



# Eastern Synod Biennium Reconciliation Initiative

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016



NEXT STEP IDEAS articulated during Eastern Synod Assembly 2014  
(see updates at <http://easternsynod.org/content/biennium-reconciliation-initiative>)

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| <p><b>Everyone individually</b> can take initiative to</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make partnerships/relationships a priority of the Ministry Area</li> <li>• Get to Know Indigenous People who live in the Area</li> <li>• Build on relationships/partnerships that have already been established</li> <li>• Offer 'respect' gifts, eg. dedicate prayer quilts (ask before you begin this)</li> <li>• Acknowledge whose First Nations territory public gatherings are on</li> <li>• Recognize National Aboriginal Achievement Day – June 21</li> <li>• Attend a Pow Wow <a href="http://www.ahki.ca/pow-wow-trail/category/Ontario">http://www.ahki.ca/pow-wow-trail/category/Ontario</a></li> </ul>  | <p>Begin with maps/local contacts</p>   |
| <p><b>All Areas</b> can call on chaplains and colleagues in Friendship Centres, Prisons, Hospitals, Agencies</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prisons like Grand Valley Institute for Women (or other local women's prison)</li> <li>• Nurses and Health Centres</li> <li>• Build bridges with the Aboriginal Centres, Education Centres, Friendship Centres</li> <li>• 300 Frederick St Kitchener – sharing a meal, eating together Wednesdays</li> <li>• Traditional Healers connected to hospitals or Social Service Agencies</li> <li>• Join in a service project along with First Nations</li> </ul>   | <p>Phil<br/><br/>Karen<br/>KAIROS</p>   |
| <p><b>All Areas</b> can draw on <b>EXISTING</b> (particularly Anglican) resources</p>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resources including devotionals, sermons, prayer petitions are already created by KAIROS, Presbyterian, Anglican and other Churches</li> <li>• KAIROS regional groups already at work on Truth and Reconciliation, Resource Extraction etc.</li> <li>• Devotionals, sermons, Blanket Exercise</li> <li>• Smudge in a worship experience</li> </ul>  | <p>links on Synod website or Allen/<br/>Karen<br/>KAIROS</p>                  |
| <p><b>Most Areas</b> can link with Universities/Colleges</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link up with existing Campus Connections, choose how to join them</li> <li>• Idle No More, Peoples' Forum in Ottawa @ Carlton University, Canoeing on the Grand River</li> <li>• Campus groups and students are keen for dialogue</li> <li>• Aboriginal Students' Centre or chaplains</li> </ul>  | <p>Call schools ask for Aboriginal Student Services</p>                       |
| <p><b>All Lutherans</b> can engage in Learning</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By Travel/Touring eg. Museums, Residential Schools etc. eg. At Oshweken (Brantford) Woodland Cultural Center, Mohawk Institute, Mohawk Chapel, Chiefswood,</li> <li>• By Reading eg. develop a reading list, add books to library, run a book club/discussion/study (one will be posted to Synod Website please add!)</li> <li>• By searching Internet eg. sites like <a href="http://www.Realpeopleshistory.com">www.Realpeopleshistory.com</a>, TRC</li> <li>• Watching videos 206 TRC Videos at <a href="http://vimeo.com/user6187854/videos">http://vimeo.com/user6187854/videos</a></li> <li>• Watching Clips from Synod Assembly again soon to be posted at Synod Website</li> <li>• By Disciplined Study at Seminary, call Allen Jorgenson or Debbie Lou Ludolph</li> <li>• By Speakers for Adult Education or Ministry Area Meetings: Sherri Wilker (Lutheran and First Nations), Janaki, a First Nations Speaker, Allen Jorgenson, Local Historians, Lutheran History and First Nations History</li> </ul> | <p>Karen<br/><br/>Allen/Phil<br/>Debbie Lou<br/><br/>Karen<br/><br/>Allen</p> |
| <p><b>Some Churches</b> May be able to</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make connections between aboriginal and non-aboriginal women's groups</li> <li>• Cook and share food</li> <li>• Connect Sundays Schools, make pen pals</li> <li>• Have Good-Hearted Women or other drummers or guests to a congregational event, Drum Circle</li> <li>• Craft together or learn a new craft</li> <li>• become familiar with Indigenous art and artists (books, music, visual art, poetry)<br/>See <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/8thfire/profiles.html">http://www.cbc.ca/8thfire/profiles.html</a></li> </ul>  | <p>Karen/<br/>Cathy<br/>Caron<br/><br/>Dorinda</p>                            |