

Bernard Edmund Mullins, B.A., M.Div.

Profile

Naturally quiet leader with a progressive career in institutional correctional settings. Extensive experience providing spiritual care to adults and youth in conflict with the law and struggling with addictions and mental health concerns. Diverse skill set with an emphasis on suicide prevention and intervention. Sensitive and responsive to the cross cultural needs of clients. Adept in the art of supervision in a unionized workplace. Proficient in creating, understanding and applying policy in a mandated environment.

Education

Master of Divinity

September 1989 - November 1994

St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto, Toronto School of Theology and University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.

Undergraduate General Studies (Philosophy - Non Degree)

September 1988 - May 1989

University College of Cape Breton. Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Bachelor of Arts (Major Sociology)

September 1984 - May 1987

St Francis Xavier University, Antigonish Nova Scotia.

Grade XII (Nova Scotia)

September 1981 - June 1984

George D. Lewis High School, Louisbourg, Nova Scotia.

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Experience

Coordinator of Chaplains

February 2008 to present – Manitoba Justice – Community Safety Division - Corrections Branch.

- I am responsible for the professional supervision of seventeen chaplains providing pastoral services and ministry in seven adult and two youth correctional centres operating under the jurisdiction of the Government of Manitoba. I organize meetings and professional development events for chaplains and consult with correctional centre managers on operational matters that impact the delivery of spiritual care services. I am also called to be a pastor to the pastors by providing support, encouragement and guidance to chaplains.

Chaplain

November 1998 to Present - Manitoba Justice – Community Safety Division Corrections Branch.

- I also serve as a chaplain at the Brandon Correctional Centre where I meet with offenders from many faith backgrounds who need support to cope with impact of incarceration. I have a specialized ministry to offenders who are suicidal or in crisis and developed a unique approach to spiritual development in the form of a program called “Map to the Soul”. I oversee an effective and valued volunteer program that is well integrated into a complex organizational routine.

Civilian Officiating Clergy

May 2006 to Present - CFB / ASU Shilo, Manitoba.

- I lead Sunday worship at Our Lady of Shilo Chapel on a casual basis. I also served as a duty chaplain when CFB Shilo units were deployed to the Afghanistan theatre.

Instructor

September 2001 to 2008 - Assiniboine Community College, Brandon, Manitoba.

- I designed and instructed several credit courses for students enrolled the Criminal Justice Certificate and Applied Counselling Certificate programs offered through the Continuing Education department at Assiniboine Community College. I taught “Orientation to the Canadian Criminal Justice System” (40 credits), “Effective Communication in the Criminal Justice System” (40 credits) and “Legal and Ethical Issues” (25 credits).

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Chaplain

May 1995 to November 1998 - Correctional Service of Canada, Mission and Ferndale Institutions, Mission, British Columbia.

- I ministered to offenders serving federal sentences by providing pastoral counselling, support and crisis intervention. My ministry involved escorting offenders on temporary absences and appearing before the National Parole Board as a hearing assistant.

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Treatment Worker II

January to May 1995 - Manitoba Adolescent Treatment Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

- I worked with a team of mental health professionals to assess and treat adolescents experiencing chronic and acute mental health challenges. I performed shift work, physically intervened with clients, prepared treatment plans, and documented client progress. This role required significant involvement with clients in all aspects of their treatment including direct supervision, meal preparation, counselling, crisis intervention, and supervising recreational activities.

Proctor

March 1994 to May 1995 - Adult Mental Health Services, Manitoba Health, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

- I supported adult men who living independently in the community with a major mental health diagnosis achieve their personal and treatment goals.

Chaplain

June to July 1990 - HMCS Acadia, CFB Cornwallis, Nova Scotia.

- I ministered to young adults participating in a military themed summer camp experience at a Canadian Forces base.

Volunteer Teacher

September 1987 to March 1988 - Canadian Crossroads International, The Gambia, West Africa.

- I was a volunteer teacher in a Muslim high school located in the rural district of The Gambia.
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Suicide Prevention Experience

February 2001 to Present – Manitoba Corrections and Brandon Suicide Prevention Implementation Network.

- I facilitated more than 65 Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Workshops (ASIST) offered as part of the Manitoba Justice correctional officer trainee program and locally in Brandon under the auspices of the Suicide Prevention Implementation Network (SPIN).
 - I contributed to the development of the Manitoba Corrections provincial suicide prevention policy framework and wrote the 2001 Brandon Correctional Centre suicide risk policy. I also helped create the Manitoba Corrections suicide prevention refresher training.
 - As a member of the suicide prevention risk review committee at the Brandon Correctional Centre, I initiated weekly contact with offenders at risk of suicide and made recommendations that impacted risk ratings.
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Continuing Education and Professional Development

- Evidence to Action Workshop, September 2017, University of Manitoba Rady Faculty of Health Sciences – Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- Mental Health on the Prairies, October 2016, Brandon University Faculty of Health Studies – Brandon, Manitoba.
- Culture of Compassion, November 2015, Canadian Association for Spiritual Care – Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- Computer security awareness, November 2015, Organization and Staff Development - Brandon, Manitoba.
- Culturally Appropriate Program, September 2015, Manitoba Corrections – Brandon, Manitoba.
- Westman Justice Conference, August, 2015, National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials - Elkhorn, Manitoba.

An extensive list of continuing education and professional development activities prior to 2015 is available upon request.

References

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