

RESOURCE LIST: LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS

- Check the United Church website <http://www.united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/reconciliation-and-indigenous-justice> for response to TRC Calls to Action, worship resources, reflections on the 1986 apology, Take Actions, info about the Justice and Reconciliation Fund, Acknowledgment of Territory guidelines, pertinent blogs
- and <http://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/being-community/aboriginal-ministries> for info about the Healing Fund, Aboriginal Ministries Council
- Sign up for the monthly ‘Living into Right Relations’ e-newsletter <http://eepurl.com/cj2rPg> - new resources, upcoming events, pertinent news items and stories\
- Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/indigenousjustice>
- *Gathering* (Lent/Easter 2017 Year A issue) for worship resources on the theme of “Exploring...Right Relations” including a Lenten Lament, and 150th anniversary of confederation materials.
- Watch *The Observer* for a monthly feature “Road to Reconciliation”
- *Mandate* (November 2015 issue) on the theme of Reconciliation: What Comes after the Truth and Reconciliation Commission?” - chockful of interesting articles, inspiring stories, and workshop outlines
- *Mandate* (May 2017) also on the theme of Reconciliation

- KAIROS <http://www.kairoscanada.org/> for Discussion and Briefing papers, Education for Reconciliation campaign, info hub for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Inquiry, order resources on UNDRIP, 2-hour workshop guide “Reflecting Together: A Call to Reconcile
- KAIROS Blanket Exercise <http://kairosblanketexercise.org> to access resources and training

- Summary TRC Report [http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Honouring the Truth Reconciling for the Future July 23 2015.pdf](http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Honouring%20the%20Truth%20Reconciling%20for%20the%20Future%20July%2023%202015.pdf)
- TRC 94 Calls to Action [http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls to Action English2.pdf](http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls%20to%20Action%20English2.pdf)

BOOKS, STUDY GUIDES

- Mennonite Church Canada has published two excellent resources with study guides:

Wrongs to Rights: How Churches Can Engage the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Order here: <http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18343>

Yours, Mine, Ours: Unraveling the Doctrine of Discovery. Order here: <http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/16/18692>

- **CBC Indigenous Book Club List** (15 good reads) <http://www.cbc.ca/books/2016/06/carolyn-bennett-marks-june-as-indigenous-book-club-month.html> - includes *An Inconvenient Indian* – Thomas King; and *The Reason you Walk* by Wab Kinew
- **Reading list for children and adults from Legacy of Hope** <http://wherearethechildren.ca/en/resources/>
- **Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations** by Richard Wagamese.

FILMS & VIDEOS

- **“The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code”** is fulsome introductory documentary. Order here: [http://www.38plus2productions.com/store/p5/DVD The Doctrine of Discovery, Unmasking The Domination Code .html](http://www.38plus2productions.com/store/p5/DVD+The+Doctrine+of+Discovery,+Unmasking+The+Domination+Code+.html)
- **“What is the Doctrine of Discovery?”** Mark Charles explains in 7 minutes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3oc84aLC-Q>
- **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**
First Aboriginal Moderator Stan McKay (15 min) and Quaker staff Jennifer Preston (40 min) discuss the journey into adoption, the importance and content of UNDRIP as a framework for reconciliation, and why the church should care. From the annual “Building Bridges” event sponsored by Mennonite Church Canada. <http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/2016/05/building-bridges-2016-video-stan-mckay-jennifer-preston>
- **An Elder in the Making** <http://elderinthemaking.com/> Chris Hsiung, Producer and Director integrates history, music, ecology, Indigenous stories, and questions of identity and the meaning of becoming an elder on a Treaty 7 roadtrip documentary of reconciliation. 20 minutes. View here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYqIFtG0TE>
- **Whispering the Circle Gently Back Again** – producer Beth Wishart-McKenzie in conjunction with Blue Quills College. Study guide available. See trailer <https://vimeo.com/71825389>
Contact bwishmac@gmail.com
- **“The Secret Path”** by Gord Downie and Jeff Lemire. Pays tribute to Chanie Wenjack. <http://www.cbc.ca/arts/secretpath/gord-downie-s-secret-path-airs-on-cbc-october-23-1.3802197>
- **Where are the Children?** <http://www.legacyofhope.ca/projects/where-are-the-children/video>
A 20-minute historical overview of the establishment and operation of the Indian residential school system.
- **We Were Children.** http://www.nfb.ca/film/we_were_children/. In this 83-minute feature film, the impact of the residential school system is portrayed through the eyes of 2 children who were forced to face hardships beyond their years.
- **Reserve 107** Reconciliation on the Prairies. 32 min. <https://www.reserve107thefilm.com/>
- **Hidden Legacy** 23-minute documentary profiles the moving stories of several people to examine the intergenerational effects of residential schools on the survivors' children. To see trailer: <http://lisajackson.ca/Hidden-Legacies> Other films by Lisa Jackson are good too.
- **The Fallen Feather** 94 min doc provides an in-depth critical analysis of the driving forces behind the creation of Indian Residential Schools. Order here: <http://www.fallenfeatherproductions.com/>
- **Muffins for Granny** 88 min. Looking to understand her loving but troubled grandmother, McLaren interviews seven First Nations elders about their experiences in residential schools. See movie trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6ziYYLL4Dw>

- **FrontRunners: Niigaanibatowaad** 48 min Nine of the ten young men chosen for the 1967 Pan Am Games torch run were from residential schools. This film is about the segregation of the Aboriginal athletes and the despair and abuse suffered in the school system.
https://www.nfb.ca/film/niigaanibatowaad_frontrunners/
- **The 7th Generation Our Ancestors Prayed For** 19 min doc commissioned by First Nations Child and Family Caring Society. Children and youth have a voice and can teach others about reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the importance of culturally-based equity for Aboriginal young people. View here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuqtXdgKrKY>
Also see other 10-min or less vignettes including **United Church Youth Teach About Reconciliation** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwtLfNtva3Y>
See website for 7 Free Ways to Make A Difference <https://fncaringociety.com/>
- **Trick or Treaty?** This feature documentary by acclaimed filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin (*Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance*) profiles Indigenous leaders in their quest for justice as they seek to establish dialogue with the Canadian government. By tracing the history of their ancestors since the signing of Treaty No. 9, these leaders aim to raise awareness about issues vital to First Nations in Canada: respect for and protection of their lands and their natural resources, and the right to hunt and fish so that their societies can prosper.
- **Anything by Alanis Obomsawin.** see listing of her work:
https://www.nfb.ca/explore-all-directors/alanis-obomsawin/?carouselen=feature_2&feature_type=portrait&promobox_id=2471
- Check out **Bearpaw Media** video catalogue <http://www.bearpaweducation.ca/videos> excellence in Aboriginal film making for 30 years.
- **CBC Top Indigenous Films** (several international, and a couple years old, but a good list nevertheless) <http://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/top-10-indigenous-films-of-all-time-1.2807553> including *Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance* and *Smoke Signals*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH RESOURCES

- *The Sharing Circle*. Theresa Meuse-Dallien. 2003. Stories about First Nations Culture
- *Fatty Legs*. Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton. 2010. Margaret's story of attending residential school in Aklavik. A sequel by same authors: *A Stranger at Home*. For ages 9-12
- *Shi-Shi-Etko*. Nicola Campbell. 2005. A little girl preparing to leave her West Coast family and home for residential school. Also made into a 6-minute film
www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKErhCGjSDE. And a lesson plan to go with it at
<http://twinklshappyplace.blogspot.ca/2010/02/lesson-plan-for-shi-shi-etko.html>
- *Shin-chi's Canoe*. Nicola Campbell. 2008. Shi-shi-etko's brother also goes to residential school.
- *Project of Heart* <http://www.projectofheart.ca/> Website full of resources for all ages to learn about residential school history using a variety of materials and strategies.
- *Sorry: Why Our Church Apologized*. Maggie McLeod, Stan McKay, Bill Phipps, and Carolyn Pogue. 2015. Download from <http://www.woodlakebooks.com/sorry/SorryWeb.pdf>
- *Missing Nimama* by Melanie Florence. 2016. A young mother, one of the many missing indigenous women, watches over her small daughter as she grows up without her nimama, experiencing important milestones. (See May 2017 *Mandate* for book review)
- *I am Not a Number*. Jenny Kay Dupuis and Kathy Kacer. 2016. Second Story Press.
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A website called, "Right Relations," that contains a mix of resources, events, links from across Canada: <http://www.catherinedonnellyfoundation.org//righting/rightingrelations.html>

* The Legacy of Hope Foundation website has a lot of information and resources. <http://legacyofhope.ca/>

* The 8th Fire is an excellent series. From the website: "8TH Fire draws from an Anishinaabe prophecy that declares now is the time for Aboriginal peoples and the settler community to come together and build the '8TH Fire' of justice and harmony."

<http://www.cbc.ca/8thfire/>

* The Union of Ontario Indians published a booklet series. *How Do We Heal* and *The Soul Wounds of the Anishnabek People* and *Little Butterfly Girl* address the psychological and intergenerational impacts of the Residential school system and explores healing strategies. *Little Butterfly Girl* is a children's story about the effects of residential schools. You can find these booklets as downloadable pdf's and more at this website.

<http://www.anishinabek.ca/education-resources/>