climate change. How do we, as Canadian



Catholic Educators, understand these issues, and how do we help our young people respond as global citizens – in practical, real, faith-based ways? Join Development and Peace for an experiential workshop. You will participate in two activities that look at the causes of injustice and the call to Care for our Common home through an “ecological conversion” of both our daily choices and global actions of solidarity. Walk away with materials to begin Lent with a social justice focus.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. With a focus on education and action for social justice, we provide formation, resources, and accompaniment to schools engaging in catholic social justice across Canada.

4. **Our Place / Chez Nous - A Place to Love your Neighbour** Larry Stuart and Sister Johanna Jonker, snjm (All grade levels)

Our Place / Chez Nous is a Drop-In Center located at 676 Main Street in the City of Winnipeg. We provide a safe place for the less fortunate folks of the Main and Higgins area of our city to get off the street, have some of their more basic needs addressed and be treated with respect.

- We will give the participants of our session a better understanding of what we do for the people who come to us, how we do it and where this type of social justice might have a place in the catholic school system.
- Larry Stuart: Retired air traffic controller and currently the Deputy Executive Director of Chez Nous. Larry has been volunteering at the Center for more than sixteen years.
- Sister Johanna Jonker, snjm: Sister Johanna is a retired teacher, principal and former Director of Micah House, the Social Justice office of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. She has been volunteering at Chez Nous since her retirement from Micah House in 2012.

5. **Healing and Empowerment through Creative Endeavor** by Lucille, Nigel and Ernie Bart, of Artbeat Studio. (all grade levels) – limit 25 participants

Artbeat Studio is a non-profit registered charity that was founded by the Bart family. This community based organization evolved from a desire to assist those living with a mental illness. It is a unique community based, peer directed program that provides social supports, working art studio and gallery space, and mentorship for individuals living with a mental illness for the purpose of recovery and empowerment. Artbeat Studio is committed to decreasing stigma and discrimination that coincides with mental illness and poverty through positive action, mental health education and advocacy. www.artbeatstudio.ca

- This workshop will include acrylic painting art animation. Each participant will receive a canvas, paints and brushes.



6. **A Christian Response to World Hunger: Supporting small-scale farmers so that all can be fed by Roberta Gramlich, Youth Engagement Coordinator Canada Food Grains Bank (all grade levels) – limit 30 participants**

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 church and church-based Canadian agencies working together to end global hunger.

- In this session, participants will learn more about how world hunger is linked to small-scale farming globally & play a game (or two!). We will also discuss how students & staff can join with other Christian communities across Canada to take action and give voice to Pope Francis' vision of a common human family where all are fed. Ideal for middle year and high school staff, but elementary teachers are welcome as we will have resources that they can use in class.
- Roberta Gramlich works in Public Engagement with Canadian Food Grains Bank. Prior to that, she was the Manitoba animator for Development and Peace - Caritas Canada. She became involved in non-formal education through the youth programs Katimavik and Canada World Youth. Roberta holds a BA in Canadian Studies and French and a Master of Arts in Political Studies.

7. **The Trafficked Among Us by Dianna Bussey, Executive Director, The Salvation Army Correctional & Justice Services – Winnipeg (High School level)**

- This session will provide participants with a better understanding of the scope & causes of human trafficking and why we are or should be committed to fighting against it on all fronts. Participants will learn and discuss how we can all be engaged in initiatives to identify major signs of human trafficking and what to do when we see it.
- Dianna Bussey is Executive Director for The Salvation Army Correctional & Justice Services in Winnipeg and a practicing registered social worker within this ministry for over 20 years. It is through my employment with The Salvation Army Corrections Ministry that has allowed me to take part in facilitating life-skills groups, prison chaplaincy, parole supervision, family/group conferencing and administration all related to restorative justice services.

8. **Make a Difference, Choose Fair Trade by Iryna Smologonova, Manager of Ten Thousand Villages (all grade levels)**

Ten Thousand Villages is the Mennonite Central Committee's fair trade social enterprise, born in 1946. Our Mission is to create opportunities for artisans in developing countries to earn income by bringing their products and stories to our markets through long-term, fair trading relationships. Today, we are still not a typical business. We are a non-profit social enterprise that partners with independent small-scale artisan groups, co-ops and workshops to bring their wares to our markets. Every purchase improves the lives of makers by supporting their craft and providing a fair, stable income. We offer a way for customers to become part of the story and give gifts with meaning. <https://www.tenthousandvillages.ca/>

- This session will explore why we should choose fair trade and what difference it will make.



9. Teaching Social Justice by Dr. Sean Lansing

- This learning session will explore the critical factors that influence a social justice orientation and the implications for social justice pedagogy. The critical factors are based on the presenter's quantitative analysis of over 400 survey respondents across the United States of America.

10. The Word is Living and Active (Lectio Divina) by S. Mary Coswin, OSB (all grade levels) – limit 20 participants

- This session will offer some guidance and practical experience of the power of the Word of God for transformation of individuals and communities. We will follow the tried and true method of scriptural prayer called Lectio Divina using scripture passages connected to justice.
- S. Mary Coswin, is a member of the 1500 year-old Order of St. Benedict. She taught in the Catholic Schools of Winnipeg in the 1970's and 80's. After earning her Masters in Formative Spirituality, she has been offering spiritual direction and retreats here in Winnipeg and around North America. Her guiding belief is, as Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it to the full."

12:15pm – 1:45pm Lunch (Academy Bistro -Cafeteria)

Menu – Burrito bowl buffet (chicken, pork and vegetarian options) – gluten free

Note: Our food and beverage service for the day is made up of locally sourced, holistic and fair trade items. Enjoy!

*During lunch we will also have a *Justice Market Hall* in the upstairs gym where there will be stations with information and products for sale that support the mission of this retreat day.

*Please note that some vendors may be cash only

VENDOR LIST

- Ten Thousand Villages - Mennonite Central Committee Store selling fair trade coffee, tea, chocolates and other items
- Pickle Patch Creations selling reusable produce bags for plastic free grocery shopping – set of 2 for \$10
- Hutlet Family Farms – Order desk for Healthy, Holistic and Home grown Manitoba meat products. They direct-sell frozen cuts of heritage pastured pork, pastured chicken and heritage grass-fed beef.
- ARTBEAT STUDIO will be selling some of their art creations by current and former artists in residence, funds raised will support their programs.
- Norwex selling household cleaning products that help improve quality of life by radically reducing chemicals in our homes.
- Generation Green offers eco-friendly and sustainable products for environmentally conscious consumers in their store at 433 Main St. Come get more info and a coupon!



2:00pm – 3:15pm KEYNOTE Part 2: Social Justice; Essential to the Gospel, Central to our Mission by Dr. Sean Lansing

3:15pm/3:30pm – Closing Remarks

