

Indigenous Learning and Reconciliation Resource Tool Kit

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We are committed to continued learning and understanding what has happening within the nation of Canada and to our Indigenous Peoples. We are committing to reading through the 94 statements from the Truth and Reconciliation Committee. We believe that it is important to take these statements to heart and to connect with how actions of the past have led to issues of the future (today). We recognize that we hold a place of influence as a church for our community and that our engagement with the brokenness of our world, of people, and of the church is something that we are called to enter in to (Darkness to Light). We come to this with a posture of open hands and open hearts. Lord heal our land.

Resource List

Statement from C&MA about the Kamloops Indian Residential School (2021):

https://www.cmacan.org/national-statement-on-kamloops-indian-residential-school/?utm_source=Master+%28Test%29&utm_campaign=0c707772ca-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_04_09_02_11_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c149387fd1-0c707772ca-170458578

Residential Church Resources

The Presbyterian Church in Canada: <https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/indigenous-ministries/> (information on their history and involvement with residential schools and their ministry and reconciliations efforts in recent years)

- They have an Edmonton ministry (Edmonton Urban Native Ministry)

The Anglican Church of Canada: <https://www.anglican.ca/tr/>

- Resource list: <https://www.anglican.ca/resource-category/truth-reconciliation/>
- Timeline of their involvement <https://www.anglican.ca/tr/timeline/> (this link also shows many more links to explore on the left side of the webpage)
- Toolkit: <https://www.anglican.ca/tr/reconciliation-toolkit/>

The United Church of Canada: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/reconciliation-and-indigenous-justice>

Books

Indigenous reading list by the Calgary Public Library:

<https://calgary.bibliocommons.com/list/share/393989767/1135277198>

Recommendations for those seeking more information and understanding about reconciliation and Indigenous cultures

In the Justice and Compassion Department:

- **Three books** put together by the Mennonite Church of Canada
 - *Wrongs to Rights: How Churches can Engage the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*
 - *Yours, Mine, Ours: Unravelling the Doctrine of Discovery*
 - *Quest for Respect: The Church and Indigenous Spirituality*
- **Two books** by Native American (Potawatomi Nation, USA) Christian Author Kaitlin B. Curtice
 - *Glory Happening: Finding the Divine in the Everyday Places*
 - *Native: Identity, Belonging and Rediscovering God*

Podcasts

Residential Schools: <https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/residential-schools/id1499122039>

“Residential Schools” is a three-part podcast series created by Historica Canada and hosted by Shaneen Robinson-Desjarlais. It aims to commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools, and honour the stories of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Survivors, their families, and communities.

The Residential Schools podcast series is part of a larger awareness campaign created by Historica Canada and funded by the Government of Canada. Along with the podcast series, Historica Canada also offers a video series, an education guide, and several new entries on The Canadian Encyclopedia about the history and legacy of residential schools.”

Online Learning Resources

Government of Canada:

- Landing Page for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>
- Landing page for a wide range of information on our Indigenous peoples, history and reconciliation: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/culture/canadian-identity-society/indigenous-peoples-cultures.html>
- Landing Page for Reconciliation Resources: <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1400782178444/1529183710887>
- Indigenous Arts, Culture, Heritage Options to Read, Listen, Watch and Try (activities/experiences): <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1621447127773/1621447157184>

Truth and Reconciliation Commission: <http://www.trc.ca/index.html>

- About Us: <http://www.trc.ca/about-us.html>
- Reports and Findings: <https://nctr.ca/records/reports/>
- Residential School Locations: <http://www.trc.ca/about-us/residential-school.html>
- Resources: <http://www.trc.ca/resources.html>
- Calls to Action: http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf

Reconciliation Canada: <https://reconciliationcanada.ca/>

- Background on Residential Schools: <https://reconciliationcanada.ca/about/history-and-background/background/>
- Reconciliation Dialogue Workshop Discussion Guide: https://reconciliationcanada.ca/staging/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/RDW-Workshop-Booklet_v3final.pdf

Facing History and Ourselves:

- Book - *Stolen Lives: The Indigenous People of Canada and Residential Schools*: <https://www.facinghistory.org/stolen-lives-indigenous-peoples-canada-and-indian-residential-schools/table-contents> (you can go through chapter by chapter, there are also discussion/conversation questions).

“Stolen Lives is a program that walks students and teachers through an examination of the devastating legacy of Indian Residential Schools. Students make the essential connection between the history of Canada and their world today.”

- Chapter 2 – The Role of Church (in residential schools):
<https://www.facinghistory.org/stolen-lives-indigenous-peoples-canada-and-indian-residential-schools/chapter-3/role-churches>

Land Acknowledgement Resources

- What are Land Acknowledgements and Why Do They Matter?
<https://locallove.ca/issues/what-are-land-acknowledgements-and-why-do-they-matter/#.YVTS34hKg2w>
- Indigenous Learning Territorial Acknowledgement (Tool): <https://www.cspsefpc.gc.ca/tools/jobaids/pdfs/terr-acknowledgement-eng.pdf>
- Strathcona County Land Acknowledgement: <https://www.strathcona.ca/council-county/news/news/2020/6/18/land-plaque-20/>
- The Métis Nation of Alberta – Regions:
<https://albertametis.com/governance/mna-regions/>

Treaty 6 Resources:

- Canadian Encyclopedia: Treaty 6:
<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/treaty-6>
- First Nations Treaties in Alberta: Treaty 6: <https://empoweringthespirit.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/PD-WT-16d-Treaty-6.pdf>
- Conversation Guide: Alberta Treaties 6, 7, 8: <https://empoweringthespirit.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Alberta-Treaties-678-1.pdf>
- Treaty 6 Basics: <https://treaty6education.lskysd.ca/treaty6basics.html>
- Acknowledging Land and People Map:
<https://www.teachers.ab.ca/SiteCollectionDocuments/ATA/For%20Members/ProfessionalDevelopment/Walking%20Together/PD-WT-17c-TreatyMap.pdf>

Residential Schools

- Woodland Cultural Centre: <https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/mohawk-institute-residential-school-virtual-tour-now-available-online/>
**located in Ontario but hosting virtual tours.*
- Blue Quills: <https://www.bluequills.ca/welcome/about-us/>
**located in Alberta, no tour information available.*
- Alberta Teachers Association – Residential Schools Videos and Interactives: <https://teachers-ab.libguides.com/c.php?g=709701&p=5056437>

Online Education/Courses

- Free Indigenous Canada course through the U of A: <https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions-programs/online-courses/indigenous-canada/index.html>

Other

- Indian Life Ministries: <https://www.indianlife.org/>

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