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Calling all EOORC congregants & clergy!

We have a new network!

The **Righting Relations Network (RRN)** is a hub for sharing resources, ideas, questions, and furthering learning opportunities in the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional regarding Righting Relations between descendants of 'Settlers' & Newcomers, and those of Indigenous ancestry.

Many congregations have been actively responding to Call to Action #59 from the TRC (Truth and Reconciliation Commission) to educate themselves and further understanding of such things as the Indian Act, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the impact of a Eurocentric dominant culture on Indigenous peoples, and how to take steps to decolonize 'church'. We have collectively benefitted from living on stolen land. What reparations can the churches make? Perhaps the RRN can help congregations to support each other on the journey to Righting Relations.

There are many ways to raise awareness of Indigenous issues within our congregations, and to further education within our Region. Perhaps your communities of faith have suggestions to share through the RRN of how to respectfully mark these designated days:

January 4 - Ribbon Skirt Day marking the right for Indigenous peoples to wear traditional dress without being further discriminated against

May 5 - Red Dress Day commemorating Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & Two Spirit People (MMIW2S+)

June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples' Day of Prayer, within the entire month of June which is Indigenous History Month, recognizing the contributions of Indigenous, Inuit, & Métis Peoples

September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) commemorating those impacted by the Indian Residential School system, and the Child & Family Welfare System

The Righting Relations Network hopes to:

- link congregations with each other, as the Region journeys towards decolonization
- offer suggested books, movies, webinars and courses for individuals and/or group discussion, to expand awareness of Indigenous issues
- consider what liturgical practices might be useful in becoming more engaged as an intercultural church
- coordinate webinars with guest speakers

Stay tuned for more from EOORC's newest network...the **Righting Relations Network!**

Visit the [RRN Webpage](#) to learn more about

Our Call
Our Vision
Our Goal