

Bridgefolk Conference 2025

Mennonites and Roman Catholics in Dialogue

Anabaptism at 500: Ecumenical Dialogue in an Age of Polarization **Twenty-third Annual Bridgefolk Gathering**

July 24-27, 2025
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Thursday, July 24th

1:00 pm – 5:00 p.m. Arrival, Registration

5:30 Dinner

7:00 Opening & welcome to Treaty 1, welcome to BF – Laura & Gilbert
Worship
Introduction of participants
Introduction to the conference theme

8:30 Evening prayer

9:20 Snack

Friday, July 25th

8:30 Morning Worship

9:00 Morning Session 1 – Jennifer Otto

10:00 Small Group dialogue 1

10:30 Break

10:45 Morning Session 2
Questions for speaker

11:40 Midday Prayer

12:00 Lunch

1:30 Afternoon session 1 – Practices for Respectful Dialogue: Odelia Duffus

2:15 Small Group dialogue 2

2:45 Break

3:00 Afternoon session 2
Somatic practices

3:30 Hearing the Bridgefolk Story

4:15 Free time

5:30 Supper

7:00 Evening prayers

7:30 Hymn Sing

9:00 Ice Cream Social

Tentative

Saturday, July 26th

- 8:30 Morning Worship
- 9:00 Morning Session 1 – Fr. John Klassen
- 10:00 Small Group dialogue
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Morning Session 2
Questions for speaker
- 11:40 Midday Prayer
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Afternoon session 1 – Panel Discussion – Q & A with panel & speakers
- 2:45 Somatic practices – Melanie Neufeld
- 3:00 Orientation: Agape Meal – how we came to embrace this ritual
- 3:15 Free time
- 5:00 RC Mass at Holy Ghost Parish
- 6:00 Footwashing/Agape Meal (St. Kateri/Aberdeen MC)
- 7:45 Refreshments, snack, informal discussion

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Sunday, July 27th

- 9:30 Reflection on conference theme & take-aways
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Morning Worship
- 12:00 Lunch & farewells