

Understanding Truth & Reconciliation from a Faith Based Perspective

Saturday, September 25, 10 am – 12 pm
In-person or via Zoom

Christ Moravian Church
600 Acadia Drive, SE, Calgary

At a time when news headlines seem to be running out of room with competing concerns, knowing how to formulate answers is essential to our personal faith and our testimony. In spite of the alarming recurring peaks of COVID cases, natural disasters and war around the globe, most of us – if not all – have no doubt been made aware of the horrendous discoveries of thousands of unidentified graves near the sites of former residential schools all over Canada that led to the recent institution of a National Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30th).

As Christians, we struggle to understand our historical connection to these events; let alone how to begin to explain them to our children and to those outside our faith. If you have been looking for answers about delicate Indigenous issues come and join us on Saturday, September 25th for a workshop on what Truth & Reconciliation means and how to put it to work in very practical ways.

A panel of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous speakers will share their knowledge on the subject and guide the conversation to help us discover the role our Christian faith could be playing as we pursue those answers together.

Some of the topic covered during this time will include:

- Inter-cultural communications
- Colonialist thinking
- Truth & Reconciliation – what is it and what can we do about it?

The discussion will be supported by brief introductions to historical landmarks such as the Indian Act (1876), the land treaties, the Royal Proclamation of 1763, and more.

To attend this event via Zoom or in person, please register at: cmcevents271@gmail.com

Please indicate your first and last names and, whether or not you plan to attend in person or via Zoom.

Full COVID-19 Protocols will be in place.

We hope to see you there!

September 30th National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

This day of commemoration came into effect on August 3rd, 2021, in response to the finding of 215 Indigenous children's bodies on the grounds of a former residential school in Kamloops, BC. Originally proposed in 2015 by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as a vital component of reconciliation, this new holiday commemorates the history of residential school and its ongoing effect on Survivors, their families and communities.



Since 2013, September 30 has been widely known as Orange Shirt Day, a movement to recognize the colonial legacy of residential schools and commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

Orange Shirt Day recalls the experience of residential school Survivor Phyllis Webstad, who at six was stripped of her shiny new orange shirt on her first day residential school.

The date of September 30 was chosen because it was the time of year when Indigenous children were removed from their families and forced to attend residential schools.

Please consider wearing an Orange Shirt for the workshop and again on September 30.