

## **James Taylor Christie**

Professor of Whole World Ecumenism & Dialogue Theology (2011 - )

Director, Ridd Institute for Religion and Global Policy (2010 - )

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### **Significant Career Contributions**

1. **Chief Governing Officer, World Federalist Movement/Institute for Global Policy.** This is the coordinating NGO for the 2500 member organization Coalition for an International Criminal Court. I was responsible for institutional stability as WFM/IGP established the Coalition with such effectiveness at the 1998 Rome Treaty and beyond, that we were a 2002 Nobel Peace Prize Nominee. 1995 – 2012
2. **Co-Chair, Group of 78 (with Dr. Madelaine Barot of UNESCO);** a Citizen's Advisory Coalition to Global Affairs, founded by 78 prominent Canadians from all walks of life. 2000-2002
3. **Presided over the 25 denomination Canadian Council of Churches,** leading the process for CCC to become the face of Christianity to the Canadian secular, political, and interfaith constituencies. 2006-2009
4. **Convened Phase I of Lt. Gen. Senator Romeo Dallaire's *Child Soldiers Initiative*,** bringing together regular and irregular military leaders, former child soldiers, aid workers, diplomats, UNICEF, scholars, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to seek the eradication of child soldiers as weapons platforms. 2006
5. **Established the Manitoba Lt. Governor's Award for the Advancement of Interreligious Understanding,** in cooperation with His Honor, John Harvard, form LG of Manitoba; first Manitoba Vice Regal Award of each calendar year. 2007-
6. At the initiation for the Hon. Dr. Lloyd Axworthy and Principal M. McPhedron, **established the Ridd Institute for Religion and Global Policy** under the direction of the Late Dr. Thompson Faulkner. Assumed Directorship, July, 2010. 2008
7. **Founding Member, International Continuance Committee,** responsible for the planning of the F8/F20 Summits of World Religious Leaders in the G8/G20 Annual Summit system. 2008 -
8. **Secretary General, Summit of World Religious Leaders in the G8,** convened, University of Winnipeg, June, 2010
9. **Founding Director, Board, Canadian Interfaith Conversation,** prototype of a Canadian Council of Religions, 2010 –

10. **Visiting Fellow, International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur**, responsible for lectures to international English speaking students, and briefing to university and Malaysian religious leaders on the challenges of religious pluralism from the Canadian context. 2011-2012.
11. **Inaugural Chair, Advancement Advisory Council, Canadian Council of Churches**, established as an advisory body inclusive of former CCC staff and elected leadership to provide advice to the General Secretary and Governing Board on questions of policy, governance and advancement, 2012 – 2013
12. **Chair, Governing Council, Project Ploughshares**, an operating division of the Canadian Council of Churches and the leading peace research organization in the world. 2014-
13. **Commissioned to develop a Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Inter Religious Dialogue** in collaboration among Ridd Institute, Global College; United Centre for Theological Studies, U/W; Manitoba Multi-Faith Council. (Under Development) 2016

### **Research Contributions over a Five Year Period (2011-2016)**

#### **Refereed Contributions, Book Chapter or Journals, Single or Co-Authored**

**2015 “Multi-religious Belonging”: A Canadian Interfaith Perspective,”** peer reviewed article, published by the World Council of Churches in *Current Dialogue*, Vol. 57, pp. 14-19

2014 **“One World or None,”** peer reviewed article, *The Federalist Debate*, University of Turin, Vol. XXVII, Number 3, November, 2014

2013 **“Remembering the Future: Science Fiction and the Emerging Art of Dialogue Theology”** Paper presented at *Science Fiction, The Interdisciplinary Genre*, a scholar’s and practitioner’s conference in honour of Robert J. Sawyer, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

#### **Refereed Contributions in Progress:**

**“In Sundry Places: The Domestic Impact of the F8/F20 International Interfaith Summit Process; A Narrative Case Study of the Canadian Experience of 2010”;** article accepted for publication by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, August, 2016; publication date, December 2016

Canadian content co-ordinator for the book *North American Christian Community and the Cold War*, Editor in Chief, Dr. Paul Mojzes, Rosemont University; publisher, W.B. Eerdmans, December, 2017

**Chapters contributor to the above: “Notes from the Least Comfortable Chair in the Room” and “Snapshots from the Northern Front: Canadian Church Experiences During the Cold War”**

### **Refereed Review Invitations**

Peer review for *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, “Living Ecumenism: Margaret O’Gara’s Ecumenical Ecclesiology,” by Dr. Paul Ladouceur, Laval University, 2014

Reviewed the refereed book manuscript of *Moral Pressure for Responsible Globalization*, by Dr. Sherrie Steiner, Purdue University, accepted for publication by Brill, estimated release date, June 2017

### **Non-Refereed Contributions**

***To Dance in the Morning.*** Book chapter, *Leap in Faith*, by Manju Lodha and Ray Dirks

***One World or None*** Invited article for *The Federalist Debate*, University of Turino, Italy, Autumn, 2014

***One More Step Along the World*** Article on the presentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bhai Kahn Singh Nabha Award, August 22, 2014

***Remembering the Future*** Peer reviewed journal article, McMaster University Press, August, 2014

***The Vincent Harding Method*** Invited article for the “Memory Book” of the late Vincent Harding, Professor Emeritus, Iliff School of Theology, University of Colorado

**Foreword to: International Journal of Business and Emerging Markets** (Medical and Health issue) April, 2012

***The Empathic Civilization***, by Jeremy Rifkin, Book Review, *The Federalist Debate*, Turino, Italy, November, 2011

### **Public Lectures and Community Contributions**

***“In Sundry Places:” The Domestic Impact of the F8/F20 International Interfaith Summit Process; a Narrative Study of the Canadian Experience*** Panel Presentation, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, August 31, 2016

***Science and Religion: The Emerging Dialogue***, Lecture for Creative Retirement, Winnipeg, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

***Dialogue among Civilizations***, Panel presentation, G20 (F20) Interfaith Summit, *Religion, Harmony and Sustainable Development*, Istanbul, Turkey, November 16-18, 2015

***Embracing Complexity: Inter Religious Dialogue and Social Cohesion***, Panel presentation, World Council of Churches Conference on Multiple Religious Belonging, Cleveland, Ohio, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Story is to Religion: An Informed, Anecdotal Approach for the Practitioner of Inter Religious Dialogue** Invited panel presentation for Our Whole Society: Bridging the Religious-Secular Divide; Academic and Practitioner national conference, University of British Columbia, March 22-24, 2015

**The Elephant IS the Room** Invited Panel Lecture, 21<sup>st</sup> International Symposium on Law and Religion, Brigham Young University, Utah, "Varieties of Secularism, Religious Freedom and the Law, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

***Finding Peace When Beliefs Collide*** Panel presentation, *Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties*, Carol Shields Auditorium, Millennium Library, Winnipeg, Manitoba, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014

***The Girls in the Garden and God***. Sermon preached for Manitoba Ecumenical Celebration of the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, Crescent Fort Rouge United Church, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014

***The Liar's Gospel*** Guest speaker and resource person, *The People of the Book Series*, Rady Jewish Community Centre, Winnipeg, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

***Charter of Values or Charter Vision?*** Lecture (and panel) Ridd Interfaith Salon, November 14, 2013, University of Winnipeg Club, University of Winnipeg

***Speaking with a Common Voice: Religious Pluralism and the Future of Public Discourse in Canada*** Keynote Paper presented at *Bridging the Secular Divide*, McGill University, May 28, 2013

***Harry Potter's People: The Responsibility of Youth to Help Distressed Children*** Key Note address delivered to the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Asian Youth Centre, Kandy, Sri Lanka, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013

***Successful Practices in Interfaith Dialogue: Interfaith Leaders Summits*** Keynote address with Dr. Karen Hamilton, CCC, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Doha International Centre for Interfaith Dialogue, Doha, Qatar. Award Recipient. April 23, 2013 (Refereed)

***Perceptions of Aboriginals in Immigrant Communities*** Convener, Multicultural and Multifaith Round Table Conference, March 20, 2103; in partnership with Faculty of Theology, Ridd Institute, Canadian Race Relations Foundation, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Interfaith and Belonging

***Creation in Peril***, Co-sponsor, Interfaith Symposium on the Environment, University of Winnipeg, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

***Pulling the Plug: Perspectives on Assisted Suicide***, Lecture, Faculty and Staff Club, University of Winnipeg, October 23, 2012

***Human Rights and State Power: Visions and Debates***, Panel Moderator, *Mennonites and Human Rights: Grappling with State Power in the Past and Present*, (refereed), University of Winnipeg, October 18-20, 2012

***A New Thing Under the Sun: Implications of the World Religious Leaders' Summits in the G8 Nations, 2005-2012*** Special lecture delivered as a visiting Fellow at *The International Institute for Islamic Thought and Culture*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 9, 2012

***"Bring out your Dead!"*** Holy week Lecture, Westminster United Church, Winnipeg, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

***When Dublin had an Irish Mayor*** Lecture delivered at Booth University College, Winnipeg, for Prof. S. Steiner, March 20, 2012

**Host, Tenth Annual Symposium of the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada on the Holocaust**, Ridd Institute for Religion and Global Policy, University of Winnipeg, May, 2011.

***"A New Thing Under the Sun: Implications of the World Religions Summits Process, 2005-2010."*** International Islamic University of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, February 2012

### **Selected Private Sector Public Addresses**

***One World or None*** Invited lecture, University of Minnesota and Citizens for Global Solutions, Minneapolis, MN Branch. March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014

***The Holy and the Broken: Remembering the Shoa*** Speech delivered at Flickers of Light: An Event to Commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Shaarey-Zedek Synagogue, Winnipeg, January 27, 2013

***Sowing the Wind; Reaping the Craft***, Keynote address to Manitoba Freemasons' Retreat, Portage La Prairie, MB, October 26, 2012

***Socrates Plays the Savoy***, Address to the *Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Winnipeg*, Annual General Meeting, September 10, 2012

### **Selective Special Events and Responsibilities**

***Making Love to a Porcupine: Racial, Social and Gender Challenges in Urban Spaces from Africville to Ferguson***. Special Lecture by Dr. Alan Gilbert, Iliff Theological Seminary, Denver; Co-sponsored with Dr. Eliakim Sibanda, Chair, History Department, University of Winnipeg

***The Extraordinary Journey of Dr. Rania Okby*** Visiting lecture programme with Dr. Okby, world's first Bedouin woman physician, co-sponsored with Canadian Associates of Ben Gurion University of the Negev. February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

***In Memory Lies Hope*** Interfaith Concert to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Danish Red Cross Visit to Terezin, and the United Nations Day to Remember the Holocaust, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014; Presiding official.

***12<sup>th</sup> Annual Holocaust Symposium***, Expanded three day event with Fr. Patrick Desbois and Senator Romeo Dallaire; co-sponsored with Holocaust Education Centre and Shaarey-Zedek Synagogue. May 1-3, 2013

***Names Instead of Numbers: Traveling Exhibit of the Dachau Remembrance Book Project***, Co-host with Westminster United Church, Winnipeg and the Freeman Family Foundation Holocaust Education Centre, Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada, Westminster United Church, Winnipeg, March 18<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

***Dr. Clayborne Carson, Elizabeth Laird Lecture Series***, The University of Winnipeg, Co-Host with: University of Winnipeg History Department; President's Office, Vice-President Research and International; Zimangalo Foundation, University of Manitoba; *The Uniter*, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

2011 Moderator, ***"Survivors and Heroes," Holocaust Survivors and Righteous Gentiles,*** Awards Ceremony, Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada, Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, Asper Jewish Community Campus, May 5.

### **Selected Private Sector Articles**

***Why is Christmas Still Such a Big Deal?*** Series final, Big Picture Article, United Church Observer, December, 2014

***The End of the Beginning; the Beginning of Hope*** Article for Masonry in Manitoba, August 2014

**A Small Blue Flower; a Thin Blue Line** Article for Manitoba Freemason, February, 2014

**Does Jesus Love Me?** Article, The Observer, February, 2014

**What is Armageddon?** Article, The Observer, July, 2013

**Why is the Universe so Big?** Article, The Observer, January, 2013

**Pride of Place** Article on the “seven deadly sins, *United Church Observer*, cover story, May, 2012

**“Thirty Years After: From One Federalist’s Pen.”** *Mondial*, July, 2011

**“Hwacheon Notebook.”** *Mandate*, July, 2011

**“Did Jesus Intend to Start Christianity?”** *The United Church Observer*, January, 2011.

### Professional Experience

<b>Professor</b> , Faculty of Theology, University of Winnipeg (UCTS)	2011 -
<b>Dean, Faculty of Theology</b> , University of Winnipeg	2005-2010
<b>Inaugural Dean, Global College</b> , University of Winnipeg	2005-2006
<b>Director, Ridd Institute for Religion and Global Policy</b>	2010 –
<b>Convenor</b> , Winnipeg Theological Co-operative	2005-2010
<b>Visiting Fellow</b> International Islamic University of Malaysia	2011-2012
<b>President</b> , Canadian Council of Churches	2006-2009
<b>Chair</b> of the International Council, World Federalist Movement/ Institute for Global Policy	1995 – 2012
<b>Minister</b> , United Church of Canada	1983 –
<b>President</b> , Toronto Conference, United Church of Canada	1993-1994
<b>Chair</b> , Presbytery of York, United Church of Canada	1990-1991
<b>Interim Chair</b> , Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto	1996
<b>Interim General Secretary</b> , Theology, Faith, and Ecumenism, United Church of Canada	2001
<b>Secretary</b> , Presbytery of York, United Church of Canada	1988-1989
<b>Commissioner</b> , General Council, United Church of Canada	1994-1997
	2009-2012
<b>Ministry Intern</b> , United Church of Canada, Kanata, Ontario	1982-1983
<b>Student Supply</b> , Troy Conference (New York) United Methodist Church	1980-1982
<b>District Manager</b> , The Investor’s Syndicate	1979-1980

<b>Account Executive</b> , Hudson's Bay Company, Financial Services	1978-1979
<b>Director of Admissions</b> , John Abbott College, Montréal	1975-1977
<b>Directeur des Services Pastorales</b> , CEGEP John Abbott, Montréal	1974-1975
<b>Lecturer</b> , English Literature and Biblical Studies, John Abbott College, Montréal	1974-1977
<b>Board Chair</b> , Centre Dialogue, Anglican Church of Canada/United Church of Canada, <b>Ganasatake, (Oka)</b>	1973-1974

### Education

<b>Doctor of Ministry</b> , Toronto School of Theology, Emmanuel College, Victoria University, University of Toronto	2001
<b>Master of Arts</b> , McGill University	1986
<b>Master of Divinity</b> , Montréal School of Theology (United Theological College)	1984
<b>Bachelor of Theology</b> , McGill University	1974
<b>Bachelor of Arts</b> (Equivalent), Bishop's University	1971