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### Students use visual art to depict peace and environmentalism

Students from schools across Saskatchewan will use visual art to observe Earth Day this year. Multi-Faith Saskatchewan is presenting an afternoon of events on the theme “Peace, Unity and Care of the Earth” on Saturday, April 22 in the auditorium of Westminster United Church, 3025 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Regina.

The program will include a presentation by Bert Pitzel of the Archdiocese of Regina on Care and Proper Use of our Resources for Sustainable Living; presentation of award winners to finalists in the Saskatchewan Youth Visual Arts Project and viewing of the 15 winning entries in the provincial contest.

Multi-Faith Saskatchewan started this project in 2010-2011 among Saskatchewan students in Grades 9 to 12. The contest is on the theme Saskatchewan Youth Working through Visual Art for Peace, Unity and Care of the Earth.

This year the contest attracted entries from 40 students from public, separate, Francophone and First Nations schools.

The art has been adjudicated by a panel of artists and the 15 entries will be selected for display at the Earth Day event at Westminster Church. An awards ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. when monetary awards will be presented to the top 15 entries.

The afternoon’s activities are open to the public and the event is free of charge.

Guest speaker, Bert Pitzel, is Social Justice Co-ordinator for the Catholic Archdiocese of Regina.

The Visual Arts Project is organized jointly between Multi-Faith Saskatchewan and Regina Multi-Faith Forum and other sponsors including SaskCulture, B’nai Brith Lodge 739, Multicultural

Council of Saskatchewan, Regina Eastview Rotary Club and Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission.

The entries in the provincial art project will tour various centres around the province in the coming months.

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