

Truth and Reconciliation – An Invitation to Prayer on June 13, 2010

The first National Consultation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada will take place at the Forks in Winnipeg, Manitoba from June 16 to 19, 2010.

Church members across Canada are asked to set aside Sunday, June 13, 2010 to pray for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its work:

- for survivors of Indian Residential Schools, for commissioners, speakers, and all Canadians, that we may speak, hear, and act upon the truth, and that we as individuals and as a nation may meet the hope of a new beginning.

About the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Winnipeg Consultation

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada is part of a comprehensive response to the legacy of Indian Residential Schools as set out in the Residential Schools' Settlement Agreement reached in May 2006. The Commission is mandated to look at activities within residential schools, as well as the impacts of the schools' stated aim to assimilate Aboriginal children.

The National Consultation in Winnipeg will be an opportunity for survivors of residential schools, their families and communities, for church members, people of faith, and other concerned Canadians to gather for truth telling, learning and reflection, artistic expression, remembering and commemorating, healing, repenting, and reconciling.

Suggested Resources for Prayer and Reflection

The attached PDF document contains selected resources for use on June 13.

- Call to Reflection
- Covenant Collect
- Prayer for a New Beginning
- Homily/Notes on the Lectionary Readings of the Day
- Quotes for Meditations or Sermons
- Circle of Prayer
- Prayer of Lamentation – Litany of the Dispossessed
- Eucharistic Prayer

Additional Resources

Remembering the Children Prayer

- <http://www.rememberingthechildren.ca/tour/documents/prayer.pdf>

The Anglican Church of Canada – New Agape

- www.anglican.ca/newagape

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

- <http://www.presbyterian.ca/files/webfm/ourresources/internationalministries/justice/healing&recliturgicalkit.pdf>

The United Church of Canada

- www.united-church.ca/aboriginal/schools/resources/trservice
- www.united-church.ca/planning/seasons/firstnations.

Dancing the Dream

- <http://www.msgr.ca/msgr-3/native.htm>

Apologies and Confessions

- Anglican - <http://www.rememberingthechildren.ca/press/acc-apology.htm>
- Presyberian - <http://www.rememberingthechildren.ca/press/pcc-confession.htm>
- United - <http://www.rememberingthechildren.ca/press/ucc-apology.htm>