

CLASSIS QUINTE CANADIAN INDIGENOUS MINISTRY REPORT

FALL 2022

The Indigenous Ministry is made up of a national committee (Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee), three Urban Indigenous Ministries, and a Senior Leader for Indigenous Justice and Reconciliation, each using their strengths to support healing and reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous people in Canada.



CANADIAN INDIGENOUS MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The committee continues to meet via Zoom on a regular basis. In September we will have our first in person meeting since Covid! The Winnipeg Indigenous Family Centre will be the host for this meeting. The **Hearts Exchanged** program (a learning and action journey designed to equip Reformed Christians to engage with Indigenous people as neighbours and fellow image bearers) is gearing up for more cohorts for the 2022/23 learning journey.

This next cohort will start in October so you are not too late to sign up. Follow this link to join. <https://www.crcna.org/hearts-exchanged> We have begun the work to prepare resources for our congregations for Indigenous Sunday 2023. A few members of our committee are working with other denominational leaders to prepare and plan for the CRCNA Canadian National Gathering to be held in Ottawa in May 2023. Stay tuned for more on this important event. *Please read the separate communication that came from Al Postma re the appointment of people from Classis Quinte to attend this event.*

URBAN INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES



EDMONTON NATIVE HEALING CENTER continues its work under the direction of Pastor Harold Roscher . Meal programs and food bank programs are continuing. The center held a smudge circle in May in recognition of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW.) In June, on Indigenous Sunday, Harold worked with Bruce Adema to bring the message to Bethany CRC Bloomfield. Follow this link to listen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rt9JpWKtheQ>

The Center is happy to have pancakes back on the menu for every third Saturday of the month. And the medical clinic is once again open 3 days a week! It had previously been down to one day. With the new clinic hours also comes the return of foot care. All we can say is Creator is Good!



WINNIPEG INDIGENOUS FAMILY CENTER is under the leadership of Shannon Perez. This summer they were able to run a Reading Riders program in conjunction with Stable Connections. “We are learning about each of the horses at Sunshine Ranch, how to read their body language and attune to own emotions and bodies. Also, we have a great selection of Indigenous books for our at home reading times. We are excited for what’s to come in the last three weeks. The Reading Riders program is funded by The Winnipeg Foundation Literacy for Life Grant”

Indigenous Youth ages 15 to 30 were also invited to attend AIRcamp, a week-long summer program for Indigenous youth interested in learning more about song writing and music production. Participants will have the opportunity to have access to all necessary production gear, mentorship in song writing, an introduction to record a demo in Logic Pro X, and connect with special guest artists, producers and industry mentors. This camp took place during the last week of August.



REGINA INDIGENOUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, under the direction of Bert Adema continues to run their Bike up cycling program. In addition to this, their regular programs of meals, prayers, food bank etc continue to run.

The Center held a Father’s Day celebration that started out with a free community breakfast and then a BBQ. A draw was held with the grand prize consisting of a family admission to the 2022 Queen City



Exhibition. Congratulations to Shawn and Carey and their beautiful family on winning this prize.

THE SENIOR LEADER FOR INDIGENOUS JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION provides staff support to the Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee and facilitates communication within the Indigenous Ministry, congregations and other agencies where common justice concerns are shared. Adrian Jacobs will begin full time work in November. In the meantime contact cimc@crcna.org anytime.



If you have any questions on the work of the Indigenous Ministries please contact Marlene at mwolters@hotmail.com