

## Right Relations Resource Team

The *Canadian Shield Regional Council's Right Relation Resource Team* (RRRT) was created following the 2018 General Meeting. The RRRT carries on the work initiated by the *Living into Right Relations Home Group* and other reconciliation efforts initiated by groups from across our region.

The purpose of the *Right Relations Resource team* is to develop, support and nurture just and respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.



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### To achieve this, we endeavour to do the following:

- Actively seek out ways to advocate and support the work of reconciliation throughout our region.
- Educate re: *The Truth and Reconciliation Commission* "Calls to Action" and *the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* and suggest ways to respond concretely.
- Share truth and endeavour to increase cultural competency about things such as: Canada's and the church's role in the colonization of Indigenous Peoples; generational impacts of residential schools; systemic racism; restoration of language, culture, spirituality and treaties.
- Encourage the church's presence where and when Indigenous Peoples are seeking justice, celebrating, remembering, mourning, learning, protesting, rallying, praying...and show up!
- Research and share appropriate resources to build capacity, encourage local leadership development, and empower and equip the church to do this work

### Key projects that support this work since 2019 include:

- Support for Indigenous Efforts
  - Encouraged letter writing regarding the ongoing dispute between the Wet'suwe'ten and Coastal GasLink Pipeline relating to traditional territory as well as Covid-19 health and safety concerns.
  - Encouraged letter writing and petition signing in support of Bill C-262 (which, sadly, did not go through) and UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples)
  - Promoted events and social justice action efforts such as: Have a Heart Day, Orange Shirt Day, Sisters in Spirit Vigils and Indigenous Day of Prayer
- Minute for Right Relations – a series of brief informative articles intended to support Right Relations work across our region that can be read during worship, meetings, study groups or for personal reflection.
- Encouraged attendance at Indigenous-led events – Provided information to the Conference about events such as pow wows, Sisters in Spirit, Orange Shirt Day, commemorations of those who attended the IRS, etc.
- Assisted in populating the Regional Council website material for Right Relations
- Provided funding for the Thunder Bay Cluster to host the Kairos Blanket Exercise

**The members of the team are:** Lisa Blais (Team Lead), Maxine McVey, Carol Germa, Janie Clayton, Susan Lindquist, Paul Allard (resigned May 2020) Isabella Barbeiro, Brian Mundell, Bob Lailey, Sylvia Carscadden, Tom Fisher, Will Kunder (Staff Resource).