



MANY RELIGIONS, ONE HUMANITY!

# ONE UNITY- RESPECT

## Planting seeds of unity

We gratefully acknowledge that the land we gather on is the traditional unceded territory of the Lheidli T'enneh.

# Why ONE Unity Project?

**One Unity Project** is needed:

- Growing polarization in Western societies, including Canada.
- Increase in violence, discrimination, and extremist activity.
- Religious communities often operate in isolation, resulting in misunderstanding and division.
- Despite differences in language and tradition, most religions share common core values.

**The One Unity Project** seeks to:

- Promote open and respectful dialogue among diverse religions and faiths.
- Build mutual understanding, empathy, and respect.
- Encourage harmony, unity, and peaceful coexistence in society.

# Diversity in Unity - Like Gardens!



# John Hick: Religious Pluralism

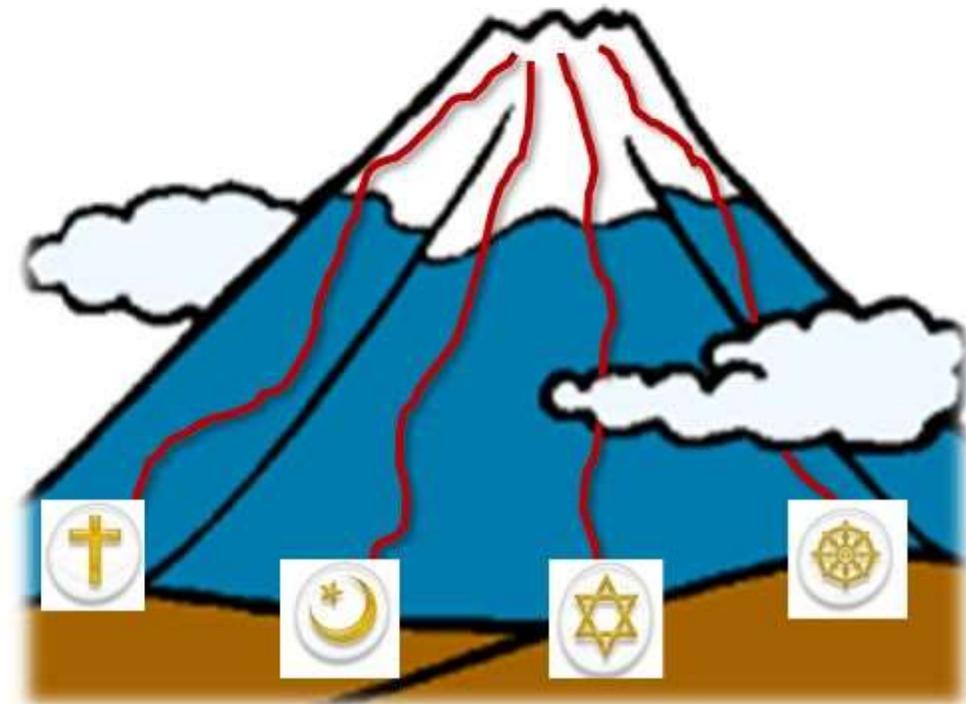
## Hick's Mountain Paths:

Hick pictures **religion** like **mountain paths**. People try and get to the **top** but take different **routes**.

Each route is "mapped out" through the **cultural, family** and **religious experiences** of their life.

**Eventually** all followers will reach the **same summit**.

Hick concluded; **all religions** are looking for the **same God**.



Project: **One Unity**

Tagline: **Many Religions, One Humanity!**

### **Vision Statement**

A world where people of all faiths and cultures are united, empowered, and inspired to nurture understanding, peace, and shared humanity.

### **Mission Statement**

One Unity is committed to:

- Promoting interfaith understanding
- Encouraging diverse cultures and believes
- Empowering communities

We create opportunities for dialogue, education, wellness, and community-building that inspire empathy, cooperation, and lasting peace.

# ONE Unity

Ref:  
<https://www.google.ca/>  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/>

**Christianity:** God the Almighty is the eternal being who created and preserves all things. Jesus Christ is his Son who sacrificed himself for all people. Christians believe there's only **ONE** God, and he created the heavens and the earth. This divine Godhead consists of three parts: the father (God Himself), the son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

**Muslims:** 'The God' is the absolute **ONE**, the all-powerful and the all-knowing ruler of the universe and the creator of everything in existence. Islam emphasizes that God is strictly singular, unique, inherently One, and is all-merciful and omnipotent. 'He is God, One'.

**Hinduism:** When God has form, He is referred to by the term Paramatma. This is almighty God, whose three main forms are Brahma, the creator, Vishnu, the sustainer, and Shiva, the destroyer . . . henotheism (literally '**ONE** God' better defines the Hindu view. It means the worship of one God without denying the existence of other gods.

**Indigenous:** people believe in the Creator, who created Mother Earth (**ONE**). She is the basis of who we are as "real human beings" that include our languages, our cultures, our knowledge and wisdom to know how to conduct ourselves in a good way. If we listen from the place of connection to the Spirit That Lives in All Things, Mother Earth teaches what we need to know to take care of her and all her children. All are provided by our mother, the Earth.

**Sikhism:** Guru Nanak prefixed the numeral 'IK' (**ONE**) to the syllable Ongkar to stress the idea of God's oneness: that the Creator, Preserver and Destroyer is One. Sikh thought begins with the One Almighty and then universalizing Him, coming down to the cosmic reality of all-pervading Ongkar.

## Comparison table of the common values in Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam, Christianity, and Canadian Indigenous Spiritualities

Common Value	Hinduism	Sikhism	Islam	Christianity	Indigenous Spirituality
<b>Belief in</b>	Paramatma	One God (Ik Onkar)	One God (Allah)	One God	Great Spirit / Creator
<b>Compassion &amp; Service</b>	Seva (selfless service)	Langar (community kitchen), Seva	Zakat, Sadaqah (charity)	Love thy neighbor, charity	Sharing, generosity for community
<b>Respect for Nature</b>	Nature as sacred, interconnected life	God in nature	Earth as a trust (Amanah)	Stewardship of creation	Nature is sacred, humans as caretakers
<b>Community &amp; Family</b>	Festivals, family rituals	Sangat (community), family unity	Ummah (community), family values	Church community, family bonds	Clan, tribe, strong communal traditions
<b>Prayer &amp; Rituals</b>	Meditation, chanting, puja	Daily prayers, hymns (Nitnem)	5 daily prayers (Salah)	Prayer, worship	Ceremonies (smudging, drumming, sweats)
<b>Moral Living</b>	Dharma (righteous living)	Truth, honesty, humility	Truth, honesty, modesty	Love, truth, honesty	Honesty, humility, living in harmony
<b>Forgiveness</b>	Forgiveness as a virtue	Forgiveness leads to peace	Forgiveness is divine	Forgive as God forgives	Healing, reconciliation, restorative justice
<b>Equality</b>	Ideal respect for all beings	Equality of all humans	All equal before God	All are God's children	Interconnectedness of all beings

## Community Snapshot (Statistics Canada, 2021)

“The population who declared no religion and secular perspectives numbered persons, representing of the total population.”

- **Prince George:** 60.6% (53,235 people)
- **British Columbia:** 52.1% (2,559,250 people)
- **Canada:** 34.6% (12,577,475 people)

### What the Data Tells Us

- A search for meaning and belonging
- Desire for community connection
- Need for inclusive, respectful spaces

### Why One Unity Matters:

- Communities need stronger social cohesion
- Connection reduces division
- Collaboration builds resilience
- Belonging strengthens well-being

### Not about belief systems About shared human values:

- Compassion; Respect; Cooperation; Service

**One Unity is not about what divides us. It is about what connects us.**

Reference: <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/as-sa/fogs-spg/page.cfm?lang=e&topic=10&dguid=2021S0504970>



## Our Programs - One Unity in Action

- Interfaith & Cultural Dialogue
- Community Events & Shared Meals
- Education & Awareness
- Wellness & Spiritual Growth
- Empowerment & Social Action
- Women, Minorities & First Nations Empowerment
- Health, Sports & Recreation

### **Future Development:** Plans to establish:

- Charitable Status and One Unity - App
- A Library & Research Centre
- A Wellness & Meditation Centre
- Community farms and food initiatives
- Spiritual and recreational facilities

# Purposes

One Unity is a community-driven initiative focused on learning from one another, resolving differences, and growing together through continuous improvement.

Our goal is to create a shared facility. Here, people of all faiths can come together to understand each other's beliefs, cultures, and lived experiences. Together, we discover our common humanity.

## **We aim to:**

- Build bridges among faith communities, fostering collaboration, empathy, and mutual respect.
- We create inclusive events and an educational centre. Our approach ensures equitable access, advocacy, and vocational training for all.
- Empower individuals and groups to take positive, collaborative action while honouring their unique traditions.
- We raise awareness and combat discrimination, racism, and social inequality. We use dialogue, campaigns, and creative initiatives.
- Strengthen community bonds through shared meals and welcoming communal spaces.
- Promote health and wellness for people of all ages.
- Establish a library and research resource centre for religion and spirituality, alongside wellness facilities, and spaces for yoga, meditation, agriculture, and outdoor recreation.



“Moving  
Forward  
As  
ONE”

# Proposed Plan – ONE Unity



Kitchen

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*Play ground/Garden & Parking*

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Christianity



Sikhism



Indigenous

Meditation/  
Wellness/Yoga

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Other Religions  
Judaism; Bahaism,  
Buddhism, etc.

Library/Research Centre

Community  
Centre

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