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Wabigoon River. On September 18th of this year members of Grassy Narrows were joined by people from across Ontario to demand justice for this 62 year tragedy. Their demands were:

- Compensate Grassy Narrows fairly for the ongoing mercury crisis
- End industrial threats to Grassy Narrows (no mining, no logging, no nuclear waste)
- Support Grassy Narrows in restoring their way of life and wellness

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Sign the CRJ's letter addressing Doug Ford. If your congregation does not have a newsletter you can access the letter at <https://easternsynod.org/circle-for-reconciliation-and-justice/>

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