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## **New Democrat proposes prayer room at Ontario Legislature for all faiths**

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TORONTO (CP) - New Democrat Cheri DiNovo wants to see a boardroom in a remote corridor at the Ontario legislature transformed into a prayer and meditation room.

DiNovo, who is also a United Church minister, noted the House of Commons has a prayer room as do most airports, hospitals and universities.

She will table a resolution on March 19, when the legislature resumes, calling for Room 163 in the main legislative building to become "a place for all people."

Premier Dalton McGuinty is receptive to the idea but says it is in the hands of Speaker Mike Brown, who says he is "certainly open" to DiNovo's suggestion.

Lama Tenzin Dakpa, a Buddhist monk, praises DiNovo for the initiative, noting it "is very, very important to have a place for all the different traditions" to be practised.

Representatives of the Muslim and Sikh communities also say a place to worship at the legislature would be convenient and welcomed. (Toronto Star)

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