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Group Names: St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church, *siyaya* Reconciliation Movement

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1) Purpose of the ministry

The Need: Healing the harms of colonization in Canada – particularly the pain of the Residential and Day school era - is the work of generations. Challenges stem from the ongoing asymmetrical power relations that perpetuate settler society's dominance, the physical (and often economic) spaces separating settler and Indigenous communities and the frequent invisibility of structural violence to the settler state. While important progress is being made, we have a long journey to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)'s 94 Calls to Action, transform worldviews, and build relationships of understanding and respect between peoples in the *shishálh swiya* and across Canada. The need for justice and healing is deep.

Group Mandate: The *siyaya* Reconciliation Movement is a local movement for all peoples living within the *shishálh swiya* (homelands/birthplace/"territory"), connecting with broader movements towards reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. It is a joint initiative between Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents of the Sunshine Coast, offering a local response to the TRC Calls to Action, inspired by and dedicated to the Survivors of Indian Residential Schools, including Day Scholars. The word "*siyaya*" literally means "family and friends" in the she *shashíshálhem* language. Our goal is to create collaborative projects that build relationships and dialogue on the journey towards reconciliation.

Vision: The vision of the Movement is to contribute to healing the harms and changing how we relate to one another on this land by offering a range of ways for people to reach out, build relationships and explore what reconciliation means in the *shishálh swiya*. In the process, we seek to honour *shishálh* language, arts and culture as this is a critical part of rekindling lifeways that were threatened by colonial laws and schools. The Movement has emerged out of years of relationship-building and reconciliation work led by the Nation and our local churches, including the congregation of St Hilda's by the Sea. This is why the congregation came to us with this funding opportunity. In line with TRC Call to Action #59, we believe the parties to the Settlement Agreement have a responsibility to "learn about their church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families, and communities were necessary". We are grateful that the Diocese of New Westminster shares this commitment via its strategic priorities, and that the leadership of St. Hilda's (both its Church Committee and Social Justice Umbrella) are champions of this work.

2) Ministry carried out in 2017 / 2018 (if any)

In response to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, to honour the Survivors of the St Augustine Indian Residential School and Day School in Sechelt, the *Siyaya* Reconciliation Project launched the reconciliation Movement on Wednesday April 25th, 2018 at the *shíshálh* Longhouse. It began with a potluck feast, followed by a ceremony, emceed by *xwash* Steven Feschuk. The ceremony included performances by the *tl'ikwem* dancers, speeches from Movement co-chairs Garry Feschuk and Cam Reid, testimonies of Residential and Day School Survivors, a description of the activities of the movement by John and Nancy Denham, gifts for dignitaries and guests, and witnesses. It was a powerful day.

Since that time, we have launched a Weaving Project (Aug. 2018), an Exploring Reconciliation Project (Sept. 2018), and an Envisioning Reconciliation Project (Jan. 2019). The "Weaving Tears into Dreams of Reconciliation" project honours the *shíshálh* art form of blanket weaving by commissioning four *shíshálh* Master weavers to design and lead the public in the collaborative creation of reconciliation blankets. The weavers are working one by one, completing the project for a ceremony on Indigenous Peoples' Day (June 21, 2019). The blankets will then be gifted to prominent institutions involved in the Movement as symbols of the journey we are weaving together towards reconciliation.

The Exploring Reconciliation Project has been organically unfolding since September 2018, through a series of workshops, dialogue circles and public events. We hosted public talks and KAIROS Blanket Exercises at the Sechelt Public Library (Sept., Oct., Nov. 2018) with turnouts of approximately 30-60 people each. We also organized public screenings followed by discussion circles of the Aboriginal Peoples' Television Network miniseries "*First Contact*" (Nov. and Dec., 2018) based on community input and interest. These screenings have seen at least 30-50 people at each event, including strong representation from *shíshálh* Nation. In February 2019 we hosted a public screening of the musical documentary *The Road Forward* for 100 (including a discussion with cast members afterwards), and are continuing with a second screening of *First Contact* at the Nation Hall, a series of workshops in the *shíshálh* Longhouse.

Our third project is entitled "Envisioning Reconciliation: Forging Relationships of Understanding and Respect in the *shíshálh* Homelands". This component seeks to create safe space for dialogue about what reconciliation means to each of us, and how to live into a new way of being in relationship with one another on these lands. We have recently been granted \$20,000 in funding from the Vancouver Foundation to run a series of dialogue circles in geographic communities across the Coast to develop a vision for our activities beyond 2019. To date we have offered a one-day visioning workshop for the Committee, and will proceed with a second one in May. We will begin our dialogue circles with the public in the weeks to come.

3) Neighborhoods

This ministry will take place in the entire *shíshálh swiya*, and invite all from *shíshálh* Nation, members of the St Hilda's by the Sea Anglican Church, and all members of the public residing in the *shíshálh swiya* to participate in activities and events building towards Reconciliation. The *shíshálh swiya* is approximately 500,000 hectares in size, including all of the Sechelt Peninsula, and both sides of the Inlet. It involves settler communities of Roberts Creek, Sechelt, Halfmoon Bay, Pender Harbour and Egmont. Due to interest beyond the *swiya*, we have also extended activities to communities in Gibsons and Elphinstone and Langdale at times. As the Movement evolves we hope outreach may reach Squamish Nation and other parishes on the Sunshine Coast (St Bartholomew's in Gibsons and Christ the Redeemer in Pender Harbour).

4) Partnerships

The *siyaya* Reconciliation Movement gratefully acknowledges the partnership of *shíshálh* Nation, the District of Sechelt, the Sunshine Coast Community Forest, the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation, the Sunshine Coast Regional District, the Vancouver Foundation, the Sunshine Coast Credit Union, Tsain-ko, the Canada Council for the Arts, First Peoples' Cultural Council, St. John's United Church, St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church, the Sechelt Public Library, Friends of the Sechelt Library, 100 Women Who Care and individuals in the activities of the Movement. Our events and programming are only possible due to the generous donation of venues for meetings, gatherings and public weaving; the time and vision of all our Committee members; and the skills and passion of dozens of additional volunteers. In particular, St Hilda's has recently hosted our weavers for events at the Church, and its members have also played a key role in fundraising and participating in our educational activities over the past year. We have a part-time Coordinator; and volunteer bookkeeper (who is a chartered accountant) to manage our administrative, communications and logistical needs.

5) Ministry plans for 2020 and 2021

Our ministry plans for 2020 and 2021 will be shaped by the outcomes of our discussions with *shíshálh* Nation, members of the public in each geographic community along the Sunshine Coast (within and beyond the *swiya*), church reconciliation committees and our *sk'ák'ts'itáwilh* (people working together) Organizing Committee in harmony with our Envisioning Reconciliation Project. However we anticipate that this will include healing events and activities for the Nation, educational activities and events for the public, projects that foster the ongoing celebration of *shíshálh* language and culture, and events that foster dialogue and relationship-building between peoples. In June 2019 we will launch our carving project: "Carving Tears into Dreams of Reconciliation". This totem and mask carving project will see at least four carvers' skills honoured with designs evocative of reconciliation for them. Our Committee has discussed the possibility of undertaking further Blanket Exercises and dialogue circles, Returning to Spirit Workshops, Building Bridges Workshops and work with Reconciliation Canada as part of our educational activities, and will determine the priorities once we have heard back from communities on their interests and ideas.

6) Outcomes

Our first level of outcomes involves the fruits of our projects that are already underway. These include the three finished reconciliation blankets and two sashes, the hundreds of hearts/minds/spirits that have been touched by the educational events we have hosted, and the development of a participatory vision for the ongoing work of this grassroots movement. In 2020 we anticipate these fruits will also include a totem, up to three masks and a documentary film. On a second, qualitative level, we believe our activities play a contributing role in healing the harms of the residential school era by providing safe spaces for Survivors to share their stories, and settlers to grapple with the heavy truths of our colonial history and present. We anticipate that this work is and will continue to transform settler worldviews as people learn the truths of what happened to *shíshálh* people over the past 150 years of contact and hope that this will cultivate new relationships between *shíshálh* and settler residents of the *swiya* and beyond. We hope that these relationships will, in turn, catalyze deeper changes in our systems: to right the wrongs, kindle land justice, and enable us to decolonize and co-create new structures and processes in all spheres of society (arts and culture, economic development, education, health, natural resource stewardship, policing, planning, social service provision, etc.).

We communicate with our audiences (the public, *shíshálh* Nation, donors, volunteers, partners) in a variety of ways. We send out regular press releases publicizing activities; we manage an

email listserv and newsletter; we post on social media and link to the Nation's members only page, and we produce written materials for dissemination (brochures, reports, etc.) We verbally evaluate the success of our activities after each event as a Committee and periodically with the public through dialogue circles, commemorative events celebrating project completions and individual feedback. Regular meetings with key partners such as *shíshálh* Nation and church communities also provide us with essential feedback on where we can make improvements and what our upcoming projects should be. The Movement is process based.

7) Financial information

For a detailed budget of *syiyaya*'s current projects and programming see Appendix I. While we will continue to source from a variety of partners and would be grateful for whatever the Diocese is able to provide, we anticipate that our ongoing needs for events and projects will be around \$10,000-\$15,000/year for 2020 and 2021. In 2020 this could fund one mask, and one larger educational workshop in the community such as Building Bridges Understanding the Village or a few film screenings or dialogue workshops. In 2021 this might enable us to undertake a *Returning to Spirit* Workshop. While we have not finalized our projects for 2020 or 2021 yet, we create a detailed budget for each event and project we undertake, based on an honest assessment of the needs. Costs typically go to honour our speakers/witnesses/facilitators, provide refreshments for participants, and cover other communication and coordination costs.

8) Identify which of the diocesan Strategic Priority your ministry supports

This ministry directly relates to the strategic priority "Our God seeks justice for the oppressed" because the activities of the Movement seek to assist diocesan leaders, parishes, and the community at large to learn about the culture and history of Canada's Indigenous peoples (with an emphasis on *shíshálh* Nation because we are guests in their *swiya*). Essentially, we are advancing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission by engaging with Indigenous peoples in our neighborhood as equal partners. This ministry is also about building relationships, so the priority "Our God is a relational God" is also fitting.

9) Identify your current Organization Membership with parish affiliations.

The *syiyaya* Reconciliation Movement is deeply committed to participatory processes because we believe this is the only way to decolonize our approaches and relationships with one another and build a vibrant grassroots movement and paradigm shift on the Sunshine Coast. The nucleus of the movement is our *sk'ák'ts'ítáwílh* (people working together) Organizing Committee, which operates using an Indigenous consensus-based decision-making model, meeting on a monthly or bi-weekly basis based on the needs. Our *sk'ák'ts'ítáwílh* Committee Members currently consist of seven Indigenous and seven non-Indigenous people, seeking to cultivate respect and equality in our processes and relationships:

?akista xaxanak Garry Feschuk (Hereditary Chief and former Chief of *shíshálh* Nation); Cam Reid (former Mayor, District of Sechelt); *xwash* Steven Feschuk (Protector of Culture for *shíshálh* Nation); Nancy Denham (Restorative Justice President; Member of St Hilda's); *?enchelain* Val Bourne, (Elder); John Denham, (Member of St Hilda's), Glen Martin (Royal Canadian Mounted Police); Siobhan Smith (Arts, Culture & Communications Coordinator, District of Sechelt), *monata* Bev Dixon, (Elder); Dale Sankey, (former staff member of *shíshálh* Nation and Food Bank Coordinator); *tetalus* Audrey Santiago, (Elder); Rachel Yordy (*syiyaya* Coordinator, part-time staff at *shíshálh* Nation); Salina Schmidt (*syiyaya* Outreach Assistant to *shíshálh* Nation as member and staff); Richard Till (former staff member of *shíshálh* Nation)

(John and Nancy Denham, parishioners of St. Hilda's, play an active role as Indigenous Justice leads, and have established a strong linkage between the parish and the Movement.)

Appendix I: syiyaya Movement Financials as of April 1, 2019

Weaving Reconciliation Project Budget

Budget Item	Cost
Supplies, Design, Public Outreach and Commissioning of Blankets	\$47,000
Celebration for 400 at Longhouse (food, gifts for speakers, performer fees)	\$5,000
Coordination Costs (for project and Movement September 2018 to June 2019)	\$10,280
Launch Events	\$449
Communications Costs (brochures, printing, posters etc.)	\$1,000
Display Cases and Mounting for Public Displays	\$2,000
TOTAL	\$65,729

Exploring Reconciliation Project Budget

Item	unit cost	# of units	Total
Cultural Workshops (catering for 50-400 guests, gifts, promotion, and documentation of each event)	\$1,450-\$5000	4	\$12,150
The Road Forward (\$750 for speaker fees, \$350 for travel/food)	\$1,100	1	\$1,100
TOTAL	\$13,250		

Envisioning Reconciliation Project Budget

Process Costs	Unit Cost	# of units	Total
Coordinator/Facilitator/researcher (\$/hr)	\$30	330	\$9,900
Communications (brochures: \$700, office supplies: \$150, business cards: \$100, posters \$50)	\$1,000	1	\$1,000
Participation Costs			
preliminary visioning session with working group (lunch for 14 people @12.50/person, venue donated)	\$175	2	\$350
Workshop with local Governments (catering for 50: \$750)	\$750	1	\$750
Documentation of government workshop	\$700	1	\$700
Community Consultations (shíshálh Nation, Sechelt, Pender Harbour, Halfmoon Bay, Roberts Creek, Gibsons) (Food: \$250/event)	\$250	12	\$3,000
Venues for external consultations in Pender Harbour, Gibsons Halfmoon Bay, Roberts Creek (venues \$30/hr x 2.5 hrs)	\$75	8	\$600
Documentation of dialogue circles	\$200.00	12	\$2,400
Public Discussion of Findings and Celebration of strategic vision (catering for 250: \$1750, dignitary gifts: \$250, documentation, \$400)	\$2,400	1	\$2,400
Project Assistant (outreach to shíshálh Nation)	\$20	50	\$1,000
TOTAL COSTS (PROCESS + PARTICIPATION)	\$22,100		
FUNDING FROM VANCOUVER FOUNDATION	\$20,000		
OWN SOURCE FUNDING	\$2,100		

Carving Reconciliation Project Budget

Item	Unit cost	# of units	Total
Set-up and Security	\$6,000	1	\$6,000
Carving totem pole	\$1000/ft	30	\$30,000
Public Outreach for Totem Carver	\$3,000	1	\$3,000
Supplies, Design, Public Outreach and Commissioning of 3 (smaller) Carvings	\$5,000	3	\$15,000
Communications Costs (brochures, printing)	\$1,000	1	\$1,000
TOTAL			\$55,000

Documenting Reconciliation Project Budget

Gathering Footage	unit cost	# of Units	Total
Filming weavers	\$100	24	\$2,400.00
Filming public talks	\$100	12	\$1,200.00
Filming workshops	\$100	24	\$2,400.00
Equipment	\$200	1	\$200.00
Contingency	\$300	1	\$300.00
TOTAL			\$6,500.00

Documentary Film	Unit Cost	# of Units	Total
Production Team	\$35,000	1	\$35,000.00
Equipment Rental	\$5,000	1	\$5,000.00
Animation	\$7,000	1	\$7,000.00
Music Rights/ Royalties	\$3,000	1	\$3,000.00
TOTAL			\$50,000.00

Summary of Project Funding and Expenditures as of April 2019

ITEM/FUNDER	AMOUNT	NOTES
Launching Reconciliation and Communication Costs		
Initial Fundraising	\$5,133.79	
Launch and Communications Costs	-\$2,692.00	
Communications Expenses	-\$2,096.32	
Remaining Funds	\$345.47	Funds will be fully utilized by June 2019
1. Weaving Reconciliation Project		
Canada Council for the Arts	\$35,520.00	
First Peoples Cultural Council	\$12,884.00	
Sunshine Coast Community Foundation	5,177.00	
Sunshine Coast Regional District	\$2,000.00	
Individual Donations	\$10,148.00	
Commissioning Weavers, Coordination	-\$35,490.00	
Remaining Funds	\$30,239.00	These will be fully utilized by Dec. 2019
2. Exploring Reconciliation Project – Cultural Workshops, Activities, and Events		
SCCU Private Sector Workshop	\$5,000.00	Funding secured for workshop summer 2019
VF - All government Workshop	\$1,450.00	Funding secured for workshop fall 2019
Government of Canada (June 21 st Event)	\$1,600.00	Funding secured for June 21 2019 event
Workshop with Nation	-\$4,000.00	Funding Needed – applied
The Road Forward Screening	\$1,200.00	Funding secured for February 2019
Remaining Needs	\$4,000.00	Priority Funding Area
3. Envisioning Reconciliation		
Vancouver Foundation	\$18,550.00	Funding to be expended by Dec 31, 2019
Donations committed	\$2,100.00	Funding secured, to be spent by Dec 31, 2019
Total costs and funds	\$20,650.00	These will be fully utilized by Dec 2019
4. Carving Reconciliation		
Sunshine Coast Community Forest	\$40,000.00	Confirmed for Totem Pole, to begin June 2019
Additional Funding Required	\$15,000.00	For carving three ceremonial masks
Remaining Needs	\$15,000.00	Priority Funding Area
5. Documenting Reconciliation		
Sunshine Coast Regional District	\$5,500.00	For documenting activities in 2018-2019
Sechelt Indian Government District	\$1,000.00	For documenting activities in 2018-2019
Funds needed for Documentary Film	\$50,000.00	Approaching Funding Partners Now
Remaining Needs	\$50,000.00	Priority Funding Area