

**Program for 5th Anniversary Celebration for the
Environment Meditation and Healing Garden
(hosted by Canberra Interfaith Forum)**

Sunday 22nd May 2016 at 2.00- 3:30pm

1. 2:05 Christine Watson welcomes attendees and introduce Wally and Karen Bell, if present, to perform a Welcome to Country.
2. 2:10 Welcome to Country (by Ngunawal Elder if available)
3. 2:15 Dean Sahu Khan, Chairperson of Canberra Interfaith Forum, to welcome dignitaries including the Philippine Ambassador, deliver Minister Yvette Berry's apologies, and invite Mr Nic Manikis, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, to speak.
4. 2:20 – 2:25 Mr Nic Manikis, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.
5. 2:25 Dean Sahu Khan to invite representatives from faith groups in alphabetical order (*each presentation – maximum 5 minutes*):
 - 2:25 – 2:30 **Baha'i Prayer for the Day**: presented by Natasha Tioukavin, ACT Baha'i Community
 - 2:30 - 2:35 **The Art of Living Group**: (Hindu faith): The Song Bilvashtakam (a short poem that speaks of the power and glory of offering *bilva* leaves to Lord Shiva) presented by Shivani Wadhawan.
 - 2:35- 2:40 **Sathya Sai Group**: "Nature thus teaches man in many ways to give up ideas of "I" and "Mine" - A reading by Yahurshan Kugathas and Neerajaa Rajendra.
 - 2:40 – 2:45 **Sukyo Mahikari Group**: A piece of prose about the beauty and wonder of nature presented by Talis Tebecis and members of the Sukyo Mahikari Youth Group
6. 2:45 – 2.50 **Benediction**: “May the Feet of the Lord go with you...”, (back of this page), led by Robert James, Wesley Uniting Church.
7. 2:50 – 3:30 **Peace Pole Ceremony**: facilitated by Terry Quinn, Canberra Interfaith Forum.
8. Light Refreshments and Closure

~ **Benediction** ~

(Robin Mann)

May the feet of God walk with you,
and his hand hold you tight.

May the eye of God rest on you,
and his ear hear your cry.

May the smile of God be for you,
and his breath give you life.

May the Child of God grow in you,
and his love bring you home.

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