

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA & INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

1892 – Federal Government of Canada enters into formal agreements with churches to operate Indian Residential Schools.

Over the 100-year period of the schools approximately 50% will be operated by the Roman Catholic church, the remainder by Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, and United churches

1939 – 9,027 children are in 79 residential schools in Canada run by:

Catholic (60%)

Anglican Church of Canada (ACoC) (25%)

remainder: United and Presbyterian churches

1991 - ACoC establishes an Indigenous Healing Fund to support the healing work undertaken by local Indigenous communities and groups

1993 – Primate (Senior Bishop) of the (ACoC) Michael Peers apologizes to survivors for the church's part in operating Residential Schools. In part he says:

I accept and I confess before God and you, our failures in the residential schools. We failed you. We failed ourselves. We failed God.

I am sorry, more than I can say, that we were part of a system which took you and your children from home and family.

I am sorry, more than I can say, that we tried to remake you in our image, taking from you your language and the signs of your identity.

I am sorry, more than I can say, that in our schools so many were abused physically, sexually, culturally and emotionally.

On behalf of the Anglican Church of Canada, I present our apology.

2003 – former Federal Government of Canada Minister Ralph Goodale says:

“Together, the Government of Canada and the Anglican Church have built a platform for a strong, productive relationship with a commitment to the victims of abuse to try to bring an end to the personal suffering. We have resolved our issues and defined our roles and responsibilities in making sure that these individuals receive 100% of the compensation they are owed.”

The Anglican Church of Canada commits to paying \$25m towards compensation for Indian Residential School Survivors

2005 - The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald (Wendat) is called to be the first National Indigenous Anglican bishop in the Anglican Church of Canada

2007 – Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, the largest class action settlement in Canadian history, negotiated and approved by parties, and courts in nine jurisdictions, is implemented.

Of the 139 schools ultimately included in the settlement:

64 - Roman Catholic

35 - Anglican

14 - United Church

balance - other or no denomination.

The objective was reconciliation with the estimated 80,000 former students then still living, of over 150,000 enrolled since 1879.

2010 - the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada approves the introduction of a new canon (church law) establishing a self-determining national indigenous ministry within the church.