

Act “In Good Faith”

Faith-Based Health Care
2019 Manitoba Election



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Learn about IHCAM

The Interfaith Health Care Association of Manitoba (IHCAM) is a voluntary non-profit provincial association created in 1995 and comprised of health and social care organizations that are owned and operated by nine faith groups: Baptist, Catholic, Jewish, Lutheran, Mennonite, Pentecostal, Salvation Army, Seventh Day Adventist and United. IHCAM advocates on behalf of its membership the value of faith-based health care and governance.

Within the Province of Manitoba, faith-based health care and human services facilities are publicly funded and sponsored by their faith communities. The independent volunteer board of directors of each organization, in collaboration with government partners, provides leadership, strategic direction, governance and oversight, while engaging in many fundraising activities to enhance care and recreation for the people they serve.

As publicly funded facilities, IHCAM members strive to meet and exceed government and professional standards. They also have an obligation and innate desire to provide care in a manner that is consistent with and expressive of faith tradition, values and ethics, and have a respect for language, spiritual, cultural, and other unique needs and requirements of the population being served – to fill the gaps and unmet needs in the delivery of supportive services.

IHCAM represents faith-based facilities whose members establish their policies, set their goals and evaluate their programs in light of a particular set of values which is deeply rooted in their faiths and heritage.

On behalf of its members, IHCAM promotes the following tenets in all its activities:

Values, Community; Mutuality and Service;

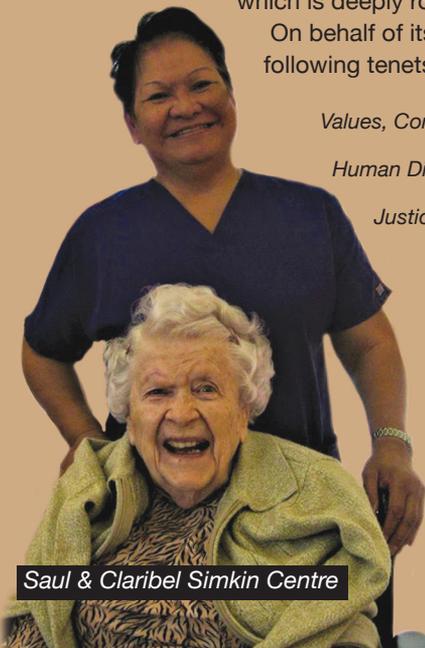
Human Dignity and Compassion for All People;

Justice and Stewardship;

Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation;

Spirituality and Prayer;

Ethical Rigor



Saul & Claribel Simkin Centre

Important Election for Faith-Based Health Care

“Like it or not, health care is the election issue” (Winnipeg Free Press, June 21, 2019).

Since IHCAM’s member organizations represent over 13% of Manitoba’s health care budget, employing over 10,000 staff and attracting over 2000 volunteers, our collective voice for faith-based health care also needs to be heard.

“Faith-based organizations are driven by a mission, values and a call to serve all.”

Deborah Corner, Director of Care, Fred Douglas Lodge

Faith-Based Health Care Strengthens “Safety Net”

IHCAM members have a proven leadership record as being community and cultural anchors that deliver human services and health care, as well as open doors to networks. We access expanded human and financial capital through volunteers and donations. Faith-based organizations believe in a holistic approach to health and human services – and have the infrastructure to focus on care, education, housing, economic/job development and social justice – all of which contribute to the health of individuals and communities.



Fred Douglas Lodge

2018 Survey Findings (NRG Research Group)

- Spirituality and prayer, compassionate and servant leadership, human dignity for all people and community and service are the top mentions when Manitobans are asked to describe faith-based organizations.
- Over 50% of Manitobans agree that faith-based health care and social services organizations invest in the community and the province.
- Over 60% of Manitobans believe that the Province of Manitoba should work in partnership with health care and human service organizations that are governed by independent boards of directors.

Reaching Out to Communities What We Do Best

Our clients and our work are important, which makes this election important. We want to ensure that candidates are enlightened about what we do, what we bring to the table as partners, and how spiritual beliefs, values and best practices can uniquely continue to support faith-based health care in Manitoba communities. We also want to hear the views of the candidates on the value of faith-based organizations - what they are prepared to do to ensure we remain sustainable and thrive. Ask questions. Listen to the candidates. Act in good faith.

Your Vote is Your Voice!

The Interfaith Health Care Association of Manitoba is committed to helping voters make an informed choice about issues that impact faith and values-based health care. This booklet includes background information and questions to ask each party leader and all candidates in order to determine their views on health care in our province. Please check out the IHCAM web site for 2019 election coverage at www.ihcam.ca.

Candidate Questions

How would you describe the value of faith-based not-for-profit health and human service organizations and investments in Manitoba communities?

What do you think distinguishes the leadership, engagement, decision-making, ethics and governance of independent boards in faith-based health care organizations?

**How do you see funding for spiritual health as part of Manitoba's health care system going forward?
Do you advocate status quo or increased funding?**

How would you enhance faith-based organizations' partnership with Government over the next 4 years?

What is your vision for the health of our community – for health services to support people of all ages?



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