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Abrahamic Communities Respond to Racism during COVID 19: The Injustice Within

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through a
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Jonathan Hamilton-Diabo

Mr. Hamilton-Diabo is Assistant Professor of Theology, June Callwood Professor in Social Justice, and Special Advisor on Indigenous Issues at Victoria College. Mr. Hamilton-Diabo has a long-standing history of leadership in Indigenous education and community-building at the University of Toronto as a staff member, student and educator. It is because of this experience and his extensive relationships across U of T's three campuses that he was selected to co-chair its Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Steering Committee in 2016. Hamilton-Diabo deftly led a diverse group of faculty, students, and staff in creating a series of calls to action to the University in its efforts to address the continuing barriers faced by Indigenous members of our community, including enrollment. At Victoria College, he leads a new Capstone course in Community-Engaged Research, and he helps to develop Indigenous content in both Victoria and Emmanuel Colleges' curricula.

Akilah Allen-Silverstein

Ms. Allen-Silverstein lives in Toronto and is a Certified Financial Planner and Registered Retirement Consultant with Mandeville Private Client. Her own brand Silverstein Wealth has adopted the mantra – Integrity, Professionalism & Diligence. Ms. Allen-Silverstein is on the board of the East York Rotary club which supports various local and international charitable organizations year-round. She presently serves on the board of the Birthright Israel Foundation Canada Youth Leadership Counsel and she is also a mentor to BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) high school and university students. She is co-founder of the movement No Silence On Race, which is an Open Letter to the Jewish community that aims to garner signatures and statements of intent from Jewish organizations committing to meaningful action to create a more inclusive, anti-racist and equitable spaces which not only accepts Jews of Colour but celebrates our existence.

Imam Yasin Dwyer

Imam Dwyer was born to parents of Jamaican heritage in Winnipeg. He is the executive director of Muslim Chaplaincy of Toronto. Before joining Muslim Chaplaincy of Toronto, he was a part of the multi-faith chaplaincy team at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. Imam Yasin has lectured extensively on topics such as religion and the arts, Black Canadian culture and the history of Muslims in the West. Along with working alongside many non-profit organizations in Canada, Imam Yasin was the first full-time Muslim chaplain to work with the Correctional Service of Canada, a position he held for 12 years. He is also a board member of the Montreal-based Silk Road Institute.