

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the cultural context of the research. It highlights the need for researchers to be sensitive to the values and beliefs of the communities they are studying. This is particularly important in the field of education, where cultural differences can significantly impact learning outcomes. The paper then moves on to discuss the challenges of conducting research in culturally diverse settings. It notes that researchers often face difficulties in establishing rapport with participants and in interpreting their responses. To address these challenges, the paper suggests several strategies, including the use of local informants and the development of culturally appropriate research instruments. The final part of the paper discusses the importance of ethical considerations in cross-cultural research. It emphasizes the need for researchers to obtain informed consent from participants and to ensure that their research does not cause harm to the communities they are studying.

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Sunday September 27, 2026: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Orange Shirt Day

Large-Print Hymn Sheets

For anyone who finds the hymn book heavy or hard to read, large-print copies of this Sunday's hymns are available at each door -

Just ask an usher or pick one up on your way in.

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle to remind us that God is with us. The light of Christ burns in the world.

All: Thanks be to God

Land Acknowledgement

We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Announcements

Opening Hymn: # 678 For the Healing of the Nations

Call to Worship

One: Grace and peace be with you, beloved children of God.

All: And also with you.

One: We gather as we are, not as we wish we were.

All: Creator, be with us as we gather.

One: Today we remember the children who did not come home, and the survivors who carry their stories still. We name this Orange Shirt Sunday.

All: Creator, be with us as we remember.

One: Like water struck from stone in the wilderness, may truth flow where it has long been withheld.

All: Creator, be with us as we listen for your word for us today.

One: We come to sing, to grieve, to pray and to hope, we come to worship.

All: Creator, be with us as we worship, together.

One: Let us walk gently on this land and worship Creator.

Gathering Prayer (unison)

[written by: By Sara Stratton, Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice Animator of the United Church of Canada]

Creator,

You made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

You made us as people, as communities, and as families.

You intend for us to grow and flourish together.

You command us to do good works, to be generous, and to build a good life for all.

Some of us wear orange today to say that we did not always experience what you want for us,

because we were taken away from our families and communities against our will.

Some of us wear orange today to acknowledge that we are not yet who you intend us to be,

and that we have not lived up to your commandments.

All of us are wearing orange today to say that Every Child Matters,

and that we want to help create a future that values all Indigenous peoples.

Our prayers today are not simple expressions of hope for justice,

they are our commitment to create your justice on earth.

We pray

... to acknowledge the harm caused by residential

institutions and to honour all who were taken
... for the end of racial discrimination against
Indigenous children
... for the end of racist colonial systems that continue
to harm all Indigenous peoples
... for the humility to open ourselves to the task
before us, and the courage to work together.
You tell us to build up a good foundation for the future, so
that we might “take hold of the life that is really life.”
We wear orange today, and we commit to the life that you
intend us to live together.
Amen.

Children’s Hymn: MV 37 “Each Blade of Grass”

Learning the Faith: Gchi-miigwech Gzhemnidoo
(Thank you Creator)

Anthem

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Wilmer F. Nadjiwon

Hymn :278 “In the Quiet Curve of Evening”

Offering

Offering Song: MV 191 “What Can I Do” (2x’s)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn: MV #169 “When Hands Reach Out”

Commissioning

One: Throughout worship we have held cedar disks bearing the names of those harmed by the residential school system, and those who did not survive it.

All: We go out to carry their names with us.

One: We are charged to know this history as our own, and to remember these names so this is never done again.

All: We go out and remember.

One: We have been thirsty, and we have been given water from a rock, living water.

All: We are sent out to offer it to others.

One: Now we carry these disks outside and place them together in the heart the youth have shaped for us.

All: We go out to lay them down, and we take their memory with us.

One: Go now, into a week that needs what we have experienced here today.

All: We go, trusting God to meet us there.

Benediction

Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Urgent Request From Cat Lake First Nation



After being evacuated this summer due to the wildfires, the need for socks, mitts, scarves and hats for the children of The Lawrence Wesley Education Centre is urgent. Our Youth Group will be collecting new clothing items to ship to this fly-in community over the next few weeks. Sizes are from Children's Small to Children's Large to provide for the Kindergarten through Grade 6 kids.

Thank you for any help you can provide.

Worldwide Communion Sunday: October 4 Breads from the World



This Worldwide Communion Sunday, we'd love our table to reflect the many places our congregation calls home. Would you be willing to bring a loaf of bread from your heritage or family

tradition to share on our communion table that morning? We're hoping for five or six loaves in total. Please let Heather know by September 27th, if you'd like to sign up, so we can make sure we have enough loaves and a little variety.

MAPPING THE GROUND WE STAND ON ***Saturday October 17th 1-4PM*** ***Almonte United Church***

In 2015, as part of its commitment to support the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Anglican Church of Canada, through [Alongside Hope](#) developed the Education for Reconciliation resource, [Mapping the Ground We Stand On](#). This interactive, in person, workshop, also known as the Mapping Exercise, invites participants to explore Indigenous presence on the map of Turtle Island/Canada, the history of Settler arrival, and the relationship of one to the other. It offers an opportunity for learning and reflection on the concepts of [Terra Nullius \(empty land\)](#), [the Doctrine of Discovery](#)

As one of our actions towards Truth and Reconciliation, **Almonte United Church** is inviting you to participate in the Alongside Hope Mapping Exercise facilitated by *Karen Luyendyk (St Paul's Anglican Church in Almonte)* and *Audrey Lawrence (St Helen's Anglican Church in Orleans)*. **Register by October 1st:** There is a maximum number we can accommodate. If there is significant interest over that number, we'll do it again soon 😊

Contact: Evelyn Ironside at evelyn.ironside@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm

Monday to Friday

8:30 Almonte Co-Operative Nursery School

Monday, September 28

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, September 29

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio

6:00 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, September 30

11:00 Vicki Lafleur Exercise

12:45 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, October 1

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio

6:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

Friday, October 2

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

Saturday, October 3

(AUC parking lot being used by Presbyterians for their event)

Sunday, October 4

10:30 Sunday Worship **Worldwide Communion Sunday**

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga



