



Fall Update

Listening, Learning and Leading: Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Working Group Corpus Christi and St. Mark's College

“Together, Canadians must do more than just *talk* about reconciliation; we must learn how to *practice* reconciliation in our everyday lives – within ourselves and our families, and in our communities, governments, places of worship, schools and workplaces.

To do so constructively, Canadians must remain committed to the ongoing work of establishing and maintaining respectful relationships.”
([Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, 2015, 21](#))

As we seek to move together towards the TRC Calls to Action, the College's committee – Listening, Learning and Leading: Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Working Group – agreed to four goals:

- Listen (& Learn)
 - Learn (& Keep Listening) (a continuous cycle)
 - Build Relationships
 - Move Forward Together
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College Actions and Initiatives

With guidance and support from local Elders and Knowledge Keepers....

Guided College Actions and Initiatives – Fall 2021

Land Acknowledgements:

- Communications to lay out strategy for use of land name and acknowledgements

Orientation (Staff & Students) & Convocation 2021 formal Elder Welcome:

- Commitment to beginning events and activities by recognizing where we are situated and having formal welcomes by local indigenous peoples

Truth and Reconciliation Week (Sep 27- Oct 1): College Community Activities:

A 7-Step Learning Initiative: Learning about the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Adapted from "[The TRC and you](#)" via the [Indian Residential School Initiative](#)

- Step 1 – Read - [The TRC and you](#) – Resource Reading– Sep 28 and onwards
- Step 2 – View - [Spirit Bear and Children Make History](#) – Film Viewing –Sep 27 to Oct 3
- Step 3 – Visit - [MOA](#) (Museum of Anthropology) – Visit – Sep 29 and onwards
- Step 4 – Consult - [First Nations House of Learning](#) – Visit – Sep 29 and onwards
- Step 5 – Commit - [MOA](#) + [UBC Bookstore](#) – [Orange Shirt Search](#) – Sep 29 and onwards
- Step 6 – Volunteer - [Centre for Excellent in Indigenous Health](#) – Visit – Oct 1 and onwards



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- Step 7 – Share -
- [Orange Ribbon Making](#) – Sep 28 + Sep 29 + Oct 1 and onwards
 - [Learning about the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) - Ongoing



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Centre for Christian Engagement

- Oct 1 lecture: [After Kamloops, The Flood](#) by Dr. Michael W. Higgins

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Staff (Professional Development Series): Staff have a responsibility to hold some Indigenous knowledge – *to Know, Do, and Understand*

- **4-Part Talking Circle series:**
 - **Part 1:** Historical aspect of where we are located
 - **Part 2:** What is Indigenous knowledge and what are the First Peoples' Principles of learning?
 - **Part 3:** How do we infuse and use these in our own ways?
 - **Part 4:** People come back and give examples of what they did

Staff/Faculty Reading Series to support our goals

- Adopt the *Pulling Together Documents* for our professional development path with local Elders and Knowledge Keepers providing context and understanding
 - *Pulling Together:* Foundations
 - *Pulling Together:* A Guide for Leaders and Administrators
 - *Pulling Together:* A Guide for Front Line Staff and Student Services
 - *Pulling Together:* A Guide for Teachers and Instructors
 - *Pulling Together:* A Guide for Curriculum Developers

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College Community Events (for Staff, Faculty, Students and Community members):

- Kairos Blanket Exercise TBA
- Ongoing learning opportunities TBA

For anyone interested in learning more in advance of the Winter term, reach out to the co-chairs of the working group:

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