



Coming Together Through Truth and Reconciliation

TRC Task Team, September 2019

These words, WE ALL ARE TREATY PEOPLE, are powerful words. Find some time this fall to learn something new, and to help build bridges of relationship with Indigenous peoples that promote respect and reconciliation among us.

Orange Shirt Day

September 30th is “Orange Shirt Day”. The orange shirt symbolizes that which was lost due to residential schools, and to shows our support for survivors. We will recognize Orange Shirt Day at Trinity on Sunday, September 29th Please wear your orange that day!

Don't have any orange? Consider purchasing an orange t-shirt with proceeds to the Woodland Cultural Centre, which is repairing and restoring the Mohawk Institute Residential School. Shirts are \$20 and can be ordered by Sept 6th by calling Sister Anne Keffer at 519-390-0074.

Sharing Circle

On Monday, September 16th from 10:00 am to noon, the sharing circle “Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Report, chapter one” will be held at Nations Uniting, Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken.

Adult Education at Trinity

At adult education on September 29th, Lillian Brubacher, Abby Van Schaik, and Alison Van Schaik will share resources from *The Ally Toolkit*. Come and learn how we can all be allies with our Indigenous friends.

Treaties Recognition Week November 3rd to 9th ***We all are treaty people!***

Many treaties were signed between the British crown and Indigenous peoples to make us all treaty people. The intention of treaties is to ensure mutual benefits to all treaty people. The Treaties Recognition Week Act of 2016 committed the people of Ontario to a new future through education that recognizes treaties as living respectful relationships with all treaty people.

On Sunday, November 3rd, starting at 2:00 pm, you are welcome to attend a holistic arts program at Six Nations:

- Archbishop Mark MacDonald, Anglican Church of Canada on “Resurgence”
- Traditional Teachings and social dance
- Story and language
- Meaning making through music
- Visual arts
- Refreshments provided

Indigenous Perspectives: Paths to Understanding

Third Age Learning opportunity: learn from indigenous speakers such as Darren Thomas, from the Seneca Nation and a PhD candidate at WLU, Jean Becker, Inuk, who advises WLU on Indigenous Initiatives, and others such as Ene Meshake, an Anishinaabe Elder, storyteller, performing artist, author and recipient of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Sessions are Tuesdays from October 15th to December 3rd, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, at RIM Park, 2001 University Ave E, Waterloo. Full details are available at www.tal-kw.ca. To carpool from New Hamburg, call Sister Anne Keffer at 519-390-0074.