



"Gandhi's Legacy Talks & Community Dialogue" Series

(Schedule here)

Speaker: Ardy Verhaegen
Topic: Power of Equality of Religions (Faiths)... Embracing Diversity: The Strength of Unity in Faith

Sunday, July 26, 2025 (3:00 – 5:30 PM)

Admission FREE. Register at: <https://gandhiji.ca/2025-07-26> →

**VENUE: Minto Recreation Complex (2nd flr, Cambrian Room),
3500 Cambrian Rd, Barrhaven (Greenbank Rd & Cambrian Rd) ([Map](#))**

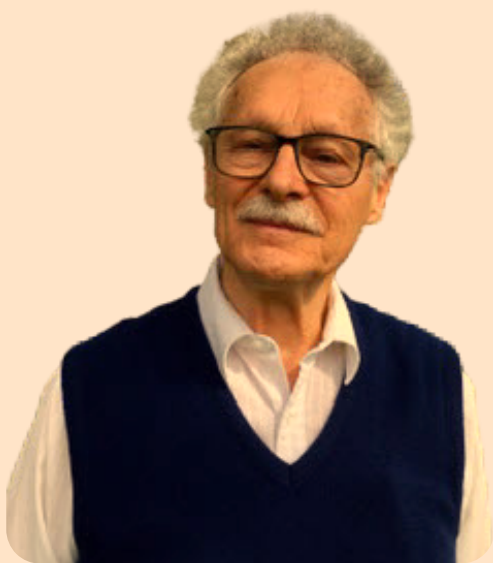


About the Session: This talk will explore the vital role of religious equality in promoting inclusivity and harmony within diverse societies. At the heart of all religions lies the power to inspire, guide, and hold humanity accountable by instilling universal values that transcend cultural boundaries. Influential spiritual leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi, Sathya Sai Baba, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and Father Thomas Merton have long advocated for interfaith dialogue and mutual respect. By drawing on their teachings, as well as the wisdom from various faith traditions, we can uncover practical approaches to fostering unity in a multicultural world.



About the Session Leader: Ardy Verhaegen has embraced a diverse and fulfilling life journey, taking on many roles, including:

- Registered Massage Therapist, specializing in the structural integration of the human body, and provider of continuing education to professionals in the field.
- Social and peace activist dedicated to fostering positive change in society.
- Restaurant server and coffee house manager, contributing to vibrant community spaces.
- Certified Sage-ing Leader and Certified Life Coach, guiding others in personal growth and transformation.
- Married father of three, with two grandchildren, cherishing family bonds.
- Lifelong spiritual seeker, born into a Catholic family, a devoted follower of Sathya Sai Baba, and guided by strong Buddhist principles.
- Writer and lecturer, sharing knowledge and insights across various platforms.



Ardy Verhaegen

Educator, Coach, Independent Scholar

Ardy is the author of *The Dalai Lamas: The Institution and Its History* (New Delhi, D.K. Printworld, 2002), a work for which His Holiness the Dalai Lama graciously provided the foreword.