

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. 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 2024 include:

- Maintaining and sharing content on the Right Relations Facebook page, website and email group on the reconciliation efforts locally and in our wider region
- Preparing content (including videos and resource packages) on a variety of topics such as the Manitou Art Collection, Residential Schools, the Apology and more for the CSRC website
- Creating and distributing digital and print Minute for Right Relations, Summer Reading Lists, an Indigenous Music Playlist, Christmas Shopping Resource list, and more
- Providing oversight for the Manitou Art Collection paintings in the care of communities of faith in our region
 - In May, at the Regional meeting, we delivered two Manitou Paintings: "*Tobacco Offering*", by Leland Bell to St. Andrew's United Church, Massey and "*Lost in Flock*" by the late Stanley Pannamick to Willowgrove United Church, Sault Ste Marie.
 - In March 2025, St Joseph Island Pastoral Charge was awarded as caretakers for "Sharing the Sacred Scroll"
- Providing support for Reconciliation projects such as approving funding to Little Current Pastor Charge to purchase, *The Truth in Truth and Reconciliation* - An Educational Board Game that is an Indigenous-teacher-made educational resource to learn and teach about Truth and Reconciliation

Looking ahead in 2025

The Right Relations Resource Team is working on developing a resource package based around an educational board game that Communities of Faith may borrow to enhance their reconciliation efforts.

We are also looking at hosting an event that will take place at the Manitoulin Island Hotel and Conference Centre this fall.

We are awaiting word from Laurentian University and LUNEC (The Laurentian University Native Education Council) about installing a memorial bench at the Apology Cairn, in honour of Maxine McVey and Art Solomon.

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