



# Five Oaks

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## Mary Jo Leddy

Nov. 12 -14, 2018



**Mary Jo Leddy** is a well-known author, activist, refugee advocate and Director of Romero House for Refugees in Toronto. She is also an Adjunct Professor at Regis College, University of Toronto, an international lecturer and frequent radio and TV commentator.

✚ *Mary Jo will share reflections from her new book, “Why Are We Here? A Meditation on Canada”*

✚ *She will join in conversation on this subject with First Nations Elder, Renee Thomas-Hill and Muslim leader Dr. Shabir Ally*



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## *Why Are We Here? A Meditation on Canada”*

The story is told of the encounter between a Tsimshian chief and one of the first Europeans who had arrived on the west coast, in the area now known as British Columbia. “Why are you here?” asked the chief.

The question winds its way through the centuries and up through the layers of soil and self and spirit. The question about the meaning and purpose of life is as ancient as it is always new. It is deeply personal and worthy of life long, longer than life, consideration.

It is also a question that shapes cultures, empires and nations.

For we are all here and now, indigenous peoples, settlers and newcomers.

And why are we here in this place and at this time?

### **Dates:**

The program begins on Monday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm with introductions and supper and ends with lunch on Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Rates:**

- Commuter \$225
- Shared Room \$325
- Private Room \$385

*These rates include tuition, meals and accommodations (except for commuters).*

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