**Social Justice Vestry Motion 2016:**

**Answering the Call for Reconciliation**

We, the vestry of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [name of parish] commit ourselves to work to implement the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. As part of this effort, we call on the Governments of Canada and Ontario to address the recommendations which the Commission’s final report directs toward them. In particular, we affirm the Government of Canada’s commitment to establish a public inquiry into the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and will continue to advocate for ongoing action on this issue. We also call on the Government of Ontario, in consultation with Aboriginal peoples, residential school survivors, and the churches, to develop an age-appropriate, mandatory curriculum on residential schools and the contributions of Aboriginal peoples to Canada for all grade levels.

**Share the Good News!** Communicating the results of this vestry motion to the federal and provincial governments will be a key aspect of our advocacy work over the next year. Knowing that others are working alongside us in our pursuit of positive social and environmental change also helps us all to recognize that we are part of a wider movement. Consider sharing the results of your vestry motion with your wider community, other Anglican parishes, and through your ecumenical and interfaith relationships. **Please also let Ryan Weston, Social Justice and Advocacy Consultant at the Diocese of Toronto, know the decisions made by your vestry regarding this motion so that we can track and promote the efforts of Anglicans across the Diocese of Toronto to take action on building right relations with Indigenous peoples.** Ryan can be reached by email at [rweston@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:rweston@toronto.anglican.ca) or by phone at 416-363-6021 ext. 240.

