

Resources for Observing National Indigenous People's Day Every Day!

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Toronto Urban Native Ministry

LEARN

Part of the celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day involves engaging with the history and present of the vast Indigenous Nations and communities across this land. This is our opportunity to come to a greater understanding of the points of view, desires, and futures of Indigenous Peoples. The following lists a variety of opportunities and resources to expand your knowledge.

Indigenous & Newcomer Friendship Web Chat

Are you Indigenous or someone who identifies as a recent migrant or new Canadian? If so, then please participate in this opportunity to meet one another and build community and solidarity on June 17th from 3pm-4pm EDT.

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/indigenous-rights/webinars>

Sacred Teachings Podcast

From Traditional Teachings on "The Bear Clan" to conversations on self determination, this podcast series highlights the wisdom of Indigenous Elders from across this continent.

<https://www.anglican.ca/im/podcasts/>

Indigenous Lawyer Dr. Pamela Palmater's Youtube Channel

This incredible resource gathers research based knowledge and informed analysis in short videos brought to you by Ryerson University's Chair in Indigenous Governance and Mi'kmaq Nation's Dr. Pamela Palmater.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTeExnsj_hu87OwPCHcBcjA

Tour a Residential School

Join Mennonite Central Committee and the Woodland Cultural Centre as they commemorate National Indigenous Peoples Day this year with the stories as part of the virtual walk through Canada's history. After this 45 minute film, stay with them while the staff at the Woodland Cultural Centre lead a Q&A. It all takes place on zoom, Friday, June 19 between 7:00 and 8:30 pm.

<https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mohawk-institute-virtual-tour?fbclid=IwAR1LrZhrPTH3f8J2Oh73lZJOEmk97qd9v2YvzSJGNAfBRHycMFWSRDci3BM>

Nipivut Inuit Podcast

"Nipivut" (meaning 'our voices' in Inuktitut) is a community-based Inuit radio show in Montreal. Nipivut provides an opportunity for Inuit to represent themselves and to connect to the broader community, including north and south. Their most recent

show featured Black Inuit community members on their experiences of racism and their perspectives on the Black Lives Matter movement. They spoke with Dominique Putulik from Aylmer Quebec, Miali Coley-Sudlovenick from Iqaluit, Aibillie Cumberbatch from Inukjuaq, and Qalingu Napartuk, a rapper from Umiujaq whose music is also featured on the show.

<https://soundcloud.com/nipivut>

Learn from Indigenous Women

The link below features multiple *daily* resources to observe this month as a time to learn from Indigenous women and see the incredible work they are doing in their own communities.

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/indigenous-rights/indigenous-womens-month>

Engage the Calls to Justice

This summary report gives an excellent introduction and engagement with the concrete calls to action and justice from the final report on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Queer people. Consider reading the Calls to Justice, choosing one that speaks to you, and write your local MP for the implementation of the final report.

https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Calls_for_Justice.pdf

Learn how to offer a Land Acknowledgment in your Faith Community

Indigenous Peoples Month is a great time to think about how your community could craft a land acknowledgement that suits the place and context of your church, place of work, home or community at large. This is an important protocol that is one of the foundation blocks of building safer spaces for Indigenous presence and voices.

<https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/acknowledging-the-territory.pdf>

Resource kit of activities for children and families

<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1315444613519/1534942257655>

Reclaiming Power and Place

Click below to access the final report of the Nation Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Queer peoples.

https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/?fbclid=IwAR1NOCNYZO2rZ5x6t6PsuuztJJIjSj5jfSk-pJDX_MS9bXSpAHB5d-aUt2lw

An Indigenous View on Black Lives Matter

This essay by Misissauga Anishnawbekwe Leanne Betamosake Simpson explores the interrelationships and solidarity between Indigenous and Black communities. We also highly recommend the literature, music, poetry, and academic writing of Dr. Leanna Betamosake Simpson.

<https://www.yesmagazine.org/social-justice/2014/12/06/indigenous-view-black-lives-matter-leanne-simpson/>

#IndigenousReads

Check out either link to participate in this initiative that highlights Indigenous authors.

<https://www.cbc.ca/books/108-indigenous-writers-to-read-as-recommended-by-you-1.4197475>

<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1496255894592/1557840487211>

Medicine for the Resistance Podcast

[Medicine for the Resistance](#) is by “an Anishnaabe kwe and an Afro mystic looking at life through #Black and #Indigenous eyes.”

<https://soundcloud.com/patty-wbk>

Reconciliation Toolkit- National Indigenous Ministries

This extensive link organized by Melanie Delva features a wide variety of resources, from films to recommended books, to ways you can personally get involved with the reconciliation journey.

<https://www.anglican.ca/tr/reconciliation-toolkit/>

Resources of Black and Indigenous Relations and Co-Creation

This toolkit features a diverse list of films, documentaries, academic articles, and more.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/11GGzi6lDzayf-AcN_Duw6TGjGGQjEgu9_t8cigTbaPU/edit?fbclid=IwAR24-FzY-CFYutXWJ78XpDb_2NhyABfRTI56Btm7k8goCGt7hS2QmEhfFos

P R A Y

The following are prayers that have been created to unify the heart and mind with both the plight and the strength of Indigenous Peoples. These prayers bring to mind many of the parts of Settler-Indigenous relationship that have been wounded gravely, as well as the opportunity for healing and unity. These prayers can be used in your services, in your gatherings, or as a centering activity in your spiritual practices. You will also find longer listings of prayer resources from both the United and Anglican Churches of Canada.

Prayer for those Who Did not Return Home from Residential School and for all Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

Let us pray,

We hold close to our hearts today those whose absence leaves a gap too great for words. We hold to our hearts and grieve those beautiful lives cut short by colonial violence.

For the thousands of children who did not return home from residential school,

For the many Indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ2S+ people who are missing, or taken from us,

May love surround them.

May love circle those who miss them from their circles of love, family, and Community. May love empower and encourage us to act with compassion, understanding, and peace.

Peace and dignity to all beings, of earth, sky, and sea.

We lament the violence at every level of Canadian society.

May we all listen and follow the leadership of the families in this time of reckoning and calls for justice.

May the chains of violence in hearts and communities be healed at their deepest roots.

We hold close to our hearts the tears of so many, and the dead who lay in the earth.

We commit ourselves to praying, listening, being in relationship, speaking, and acting for the healing of the generations past and generations to come.

Creator of life- unleash the healing of your love in this land. In the spirit of the wounded Creator-with-us, Amen.

- By Toronto Urban Native Ministry

Prayer for those Recently Killed by Police Violence

In Holy Darkness You created

Over black water the Spirit breathed first life into being.

Creator of Life, we commit to your eternal cradle and loving arms your slain children:

Breonna Taylor

George Floyd

Ahmaud Arbery

Tony McDade

And all Black people murdered by police.

All those you may now name either silent or aloud...

Shield and protect all who are targeted, harassed, and terrorized, and all who are re-traumatized, right now. Shield and protect all who are broken, enraged, unable to sleep, all who are on the streets, all who are at home, all without a home.

Give them the strength of mountains.

Shelter them in the comfort of your love and surround those who grieve the tragic murder of their loved ones with community and care.

Spirit of burning truth, overturn and topple every institution, structure, practice, and mindset of white supremacy. Bring to ruin all workings of hatred and malice.

Creator of Life, we commit to your eternal cradle and loving arms your slain Indigenous children, murdered by Canadian police since March of this year:

Eishia Hudson

Jason Collins

Stewart Kevin Andrews

Everett Patrick

Regis Korchinski-Paquet

Chantel Moore

A yet to be publicly named Inuk man (Clyde River)

A yet to be publicly named Inuk man in Apex, Nunavut

And all those you may now name either silent or aloud...

Honour and dignity to their names and families. They rise like stars- may they guide our navigation as we pray for all to turn to the path of justice.

From violence to community.

From white supremacy to repentance.

As you tear down the mighty from their thrones and lift up the stomped on

Enkindle our hearts with the fire of your transformation.

God who overcame and precluded police and soldiers, opened prisons, and raised the murdered from the dead- give us your courage, creative vision and powerful love that breaks every chain. Amen.

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Indigenous Day of Prayer- United Church of Canada

Check out the link below for an extensive liturgical resource portfolio, from the Seven Grandfather Teachings to a Covenant of Reconciliation.

<https://www.united-church.ca/worship-special-days/indigenous-day-prayer>

National Indigenous Day of Prayer- Anglican Church of Canada

Check out this resource page, featuring prayers and liturgical readings for community observation of June 21st, and keep an eye out for a special video prayer service with Indigenous and non-Indigenous Anglicans from across the country, premiering on Sunday June 21st.

<https://www.anglican.ca/im/nidp/>

WORSHIP WITH OTHERS

Toronto Urban Native Ministry's Online Worship Prayer

Every Sunday at 9am Toronto Urban Native Ministry releases a worship video, which features prayers, drum songs, hymns, and reflections on sacred scriptures and teachings. These videos are then archived on our facebook page, which is available in the link below. Join Reverend Evan Noodin Smith, Reverend Leigh Kern, and Sandra Campbell every week for new reflections!

https://www.facebook.com/urbannativeministry/videos/?ref=page_internal

Gathering at the River: Online Gospel Jamboree

Want to hear songs and voices from across the land and territories? Check out this National Indigenous Ministries online worship video and educational resource about the Jamboree tradition.

https://www.anglican.ca/im/gospeljam/?fbclid=IwAR1b5V3OQHbXQnUU4eVY8OF_UeJJb3fSCMyKWkV9QQBzkqvh9DDi93Y-kK8

Social Distance Powwow

Join this ongoing online Powwow, all are welcome! As Powwow season has been shutdown by the COVID-19 pandemic, many Indigenous vendors, dancers, artists and singers have lost significant income. Participate in this online forum to enter the

prayerful Powwow spirit, support others, and “spread love and positivity!! Let’s Powwow everybody!!”

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/832568190487520>

ACT

Part of the purpose of Indigenous People’s Day and Month is to use our voices to support the ongoing calls to action of Indigenous communities and families. Lend your voice to the activism and advocacy of these initiatives to strengthen their cause and leadership.

Amplify Indigenous Voices

Lift up Indigenous media, literature, art, music, and more. Use your social media channels to share and promote Indigenous based platforms.

<https://www.aptn.ca/>

<https://www.wawataynews.ca/>

<http://muskratmagazine.com/>

Sign Toronto Urban Native Ministry’s Letter

Add your name to TUNM’s letter to Mayor John Tory, asking for support and accommodation for the city’s most vulnerable during COVID-19.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nSvBgGtATzXUxbzroGJU99Dcl_lsmgn5oNXHhGkUE0/edit?usp=sharing

#Next150Challenge Buy Indigenous

This online resource was established the year of Canada’s 150th anniversary. The hashtag Next 150 Challenge calls upon all of us to make the next 150 years devoted to decolonization and reconciliation through action. The following resource will help you support Indigenous owned businesses.

<https://next150.indianhorse.ca/challenges/buy-indigenous>

Justice for Chantel Moore and Regis Korchinski-Paquet Advocate for Systemic Change

“In the cases of Regis Korchinski-Paquet, Jason Collins, D’Andre Campbell, Orlando Brown, Andrew Loku, Jermaine Carby, Kwasi Skene-Peters, Marc Ekamba-Boekwa, Sammy Yatim, Ian Pryce, Alain Magloire, Nicholas Thorne-Belance, Phuong Na (Tony) Du, René Gallant, Abdurahman Ibrahim Hassan, Bony Jean-Pierre, Abdirahman Abdi, Pierre Coriolan, Brydon Whitstone, Josephine Pelletier, Nicholas Gibbs, Jaskamal Singh Lail, Chad Williams, Greg Ritchie, Machuar Madut, Sean Thompson, Randy Cochrane, Eishia Husdon, and so many more people, interaction with the police leads to death. As the whole world grapples with what to do in the aftermath of this pandemic, people of conscience are calling on their city councils to reduce and eliminate budgets for policing. We are no longer going to pay for police to harm our communities. These funds can be re-directed to support the recovery and provide much need improvements to public housing, transit, and food security programs among other basic needs. Please use this e-mail tool to tell your City Councillor to act now to defund the police in your communities. Together we keep each other safe.”

<https://cp-ep.org/defundpolice/>

Justice for Regis Petition:

https://www.change.org/p/justice-for-regis-korchinski-paquet?signed=true&fbclid=IwAR3J4WkEcDVmihtQf8BuIw-30nUwDSEdyGanH7aX-o9ip5ofTbFOu1_5jxQ

Justice for Chantel Moore Petition:

<https://www.change.org/p/new-brunswick-city-council-justice-for-chantel-moore>

Support the Most Vulnerable: COVID-19 Protection for Prisoners

Did you know that Indigenous peoples are overwhelmingly represented in our Canadian jails and prisons? Prisoners are at heightened risk of COVID-19. While it is their right under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Human Rights codes, and the International Human Rights Guidance on Health Care in Prison Settings, prisoners do not have healthcare access that is equivalent to that in the community. Learn more about the impact of COVID-19 on Prisoners and Indigenous Peoples and take action in solidarity through the following links and letter writing tools.

<https://cp-ep.org/protectprisoners/>

<https://cp-ep.org/nooneisdisposable/>

<https://cp-ep.org/free-calls-for-prisoners/>

<https://cp-ep.org/dontkillbill/>

https://www.gofundme.com/f/prisoner-emergency-support-fund?utm_source=widget&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

REDISTRIBUTE WEALTH

We know that Indigenous communities for hundreds of years have often been under resourced and left out of economic growth. If you are able, consider organizing a fundraiser for a local Indigenous community based organization or initiative. Below are a few local recommendations of where you can make a donation that will have a direct impact on the lives of Indigenous peoples.

Toronto Urban Native Ministry

Did you know that despite our founding in 1996 as an ecumenical ministry, we still do not have stable funding? In order to continue to offer chaplaincy, community care, ceremonies and outreach services we need to fundraise for our salaries, rent, and program costs. Please contribute so that TUNM can continue into the future and continue to make these resources available for faith communities.

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/tunm/?utm_expId=Zw6wDABWRgyB0oPCIDzoRg.0&utm_referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Furl%3Fq%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fwww.canadahelps.org%252Fen%252Fcharities%252Ftunm%252F%26sa%3DD%26sntz%3D1%26usg%3DAFQjCNFMFIJn-tblz7H9EyLM2r7T85hHyw

Indigenous Youth Outreach

Support Nanook Gordon, an Inuk outreach worker, who is supplying Indigenous people living on the street during COVID-19 with basic survival supplies.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/indigenous-youth-outreach?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=p_cp%20share-sheet&fbclid=IwAR1XuQ_DYp8D_51Yc_Q5dAkZeCacHALPXfvs2BfpcfTVXBrGitlega2hsGk

Fundraiser for Regis Korchinski Paquet

Please support the family of Regis Korchinski Paquet, a recently deceased Black and Indigenous woman in Toronto, as the family is seeking public help so that they can pursue an inquiry into her death. *See the ACT section for how you can stand in solidarity with those who grieve her devastating loss.*

https://www.gofundme.com/f/cggys2-justice-for-regis?utm_source=fb_copy_link&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=p_cp%20share-sheet&fbclid=IwAR0sRXSC74ah5RvAVW3KgkgB5AleonV4TjMWsNFzgJEc_Tz_33jJPg8O7gU

Fundraiser for the Family of Chantel Moore

Please support the family of Chantel Moore, who was shot dead by police in her home during a wellness check. She tragically leaves behind her family and 5 year old daughter Gracie. *See the ACT section for how you can stand in solidarity with those who grieve her devastating loss.*

<https://ca.gofundme.com/f/support-for-family-of-chantel-moore>

The Anglican Healing Fund

This resource provides funding for Indigenous led organizations in the work of cultural and community revival, healing the wounds of Indian Residential Schools.

<https://www.anglican.ca/resources/anglican-healing-fund/>