

Living Into Right Relations – October 2021

Hello,

How did you mark the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation? Did it stir any thoughts, ideas, desires, questions for you? There are a few things that have been sitting with me. I'm wondering if there are any of you who'd be interested in getting together either virtually or in person to debrief and look ahead. If you're interested, please let me know by Friday, Oct 8, and we'll find a time to connect.

Thanks,

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1. [1492 Land Back Lane](#)

a. **A broader look at the Land Back movement:** [Indigenous Land Back movement charts better way forward](#) From the Suzuki Foundation: three short videos (Past, Present, Future) about Land Governance, UNDRIP and what "Land Back" means.

b. Supportive actions for 1492 LandBack Lane

i. **Friday Lunches for 1492 LandBack Lane - Next delivery date: Oct 8**

Cash donations can be made through [Parkminster United Church](#). Please identify your donation as 1492 LandBack Lane and include your address. For more info or to lend a hand contact me at the email above. Thank you!

ii. Continue to support the [legal defense fund](#) ...

2. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) has been located at Laurel Creek Conservation Area this year. They are closing their camp for the season at the end of October, but continue to welcome support. Some ways to do this:

a. Financial support through [Patreon](#)

b. LBC [Auction](#) (starts mid-October)

c. Follow the conversations about permanent spaces and offer support as you are able:

i. There is a [petition](#) to Regional Council about the creation of an Indigenous Community hub at the old Charles St Bus terminal

ii. The Kraus Lands are being promoted as a possible site for a permanent space for O:se Kenhionhata'tie's initiatives. [Read a recent article here.](#)

3. **Supporting Indigenous businesses - Christmas is coming!**

This section is intended to help us make connections and work towards learning and reconciliation through our choices about how we spend our money. We had a request to update the Christmas gift edition from last year "so that we can post some sites in our local

newspapers and churches. This would give people ideas to support indigenous arts/crafts in their Christmas shopping“. Great idea!

This is round 1. If you know of local Indigenous entrepreneurs or artists to highlight please send me info to publish here. (email on p1) We'll do a second round in November. Thanks!

- a. [Atlohsa Gifts](#) - part of [Atlohsa Family Healing Services](#) in London Ont, which has been supporting health and wellness in First Nations families for 35 years.
- b. [We Thrive: A spotlight on Indigenous-owned businesses in Canada](#) Links to lots of Indigenous Businesses and Entrepreneurs.
- c. **Sat. Oct 16**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 1280 Balmoral Rd. Cambridge. I saw a reference on a Facebook post about Reconciliation to a fundraiser by the Steel Hearts team at Steelcraft QCI Cambridge for the “Save the Evidence” campaign for Woodland Cultural Centre. The event will feature Indigenous vendors, artists and performers.
- d. I went online to see what I might pull together. There seem to be a LOT of online options now. I googled “indigenous artisans ontario”.

4. Learning at home and in person... (ok, mostly at home!)

- a. **Focus on the arts -**
 - i. **Woodland Cultural Centre [Indigenous Art 2021](#)** . Virtual artists' talk, Oct 14 [Register here](#)
 - ii. **October 19 - 24 [imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival](#)**
 - b. **Oct 6, 7 p.m. Tanya Talaga, “Truth before Reconciliation”**, a long-awaited lecture at the Sanderson Centre, presented by The Friends and Neighbours Group of the Woodland Cultural Cenand Laurier Brantford. [Register here](#).
 - c. **Oct 10 & Nov 14, 2 p.m.** Honouring the Missing Students of Indian Residential School System through Community Prayer and Dialogue. Neenahnew Oskapewasik in partnership with Five Oaks. Dates and registration [here](#).
 - d. **Oct 12 - Nov 23, 2:00-3:30 [ENGAGING THE TRC CALLS TO ACTION](#)** Become acquainted with the Calls to Action and consider a faith-filled response. These sessions will be opportunities for interactive learning. If needed, we will adjust the plan.[Register here](#) for this series.
 - i. Oct 12: Introduction to the TRC Calls to Action.
 - ii. Oct 26: What is the role of the church?
 - iii. Nov 9: What has been done? What can we do next?
 - iv. Nov 23: Networking and Planning
- offered by three regions of the United Church of Canada. For more information contact Thérèse Samuel, Minister, Right Relations and Social Justice (TSamuel@united-church.ca)
- e. **Oct 18, 1:30-3:30 [Nations Uniting](#)** Sharing Circle - learning about the Medicine Wheel with Gloria Cook. Nations Uniting is an Indigenous-led education and support group hosted by the United Churches of Six Nations. To join this event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com.

- f. **Oct 20 and 27, 7 p.m. Mohawk Institute Virtual tours.** Click the date for a link to tickets: [October 20](#) [October 27](#)
- g. **Oct 25** Anniversary of the Haldimand Proclamation, 1784. Some related reading:
 - i. [Blog from Oct 2020](#) Faculty Association of the University of Waterloo
 - ii. [Haldimand Proclamation](#) as described in the Canadian Encyclopedia
 - iii. [Six Nations Lands and Resources](#) text of the proclamation
- h. **Oct 26 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Taking Care of the Dish, [Polishing the Chain: Treaty Relations in Toronto](#).** From York University, this is a speaker series running 2021-22 that explores the historical significance and contemporary relevance of the treaties Indigenous nations in Southern Ontario have made with each other, with the Land, and with the Crown. The first was on Sept 28 - [Treaty making and the Significance of the Royal Proclamation](#). I found it a helpful introduction to treaties in Canada, including the Treaty of Niagara, 1764. Perhaps something to consider for Treaties Recognition Week, Nov 1-5.
- i. **Nov 1, 7 p.m. All Saints Day Vigil [TOGETHER IN SONG](#)**
Light a candle and remember all those who never got to go home. Indigenous and non-Indigenous, we join together with songs of hope and healing. **Register [here](#).**

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- j. **Nov 1-5 [Treaties Recognition Week | Indigenous Initiatives](#), U Waterloo**
- k. **Nov 6 & 7, 12:30 - 4 p.m. each day **KAIROS** event: [Furthering Reconciliation Great Lakes St. Lawrence Virtual Regional Gathering](#) \$10 – \$15**
- l. **Lots of other events online through [Eventbrite](#)**
- m. **In case you missed it...**
 - i. Murray Sinclair speaks about the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - how far we've come, how far we have to go - on [CBC Unreserved](#)

5. Good Reads, News and Views

- a. **Oct 5, 7 p.m. TEACHERS and parents!!! [Celebrating Indigenous Picture Books: Educators' Resource Launch](#)**
- b. **Oct 15, 12-1 p.m.** Waterloo Public Library First Nations Public Libraries week with Richard Van Camp for children aged 5-10 [Register here](#)
- c. [Indigenous Research Lab to Be Established in U of G Arboretum](#)
- d. [Mashkawi-Manidoo Bimaadiziwin Spirit to Soar \(English Version\)](#) - appx 45 min. About the story of the Seven Fallen Feathers. A very new film, narrated, produced by Tanya Talaga.