

A List of Resources for National Indigenous Peoples Day and more...
(Updated: May 2021)

Worship Resources for June 21:

Land Acknowledgement - written by Sherri Wilker

We are walking hand in hand on this safe and bountiful land which is part of the [name of local watershed] watershed, traditional territory of the [name of local Indigenous Peoples] people, fellow sojourners.

We give thanks to the Creator for this great gift and recognize our responsibility as treaty people to care for the land and waters that nourish us and give us strength. We also acknowledge that it is our duty to do more to learn about the rich history of this land to better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, caretakers and sojourners.

Prayer In Recognition of the Kamloops Residential School

Faithful God, we remember the many, many Indigenous children who did not return home from residential school, including those whose remains were discovered on the grounds of the Kamloops (Tk'emlups) Residential School. Grant comfort in the midst of grief and trauma. Strengthen the Secwépemc people, Indian Residential School Survivors, their families and their communities as they process this tragic loss. Renew our commitment to the journey of truth-telling, mourning and responsibility and guide us in the ways of healing and love. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism written by Deacon Scott Knarr and Pastor Philip Mathai

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who makes known true relationality,
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. Amen.

Let us pray,

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and of plenteous grace
you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.
Praise and thanks be to you for oceans, rivers and streams.

Your waters are below us, around us, above us:

our life is born in you. You are the fountain of new life.

Your flowing waters guide and gather us across the territory of the Eastern Synod.

From our river watersheds which flow into the Great Lakes
to the St. Lawrence River, our waters gather into the
the Gulf of St. Laurent and the Atlantic Ocean.

Swirling and flowing together as one, the waters of each community
come together as one watercourse in creation.

Praise to you for your saving water:
you delivered Noah, his family
and a multitude of animals,
placing a rainbow promise in the sky.

You led us to this land where we were assisted by our Indigenous neighbours.
We thank you for the many peoples who have cared for the land and
who point the way now to the renewing of your creation.

Through the cleansing waters of baptism
help us renew our commitment
to walking with our Indigenous neighbours
and all others who are different from us,
in truth, plain speaking and heartfelt communication.
Through Jesus, our brother and fellow traveller,
one with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.
Amen.

A prayer written by Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson, 2017

Holy God, as we gather together today around your redeeming and reforming will
for this world, we acknowledge You:

In grand rivers rippling with grace

In soil saturated with stories of Your faithfulness

In mighty forests bearing You, and here, in this place

Your finger prints in wrinkles, dimples and folds of skin;

Your scent in bannock, curry, sausage and sage;

And in your desire for a church as

Supple as a moss on rock and as

Solid as tall cedar tree.

We celebrate you and pray your passion for peace among us. We plead your
impatience for justice within us. Form us that we might be living sacrifices in your
Reign coming to us here, now in your Son, Jesus. Amen. May it be so.

Anglican Church of Canada worship resource: <https://www.anglican.ca/im/nidp/>

Anglican Church of Canada worship resource:

<https://www.anglican.ca/faith/worship/resources/nadpproppers/>

United Church of Canada worship resource:

<https://www.united-church.ca/worship-special-days/indigenous-day-prayer>

Indigenous Justice Worship Resource Christian Reformed Church:

<https://www.crcna.org/PublicDialogue/resources/indigenous-justice-worship-resources>

The Watershed Song video on YouTube -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Rny84HKgGs> (used with permission)

Useful links for finding out more about local watersheds:

Nova Scotia:

https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/water/docs/WaterStrategy_NSWatershedMap.pdf

New Brunswick:

<https://www.conservationcouncil.ca/en/getting-to-know-your-nb-watersheds/>

Quebec:

<http://www.environnement.gouv.qc.ca/eau/bassinversant/gire-bassins-versants.htm>

Information/Action Plan on the St. Lawrence River: <http://planstlaurent.qc.ca/>

Great Lakes Watershed Locator:

<https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/great-lakes-watershed-locator>

Another Great Lakes Locator:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/great-lakes-protection/maps.html>

Ontario Conservation Authority Locator:

<https://conservationontario.ca/conservation-authorities/find-a-conservation-authority/>

Other Resources for Continued Learning:

Kairos Canada:

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/indigenous-rights/indigenous-womens-month>

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/indigenous-rights>

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/ecological-justice/reconciliation-in-the-watershed>

Native American Poetry and Culture:

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/collections/144560/native-american-poetry-and-culture>

An Indigenous Learning Community: <https://www.naiits.com/>

National Film Board - Indigenous Cinema:

[https://www.nfb.ca/indigenous-](https://www.nfb.ca/indigenous-cinema/?&film_lang=en&sort=year:desc,title&year_min=1939&year_max=2021)

[cinema/?&film_lang=en&sort=year:desc,title&year_min=1939&year_max=2021](https://www.nfb.ca/indigenous-cinema/?&film_lang=en&sort=year:desc,title&year_min=1939&year_max=2021)

The Grand-Erie Study:

<http://www.granderiestudy.ca/> (click on Indigenous Arts for a self-guided tour)

Oneida Language and Cultural Centre: <http://oneidalanguage.ca/>

Lunch and Learn: Our Journey to the Grand River presented by Taylor Gibson:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AH14_Bq6N40

Journals and Books:

Canadian books for kids and teens:

<https://www.cbc.ca/books/20-canadian-books-for-kids-and-teens-to-read-for-national-indigenous-history-month-1.5597339>

First People's Theology Journal - three volumes 2000, 2001, 2002 The Indigenous Theological Training Institute, Minneapolis, MN.

Dancing with a Ghost - Robert Ross, 2006, Penguin Canada

Ministry in an Oral Culture: Living with Will Rogers, Uncle Remus, & Minnie Pearl - Tex Sample, 1994, Westminster John Knox Press

Kiss of the Fur Queen - Tomson Highway, 1999, Doubleday Canada

The Truth About Stories - Thomas King, 2003, House of Anansi Press, Inc.

The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America - Thomas King, 2013, Doubleday Canada

Seven Fallen Feathers: Racism, Death and Hard Truths in a Northern City - Tanya Talaga, 2017, House of Anansi Press, Inc

Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations - Richard Wagamese, 2016, D & M Publishers

Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/>

Unsettling the Settler Within: Indian Residential Schools, Truth Telling, and Reconciliation in Canada, Paulette Regan, 2010

Canada at a Crossroads: Boundaries, Bridges and Laissez-Faire Racism in Indigenous-Settler Relations, Jeffrey Denis, 2020

And Grandma Said: Iroquois Teachings as Passed Down Through the Oral Tradition, Tom Sakokwenionkwas Porter, Bear Clan, Mohawk Nation, 2008

The Clay We Are Made Of: Haudenosaunee Land Tenure on the Grand River, Susan Hill, Wolf Clan, Mohawk Nation, 2017

The Texture of Contact: European and Indian Settler Communities on the Frontiers of Iroquoia, 1667-1783, David Preston, 2009