



Diversity, Transformation & Hope

an evening of dialogue with

Raheel Raza and Stan McKay

Two prophetic voices of passion and integrity exploring
the potential for wisdom, understanding, justice, and change.



Thursday, October 11, 7:00 p.m.
Young United Church, Crossways in
Common
Broadway and Furby

(in conjunction with the 120th anniversary of
the Centre for Christian Studies)



Raheel Raza is the author of *Their Jihad ... Not My Jihad*. She is a public speaker, consultant for Interfaith and Intercultural diversity, documentary film maker, freelance journalist, and founder of SAMA' (Sacred Arts and Music Alliance). Raza started writing at a young age because she grew up in a culture where women were supposed to "be seen and not heard." Travelling extensively throughout the Middle East, Europe, Far East and North America, Raza brings a fresh new global perspective to her mandate "there is unity in diversity". Raza bridges the gap between East and West, promoting cultural and religious diversity. She has appeared in print, on television and radio to discuss diversity, harmony and interfaith. In a presentation to Members of Parliament and international diplomats at the House of Commons, Raza received a standing ovation for her speech called "Celebrating our Differences".

Stan McKay was born in Fisher River First Nation Reserve in northern Manitoba. As a child he attended Fisher River Indian Day School and the Birtle Indian Residential School. Stan's adult life has been focused on teaching and spiritual guidance as a source of healing for individuals and for communities. Stan is an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada, and served as Moderator from 1992 to 1994, the first Indigenous person to lead a mainline denomination in Canada. Stan has been director of the Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre in Beausejour, Manitoba, director of Spiritual Care at Health Sciences Centre, Winnipeg, and First Nations advisor on Education, Health and Development in Manitoba. He is known widely as a wise teacher and elder, striving to educate Canadians about the consequences of colonialism in Canada, and especially the policy of assimilation and residential schools, and to bring about healing to the deep harm caused to Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians alike.

This event is open to the public (donations invited).

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