



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Creation 3

This week, we mark the third Sunday in the Season of Creation, as well as “Orange Shirt Day.” The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was created as a result of the Truth and Reconciliation Report of 2015. The first National Day took place on September 30, 2021. On this day, we remember the Indian Residential School system which operated in Canada for well over 100 years. The last schools closed in the 1990s. Indigenous children were separated from their families and their communities and were forced to give up their traditions, their cultural practices, and their languages. More than 150,000 first Nations, Inuit and Métis children were taken to Residential Schools. Thousands did not return home.

The tradition of wearing an orange shirt is inspired by the story of Phyllis Webstad. Phyllis was 6 years old when she wore her new orange shirt to her first day at St. Joseph Mission Indian Residential School. Her shirt was immediately taken from her by the school staff as she was given a drab school uniform to wear. We wear an orange shirt to honour Phyllis and all the other children who survived Indian Residential schools and also to remember those children who did not survive.

You are invited to wear an orange shirt, or something orange to worship this Sunday.

As Fall begins and programs resume following the summer hiatus, here are some opportunities which you might like to consider participating in:

- United in Reconciliation events are offered from September 25th to September 27th, featuring Cree Author David Robertson.

A WEEKEND OF STORY, LEARNING, AND MUSIC WITH CREE AUTHOR DAVID A. ROBERTSON

ALL EVENTS FREE

UNITED IN RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY, SEPT 25 7-8PM
GRACE UNITED CHURCH, BURLINGTON
For Youth & Young Adults
"The Journey of the Mi'kmaq Sage: Healing and Learning Through the Pastoral Fantasy"

SATURDAY, SEPT 26 10AM-12PM
POINT NELSON UNITED CHURCH, BURLINGTON
Keynote and Workshop
"52 Ways to Reconcile: Making Reconciliation Real and Accessible"

SUNDAY, SEPT 27 10AM
GRACE UNITED CHURCH, BURLINGTON
Service with Reflection
"Writing as Social Activists"

SUNDAY, SEPT 27 7PM
POINT NELSON UNITED CHURCH, BURLINGTON
"Walking Through the Fire"
Indigenous Collaborations Concert with Chris McKeown & Sultans of String

REGISTER AT [TINYURL.COM/2026UNITED](https://tinyurl.com/2026UNITED)

- On Sunday, September 27th, from 12:30 pm to 2 pm ,you may wish to participate in the sixth Annual “Walk to the Lighthouse” in support of Mental Health Programs at Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital. You can register to participate, or make a donation at :

<https://www.walktothelighthouse.com/>

- September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. There will be events at Spencer Smith Park beginning at 5 p.m. There are also activities offered at Burlington Central Library between September 20th and September 30th. Please visit the Burlington Library website for details.

As we resume Church activities at East Plains

Mark your Calendars

Thursday, October 1st Mayoral Candidates Debate in Peart Hall

Sunday, October 4, 2026: World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 11, 2026: Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday October 18, 2026: World Food Sunday

Sunday October 25, 2026 : Reverend Dr. Harold Wells will lead worship with a focus on climate change. October 24th is the “International Day of Climate Action”

Monday, October 26, 2026: Municipal Election Day ---- be sure to vote for Mayor, City Councillor and School Board Trustees.

Saturday, November 7, 2026 **The 51st Annual Arts and Crafts Show and Sale**

If you have any questions or concerns about anything you have read here, you can reach me at: revjanmcc@gmail.com or on my cell phone: 905-630-8202.

Blessings,

Reverend Jan