



I would like to obtain a copy of Take It Back: Caring for Planet Earth and No More Turning Away: Caring about Hunger and Poverty. I have used these resources several times in the classroom, mostly with 12-14 year old students. I have found the presentations to have an indelible impact on my students. They have fostered awareness regarding the utmost important environmental and humanitarian issues facing us. The DVDs offered amazing insights, facts, visuals and more related to these topics, and have led to tremendous discussion,

personal learning and action for my students.

Joel Ainsworth, Acting Vice-Principal
Cathcart Blvd. Public School, Sarnia, ON

I have officially submitted my petition [to be reinstated into my program] and thank you once again for everything [hearing about my extenuating circumstances and writing a letter to my program director to explain how grief over my grandfather's death affected my grades].

U. of Waterloo student

Thank you so much for talking with me yesterday afternoon. I can't tell you how incredibly helpful it was . . . You gave me a lot to think about which has helped me to manage my anxiety and depression.

I was able to function normally last night and this morning at my school work because I felt so much less alone and I didn't feel like I was a terrible, horrible person for questioning my faith.

I am not exaggerating when I say you really changed my life for the better.

U. of Guelph student

SPECTRUM

SPECTRUM Artistic and Educational Media Association is a non-profit, registered charity promoting media arts in education. *Our mission is to provide schools and registered charities with artistic and educational media that foster life-enhancing values.*

Spectrum's history can be divided into 3 chapters. **Chapter 1**, during the 1980s, focused on **Exploring Values and Beliefs**. Under IVCF, Spectrum produced and presented two 3-screen, 9-projector multimedia presentations. One of these, *In Search of a Sun: An Inquiry into Values*, was presented 500 times to nearly 100,000 people in all 10 provinces. Whenever possible it was shown with its sequel, first *Between Reflections*, then *Say It Isn't True: An Inquiry into Faith*.

Chapter 2, in the 1990s, saw Spectrum become an independent artistic and educational media resource with an expanded mandate, **Probing Values, Beliefs and Social Concerns**. We further described our work as 'Fostering a civil, just and caring society.' Our media format shifted to 3-projector, wide-screen presentations followed by audience interaction and response. From 1990 to 2001, Spectrum produced and gave 900 presentations of *Take It Back* (Caring for Planet Earth), *Dear God* (Barriers and Bridges to Faith), and *No More Turning Away* (From Hunger, Poverty and Injustice) to 220,000 students and adults in 8 provinces.

Chapter 3 began in 2002 with the goal of 'Fostering Social Responsibility and Spiritual Awareness.' In 2009 we revised our goal to **Fostering Values That Enhance**

Life. Our initial focus was on providing opportunities for conversation around media (books, music and movies) that explore a progressive or metaphorical understanding of life and spirituality. With **Inspiring Students To Care**, a program in partnership with Rotary Clubs of District 6330 and Zone 24, we updated and transferred *No More Turning Away* and *Take It Back* to DVD, placing 1100 DVDs in 42 school boards in 6 provinces across Canada. In 2014 we produced *Seismic Shift: Spirituality for the Rest of Us*, a multimedia resource for exploring spirituality with university students and adults.

Since 2014 Spectrum has sponsored Keith as a nonreligious chaplain at U. of Waterloo and U. of Guelph, expanding Spectrum's presence on the university campus.

Spectrum's Board in 2016-17 consisted of Bev Garinger, Bill McKenzie and Rob Ritchie. Bev is owner and manager of The Source in Wiarton and is a member of The Rotary Club of Wiarton. Bill is a member of St. John's United Church in Wiarton, which is sponsoring Keith as a nonreligious chaplain. Bill has retired from his business, McKenzie Pharmacy, and is also a member of Rotary. Rob is a writer, editor, author and musician, part of RPR and Midnight Blue.

Spectrum's Advisory Council includes Isobel McGregor and Malcolm Rust. Isobel is a retired chaplain at U. of Waterloo and active with both Parkminster United Church in Waterloo and Grand River Unitarian Congregation in Kitchener. Malcolm is a retired minister in St. Thomas.

Isobel, Larry Kelly, Tui Torre, and Isobel Field are members of Keith's **Chaplaincy Support Team** in Waterloo.



Spectrum's Board of Directors & Ed Laksmanis, 9/16

SEISMIC SHIFT



In 2013 Keith published a book called *Seismic Shift: From God to Goodness*. Subtitled 'A journey of loss and discovery,' it describes his journey from belief in God as a higher Being to God as a higher Ideal,

This past year Seismic Shift was shown at the U. of Waterloo and the U. of Guelph for the last A Taste of Oasis events of the year.

especially the ideal of Goodness.

In 2014 Spectrum produced a companion multimedia presentation entitled *Seismic Shift: Spirituality for the Rest of Us*. It explores a progressive alternative to traditional faith, New Age spirituality, and atheism.

Here are a few responses to the presentations:

"Music in the video was powerful. I like that you portray your journey so honestly. It strikes me as a vulnerable endeavour!"

"Striking imagery, well-coordinated with your choice of music. The script is well-written and thoughtful. Thank you for your good work up to this point and going forward."

"I came here looking for another way to thinking but, after watching the presentation, I have realized that I think in a similar way and it is not wrong and uncommon."

"I found the message was very powerful. Really explained why and how people believe in God and why they could be led to leaving their faith."

SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS CHAPLAINCY

In September 2014 Keith became a nonreligious chaplain at U. of Waterloo and U. of Guelph. When it comes to religious identity, "no religious affiliation" or "none" is the fastest growing segment among students and adults. He is a chaplain for the "nones," especially students who are, or want to be, spiritual but not necessarily religious. His goal is to point students to universal, life-enhancing values like goodness and compassion rather than a particular set of beliefs.

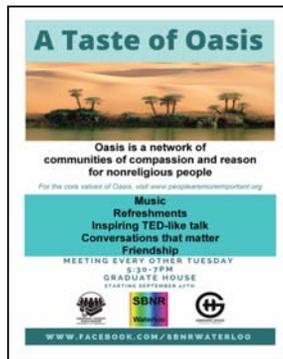
Keith is a member of the U. of Waterloo Chaplaincy Association and the U. of Guelph Multi-Faith Resource Team, sponsored by Spectrum A&E Media and St. John's United Church in Wiarton, with Ed Laksmanis as his supervisor.

In his third year he was on each campus at least one day a week, sometimes two. Besides office hours he had a Spiritual But Not Religious display table once a month in the Student Life Centre and University Centre.

On both campuses a new venture was launched called **A Taste of Oasis**. Oasis is a network of communities of compassion and reason for nonreligious people.

A Taste of Oasis is a sample of what an Oasis meeting would be like, including music, refreshments, an inspiring TED-like talk, conversations that matter, and friendship.

The core values of Oasis are: people are more important than beliefs, reality is known through reason, human hands solve human problems, meaning comes from making a difference, and be accepting and be accepted (www.peoplearemoreimportant.org).



At U of Waterloo 21 people attended 10 A Taste of Oasis events at least once, with an average of 8 people per event. At U. of Guelph 24 people attended 8 events at least once, with an average of 7.5 people.

A 5 page SBNR Chaplaincy Report with 13 appendixes and 19 pages of photos is available on request. If you would like to be part of Keith's work on campus, your financial support would be a real encouragement, enabling him to continue helping students live by life-enhancing values.

Spectrum ended the year with a deficit of \$2,965 but was able to pay off a debt of almost \$12,000 from previous years. A 10 page financial statement and review engagement by BDO Canada or a 2 page financial summary by Spectrum is available on request.

Respectfully submitted,
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