



*7th Annual Parliamentary Forum on*

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

Hosted by:

**David Anderson, MP Cypress Hills—Grasslands &  
Shadow Cabinet Secretary, Human Rights and Religious  
Freedom**



Room 325, Wellington Building  
197 Sparks Street, Ottawa

**OCTOBER 1, 2018**

*7:00pm—9:00pm*

## SCHEDULE

### *7th Annual Parliamentary Forum on* **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

#### *Faith in a time of diversity and division: Where is Canada headed?*

6:30 | **Registration and Coffee**

7:00 | **Welcome by DAVID ANDERSON, MP**  
Member of Parliament for Cypress Hills—Grasslands

7:05 | **Panel 1: Present Implications for Religious Freedom in Canada**  
Moderated by David Anderson, MP

**DAVID GURETZKI**  
Executive Vice-President, Evangelical Fellowship of Canada

**DON HUTCHINSON**  
Author & Principal, Ansero Services

7:35 | **Panel 1 Q & A**  
Moderated by David Anderson, MP

7:50 | **Break**

7:55 | **Panel 2: Will there be a role for faith and freedom of religion or belief in the future of Canada and how do we protect the present protections?**  
Moderated by David Anderson, MP

**IMAM LUQMAN AHMED**  
Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada

**RAHEEL RAZA**  
President, Council for Muslims Facing Tomorrow & Founding Member,  
Muslim Reform Movement

**Fr. RAYMOND J. DE SOUZA**  
Editor-in-Chief, *Convivium.ca*

8:25 | **Panel 2 Q&A**  
Moderated by David Anderson, MP

8:40 | **Closing Speaker: Are their enduring benefits to religious identity and religious participation for more than just the participants?**

**RAY PENNINGS**  
Executive Vice-President, Cardus

8:55 | **Closing Remarks**  
David Anderson, MP

## LET US REMEMBER

"I am a Canadian, free to speak without fear,  
free to worship in my own way, free to stand for what I think right,  
free to oppose what I believe wrong, or free to choose those who shall govern my country.  
This heritage of freedom I pledge to uphold for myself and all mankind."

**John Diefenbaker, (1895-1979), Prime Minister of Canada**



## NOTES

## SPEAKERS



### **Imam Luqman Ahmed**

**Imam, Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada**

Luqman Ahmed is an Imam with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at of Canada, currently working in the Ottawa region. He is a graduate of Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada, a seven-year Toronto-based theology institute, focusing on comparative studies of religions with a special focus on Islamic teachings and history. He has previously worked for the community in West Africa and in the Montreal region.



### **Fr. Raymond J. de Souza**

**Editor-in-Chief, *Convivium.ca***

Father Raymond J. de Souza serves as Editor-in-Chief of *Convivium.ca*, Chaplain of Newman House at Queen's University, and as Pastor of Sacred Heart of Mary Parish in Wolfe Island, Ontario. Since 2014, he served on the Board of Directors of Catholic Christian Outreach, the leading campus evangelization movement in Canada.

Father de Souza teaches at Queen's in the Faculty of Education and the Queen's Economics Department. Described as "Canada's finest Catholic commentator," Father de Souza has been a weekly columnist for the National Post for fifteen years, and contributes a monthly column to The Catholic Register, Canada's largest Catholic newspaper.

For nearly ten years, 2004 – 2014, Father de Souza served as the Chaplain for the Saint Thomas More Society, an unofficial association of Catholic parliamentarians in Ottawa. In 2015, he was appointed Chairman of the External Advisory Committee for the Office of Religious Freedom. In frequent contact with Canada's Jewish community, he has served on the board of directors of the national Jewish advocacy agencies since 2005.



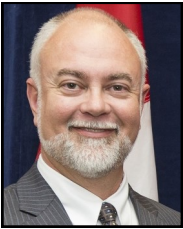
## SPEAKERS



### **Dr. David Guretzki**

**Executive Vice-President, Evangelical Fellowship of Canada**

Dr. David Guretzki is Executive Vice President and Resident Theologian at the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. He previously worked 24 years at Briercrest College and Seminary (Saskatchewan) as Professor of Theology, Church, and Public Life. David earned a PhD in Western Christian Thought at McGill University in 2006.



### **Don Hutchinson**

**Author & Principal, Ansero Services**

Don Hutchinson is the principal of Ansero Services, a registered Canadian charity that encourages Christian individuals and ministries actively engaged on the issue of religious freedom in Canada, or globally, to partner for greater effectiveness. The author of UNDER SIEGE: Religious Freedom and the Church in Canada at 150 (1867–2017), Don is a graduate of Queen's University and the University of British Columbia law school.

Don has been a featured contributor/guest in a variety of media, both spoken and written. He has appeared several times before the Supreme Court of Canada and committees of the Canadian and Ontario parliaments. A recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, Don is a Christian leader who has served as pastor, lawyer consultant, and executive with The Salvation Army, World Vision Canada, The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and the Canadian Bible Society.

Don lives in Ottawa with his wife, Gloria, and grandson, John.



## SPEAKERS



### **Ray Pennings**

**Executive Vice-President, Cardus**

Ray Pennings has founded a think tank, worked in politics and punditry, published on education, law, and theology, and led the research arm of a labour organization. He has spoken and written widely and provocatively about God and Canadian public life.

In 2017, to mark Canada's 150th anniversary, Ray co-directed with the Angus Reid Institute a year-long series of polling projects on faith and religious diversity in Canada. He has served as Chair on the Board of Redeemer University College and as a board member for Rosebud School for the Arts.

As a social and religious thinker, his ideas for change are broad in scope and defy simple labels. With judicious wit and even-keeled civility, Ray calls it as it is in public policy circles and as a baseball umpire on the field. He has a lot to say about faith and the future of civic and social flourishing in Canada.



### **Raheel Raza**

**President, Council for Muslims Facing Tomorrow; Founding Member, Muslim Reform Movement**

Raheel Raza is President of The Council for Muslims Facing Tomorrow; founding member of The Muslim Reform Movement; Director of Forum for Learning; award winning journalist; public speaker; and advocate for human rights, interfaith dialogue, gender equality and dignity in diversity.

Raheel has appeared in print and on TV and radio numerous times including CNN, Real Time with Bill Maher, BBC Hardtalk, CBC, CTV, TVO, and Tucker Carlson. Raheel has made a documentary film called "Whose Sharia is it anyway?" dealing with the sharia debate in Ontario, Canada. In July 2017, Raheel gave testimony to the US Congress on "Combating Homegrown Terrorism." She has also testified before the Canadian Parliament on Bill S-7, which became the Zero Tolerance of Barbaric Cultural Practices Act.

In her pursuit for human rights, Raheel is accredited with the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva and the UN in New York. She is the recipient of Canada's Sesquicentennial commemorative medal for 'exceptional contributions to Canada as well as the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal for service to Canada.