



THE RECONCILIATION LAND TITHE: TOWARDS REPENTANCE & RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS SOVEREIGNTY

\$250,000

REDISTRIBUTED TO INDIGENOUS NATIONS AND
GRASS ROOTS INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN 2024-2025

Since the passing of Motion 12, the Indigenous-led Reconciliation Land Tithe (RLT) Committee worked with local Indigenous leaders to engage in dialogue and open invitations to apply for funding. We seek to build **relationships** with applicants and are guided by principals of **holistic** restitution outlined by the Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Burials Associated with Residential Schools.

In 2021 the Right Reverend Andrew Asbil wrote the Anglican Diocese of Toronto to highlight Motion 12 coming before Synod:

“This motion is born out of what many feel is the stirring of the Holy Spirit in our Church: a call to tithe to Indigenous communities **10% of funds from the sale of diocesan real estate**. This motion provides an opportunity for our Diocese to commit to **Call to Action #61** of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission:

“We call upon Church parties to the Settlement Agreement, in collaboration with Survivors and representatives of Aboriginal organizations, to establish permanent funding to Aboriginal people for:

- i.) Community-controlled healing and reconciliation projects,
- ii.) Community-controlled culture and language revitalization projects,
- iii.) Community-controlled education and relationship building projects,

iv.) Regional dialogues for Indigenous spiritual leaders and youth to discuss Indigenous spirituality, self-determination, and reconciliation.

An ongoing commitment of a 10% tithe from the MAF would be a tangible step towards **restoring the treaty relationship** between the Diocese and Indigenous peoples... we are also reconsidering and acknowledging the Land on which we reside. There are many theological, historical, cultural and moral questions to ponder when we reflect on the concept of “property.” Motion 12 makes a first attempt at regularizing the sale of our “property” by committing to prioritize a cumulative tithe to the work of reconciliation.”

- The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, November 2021, <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/from-our-bishops/letter-to-the-diocese-from-bishop-andrew-nov-12/>

**MOTION 12-
“RECONCILIATION
WITH INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES AND
COMMUNITIES”
CONVENING CIRCULAR
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And Whereas the Diocese wishes to engage in a process of formation to better understand how it can further support and engage in the work of reconciliation in an intentional and fruitful way;

Now therefore the Diocese of Toronto, commits for the period between now and December 31, 2026, to making such formation a financial priority of the Diocese by spending up to the current balance of the MAF tithe (on a rolling basis) for this purpose. For greater clarity, this motion is not intended to fetter the discretion of Diocesan Council to authorize spending internal to the Diocese from other sources for this purpose.

The Reconciliation Land Tithe formation period was established in 2021 through 2026. The RLT Committee **requests a one year extension** of the RLT, with the intention of developing a **permanent expression** of the RLT at **Synod 2027**.

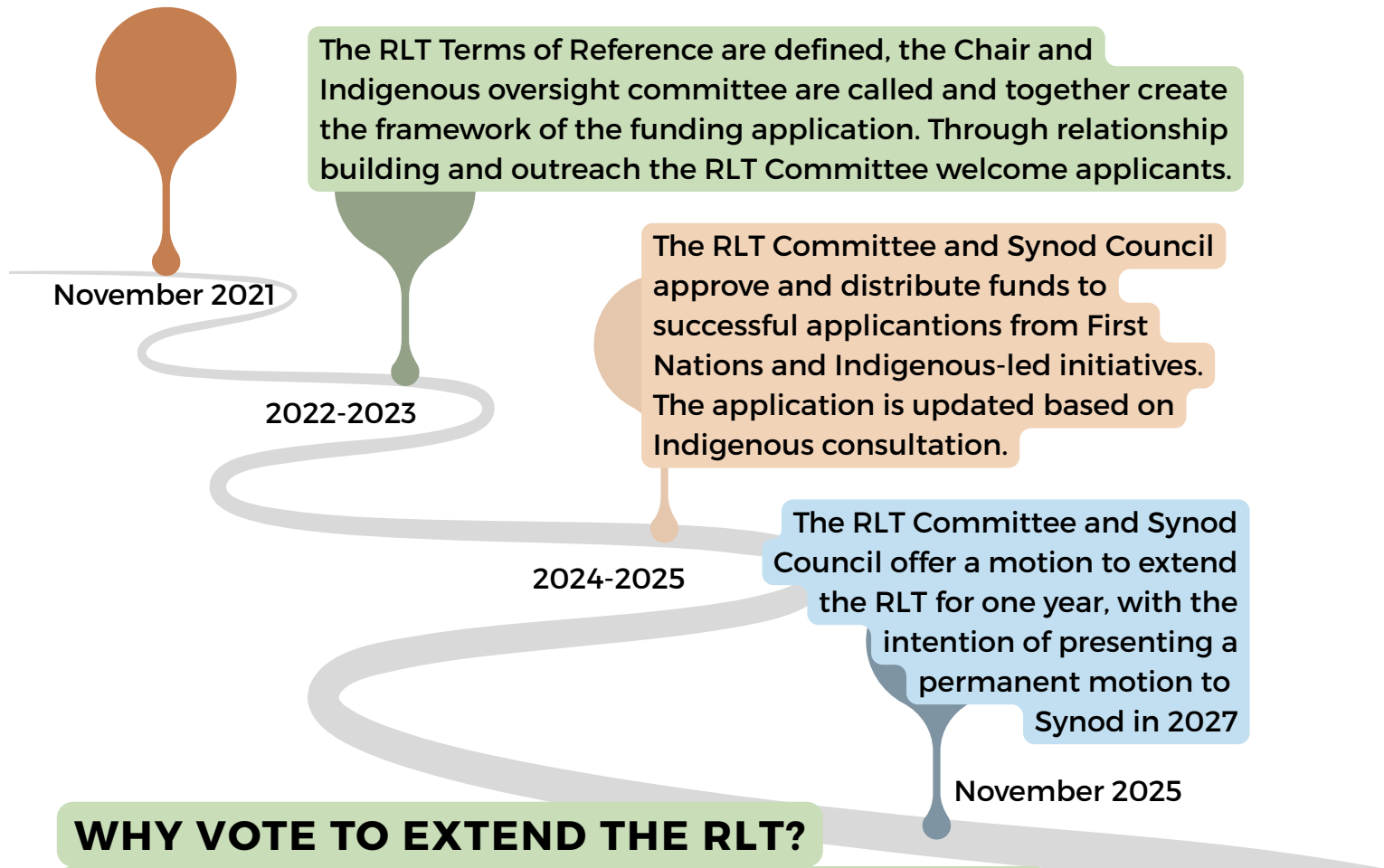
Honouring our **relational and spiritual obligations and responsibilities** to Indigenous Peoples and Nations involves recognizing our institutional abuse of power. Our land holdings came through privilege, that settlers and the Anglican Church asserted through “free” land grants, the Clergy Reserve system, and the claiming of dominion over Indigenous Territories by English military bodies. Anglicans across the Diocese are committed to meaningfully addressing this power imbalance and taking steps to recognize our historic privilege.

Visit the Right Relations Ministries booth or read the full report to learn more about our history.

Our faith calls us to transformative discipleship and to “bear fruits worthy of repentance” (Matthew 5:8).

RECONCILIATION LAND TITHE TIMELINE

Synod passes Motion 12, The Reconciliation Land Tithe, for a period from 2021-2026



WHY VOTE TO EXTEND THE RLT?

Honouring Our Sacred Obligations to Justice and Healing

The sacred obligations of the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission call for **permanent funding** from Churches (both individual Diocese and National bodies) to support healing from the legacy of Residential Schools and Christian colonialism. By extending the RLT for one year, the RLT Committee may continue to redistribute funds set aside by the Ministry Allocation Fund tithe (10% of the net sale of Diocesan held property) to Indigenous Nations and communities, while engaging in consultation and the development of a motion for Synod 2027. The creation of a 2027 motion would be rooted in consultation across the Diocese and with Indigenous leaders, towards a permanent expression of the RLT. Our hope is that the Anglican Diocese of Toronto might honour our obligations to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Indigenous Peoples by **embedding restitution funding for transformational healing into our Diocesan structure; into the heart of who we are as followers of Jesus on Indigenous Lands**. Visit the Right Relations Ministries booth at Synod or read the RLT Preliminary Report to view examples and possible expressions of a permanent Reconciliation Land Tithe.