



Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition

"Faith Communities In Action Against Poverty"

2009 Interfaith Prayer Vigil Host and Religious Leader Duties

In anticipation of the release of the 2009 Provincial Budget we pray for the Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and for those who are most economically marginalized: people who are low wage workers, disabled, on social assistance, children, and/or homeless.

Specific MPPs will be remembered each day; prayers will be for their integrity, courage, and spiritual sustenance. Those who suffer unnecessarily in our wealthy province will also be remembered. Finally the prayers will reflect: "How can each of us be in solidarity with those who make decisions and those who suffer?"

The Interfaith Prayer Vigil will run in March - Monday through Thursday. A morning shift will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and an afternoon shift from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Morning and afternoon shifts overlap for one hour. At noon, a religious leader will lead participants in prayer and reflection.

Individuals and groups have been encouraged to bring their own snacks, lunch and beverages, as ISARC will only be able to provide limited refreshments. Individuals and groups have been encouraged to dress warmly if it is cold.

Notes about the Queen's Park Legislative Assembly of Ontario Grounds

- Washroom facilities in the Legislative Building may be available to participants in small groups.
- The Legislative Security Service is the sole security provider for the Legislative Grounds and must be notified of any incidents on the grounds including any medical emergencies.
- Information and literature related to the event shall not be actively distributed but may be made available for pick up by the general public if requested.
- Access to the Legislative Grounds shall not be impeded or obstructed in any way.

As Host, you will greet people and groups as they arrive and make them feel welcome. If need be, you will facilitate each hour of the morning and/or afternoon sessions. You will also introduce the noon hour Religious Leader (see suggested format and schedule on the next page).

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