

Rupert's Land Wechetowin June 13 2023 Minutes 7pm

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- **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:** We acknowledge that we meet and work in the Treaties 1, 2 and 3 territories, the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, and the Dakota, the Dene People and the Homeland of the Red River Metis. We are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God, the Creator here.
- **Opening Prayer (TOGETHER):** Thank you God for this opportunity to gather as the body of Christ. You have given us opportunities to help in our communities in a variety of ways. Lord, help us to listen to each other with open hearts and minds during our time together tonight. Surround our conversations with your guidance and the wisdom of our Elders. We ask this in Jesus Christ's name. AMEN
- Regrets: Annie Rennie (St. Luke's Wpg), Lisa Bobbie (St Thomas Morden), Colleen Matthews (St. Matthew's Maryland Wpg), Mary Fardoe (St. Paul's Fort Gary Wpg)
- Introductions (Roundtable) Rev Vincent Solomon, Rev Tanis McLeod Kolisnyk, Krista Waring

Rupert's Land Wechetowin activities:

- **Prayer Ministry Team** – Prayer Blasters (Circle of Intentional Caring). A break for the summer.
- **Financial Update** – provided by Joy at RL Diocesan office Detail Trial Balance to June 13 2023 \$4888.09. The Anglican Healing Fund 2nd installment was received and is ready for our use for the year ahead. Good news!
- **Blessing/Caring Resource Bags:** Update on activities and next steps. 6 bags for Women and 6 bags for Children are ready for gifting. More resources are coming in now from parishes. Gaps will be filled using Wechetowin funds for a Fall stuffing session.
- **Food Pantry/ with St. Benedict's Table:** new partnership developed. Rev. Tanis will be going to St. Bens to highlight the partnership. They are wishing to connect with community regarding food security and help with basic need items, and we at Wechetowin are a good flow- through spot with our connections to community organizations and to the community in the heart of the north end where Epiphany Indigenous Anglican church is located. Discussion on the location of the Food Pantry for easy access and connections to people beyond the church walls. Main Foyer, with shelving will be used. Tanis will view the closed shelving units at St Ben's to see a sample of works well for them. Pick up and delivery of food will be a collective effort. Tanis is near by at the UW, so St. Ben's/All Saints is very close by for connection points. Krista is also at both churches regularly, so we will make this happen. This is awesome! Food will be smudged and sent out back into the community by either folks helping themselves or gifting back into the front line agencies that can use our support.
- **Connections with community:** (Community Resource List has continued to grow) Our list is now 7 pages long and we pray for three organizations per month. Part of that is connecting with them. Rev. Tanis calls them for a conversation and lets them know we are praying for their work and efforts. How can we help?
- **New business** Reconciliation Gathering Silome Mission – Krista shared inspirational storytelling, 30 days of Reconciliation and Learning – You Tube reflection. Diocesan office open T-F 730-330, Ring Doorbell 12-330 for entry. Delivery of Wechetowin items either to Epiphany or ALC.

Next meeting September 2023 Blessing Bag assembly evening , Closing Prayer Rev Vincent Solomon
Respectfully submitted, Rev Tanis McLeod Kolisnyk July 2023