



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>)

**SYNOD
HELPS IF
NEEDED** ↓

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