## **Andrew Bennett**



Dr. Andrew P. W. Bennett was appointed Canada's first, and so far only Ambassador for Religious Freedom on February 19, 2013. He was in office until March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 where the government merged his office under the general human rights work. Dr. Andrew P. W. Bennett are currently engaged as a senior Fellow at the think tank Cardus.

Ambassador Bennett is a public servant and academic with an extensive educational background in history, political science and theology. He received a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Edinburgh in 2002, and is in the process of completing a degree in theology in Eastern Christian Studies at the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies at Saint Paul University in Ottawa.

Prior to his appointment as Ambassador, Dr. Bennett worked for the Privy Council Office, Export Development Canada and Natural Resources Canada in a wide variety of analytical, research and corporate roles. Since March 2014, he has also served as Canada's Head of Delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.