Church of The Holy Trinity

White Rock, BC Canada



September 2nd, 2021

Invitation to PATHWAYS TO RECONCILIATION

St. Mark–Ocean Park

Anglican Church

Dear Parishioners,

Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock and the Parish of St Mark-Ocean Park, announce a series of four gatherings to which you are invited.

Under the umbrella heading of "Pathways to Reconciliation", each of the four gatherings is designed to raise awareness about the history of First Nations, Metis and Inuit and their relationship with Canada. It is also an opportunity to learn and participate in facilitated discussions about many complex issues with the aim of exploring paths towards reconciliation.

Over the summer months, representatives from Church of the the Holy Trinity and the Parish of St. Mark-Ocean Park, formed a planning committee which met several times to build content for the four gatherings. The committee members are:

- Kerry Baisley, Missioner for Indigenous Justice, Diocese of New Westminster
- Reverend Billy Isenor, Rector of the Parish of St. Mark-Ocean Park
- Reverend Wesley Hills, Priest-in-Charge, Church of the Holy Trinity
- Mari Anne Hussen, Peoples' Warden at the Parish of St. Mark-Ocean Park
- Simon Johnston, Parish Council member, Church of the Holy Trinity

The schedule for the gatherings is as follows:

- 1. Saturday OCTOBER 2nd, 1:30-4:30pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
 - Theme: "The Doctrine of Discovery" a documentary video & discussion
- - Theme: "First Nations 101: tons of stuff you need to know about First Nations people". Author Lynda Gray will attend to discuss her book, followed by a Q&A.
- Saturday APRIL 2nd, 1:30-4:30pm at Church of the Holy Trinity Theme: "The Indian Act and Residential Schools" interactive discussion
- 4. Saturday JUNE 18th, 1:30-4:30pm at Parish of St. Mark-Ocean Park

Theme: "The 94 Calls to Action and Resiliency" interactive discussion

These gatherings are free of charge and open to all. Attached is a flyer containing a schedule and other details about the first gathering. A new flyer will be issued one month in advance of the remaining events.

We do hope you will come and participate in these unique opportunities to listen, to learn and to explore pathways to reconciliation.

Sincerely,

Simon Johnston and Mari Anne Hussen, On behalf of the Planning Committee

Church of The Holy Trinity White Rock, BC Canada





INVITATION to PARTICIPATE in PATHWAYS TO RECONCILIATION on Saturday, October 2nd, 2021 from 1:30pm – 4:30pm At Church of the Holy Trinity 15115 Roper Avenue (at Foster), White Rock, BC

Participants are welcome to wear orange shirts to show solidarity with Residential School survivors. Please visit <u>https://orangeshirtday.net</u> for more information.

SCHEDULE

1:00pm Doors open for the gathering.

1:30pm Welcome, Introductions and opening prayer

1:50pm "The Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts"

This video documentary is one of the responses of the Anglican Church's Primate's Commission on discovery, reconciliation and justice. The purpose of the film is to respond to the calls to action by helping to provide education and insight into the racist foundations of our property and other laws still in existence today. You may pre-view the documentary video by clicking the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQwkB1hn5E8

3:00pm BREAK. Refreshments will be provided

3:20pm Discussion facilitated by Kerry Baisley, Diocesan Missioner for Indigenous Justice

4:30pm Closing Prayer and adjournment.

Please register your attendance by Email: <u>holytrinitywhiterock@telus.net</u> or By telephone: 604-531-0884 Monday – Friday 9am-Noon.

Next gathering: <u>Saturday February 5th at 1:30pm</u> at the Parish of St. Mark-Ocean Park. Guest Speaker <u>Lynda</u> <u>Gray</u> will talk about her book "First Nations 101," followed by a Q&A and book signings. Advance copies can be purchased at: <u>http://www.firstnations101.com</u>