

ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH GUESTS – 2024

FR. BOHDAN HLADIO

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Canada



Fr. Bohdan Hladio was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, where he was a featured performer and choreographer with the Duquesne University Tamburitzans. He met his wife Tania Pidlynsny in Toronto where they were married in 1984.

He was ordained priest in 1988 and has served parishes in Toronto (1988–1995), Hamilton (1995–2005), and Oshawa, Ontario (2008–2022) in addition to serving as Chancellor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada in Winnipeg from 2005–2008. Besides his pastoral responsibilities he has served on many church committees, has led spiritual retreats, and offered talks and presentations for the clergy and faithful of different Eastern Orthodox and other Christian Churches in Canada and the USA. Fr. Bohdan has written hundreds of articles for both ecclesiastical and secular newspapers and magazines, and a collection of his articles was published in 2009 by the Holy Dormition Monastery Press in Rives Junction, Michigan. More recently several of his articles regarding the current ecclesiastical situation regarding Orthodoxy in Ukraine have been published on the *Public Orthodoxy* site of the Orthodox Studies program at Fordham University in New York.

Fr. Bohdan completed a Master of Theological Studies degree at Trinity College in Toronto in 2021 specializing in Orthodox and Eastern Christian Studies. His thesis was entitled “Construals of Autocephaly: the Metropolia, the Moscow Patriarchate, and the Orthodox Church in America”. Following this he began doctoral studies at the Toronto School of Theology, and his research focuses on the history and polity of Eastern Orthodoxy in North America with a special emphasis on the foundation and development of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada. He has presented academic papers and had articles published in Europe and North America, focusing upon the theological challenges facing Eastern Orthodoxy in a globalized world, as well as the specific historical and theological challenges faced by Ukrainian Orthodoxy both in the homeland as well as the diaspora.

Fr. Bohdan is a faculty member of the Patriarchal Toronto Orthodox Theological Academy under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Canada and lives in Hamilton, Ontario.

THE REV. DR. EUI SIG KIM

Moderator of the 108th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea



Dr. Eui Sig Kim is the Moderator of the 108th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK). He is the senior pastor of Healing Church of the Presbyterian Church of Korea, as well as the President of Healing and Counseling Graduate University and the Co-moderator of the United Christian Churches of Korea.

Dr. Kim holds a Bachelor’s degree from Hanyang University, College of Engineering, Master of Divinity from the Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary, Master of Theology from the Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary, Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy from the University of Chicago, Honorary Doctorate from Honam Theological University.

RULA ODEH

Canadian Friends of Sabeel



Rula Odeh is a Canadian of Palestinian Christian heritage, her father being a 1948 Nakba survivor from Jerusalem. She serves as Board Chair for Canadian Friends of Sabeel (CFOS), a national ecumenical response to the call of Palestinian Christians for solidarity. Through education and engagement, CFOS supports the struggle for equality in justice, freedom, and human rights of Palestinians living under apartheid and military occupation. With partners around the world, CFOS works non-violently for a just and durable peace for Palestinians and Israelis. Rula has served in a leadership role in several charitable organizations in Canada and has been interviewed and published in Canadian media on human rights issues. She is the President of a consulting

firm that helps organizations develop strategies and processes to enhance the quality, speed and efficiency of services. Rula is a trilingual Montrealer.

SAMIA O'DAY



Samia O'Day is a Canadian of Palestinian Christian Heritage, her father being a 1948 Nakba survivor from Jerusalem. An award-winning classical pianist and singer-songwriter, she graduated from McGill University, won the McGill Concerto Competition, and released five albums. She directs music at Wall Street United Church and serves as President of the Brockville Concert Association, promoting free concert access for local students and hosting significant events. Samia is also founder and director of the Canada Music Academy and Montreal Academy of Music, connecting music teachers and students globally, with a strong focus on diversity with teachers speaking over 40 languages.

Samia joins her sister, Rula, as a guest of the Assembly.

DANIEL WHITEHEAD

Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries
2024 Cutting Edge of Mission Recipient



Daniel Whitehead is the CEO of Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries. He spearheads the movement to equip churches to support mental health and wellbeing in their community. Daniel's other roles include adjunct faculty at Regent College in Vancouver; member of the International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership; committee member on the International Network on Theology and Mental Health; and member of the advisory group for the Centre of Spirituality, Health and Disability. Previously, he spent ten years in full-time vocational ministry, serving as senior pastor of a church for eight years. Daniel hails from the United Kingdom but now resides in Vancouver, British Columbia. He is married to Annie and has two young children. Daniel is also a certified mediator and a double theology graduate of Regent College (M.A. 2017, Th.M. 2021).