

## **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 endeavor to do the following:

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- 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 endeavor 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 2025 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 March 2025, St Joseph Island Pastoral Charge was awarded as caretakers for "Sharing the Sacred Scroll";
- Providing support for Reconciliation projects such developing a resource package based around

an educational board game that Communities of Faith may borrow to enhance their reconciliation efforts.

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.

### **Looking ahead in 2026**

We hope:

- To provide practical tools for congregations to use. We shall do this with monthly minute for right relations, education guides, prayers and land acknowledgement guidance;
- To have the courage to reach out to encourage communities of faith to do the work of right relations;
- To increase respect and acceptance for the work of right relations. We shall do this by inviting 1 community of faith or a representative, personally, outside of our own community of faith to talk about a right relations topic. This may be a casual conversation, or a formal presentation;
- To have more representation across the wider region in this group (new members). We intend to ask for regional support to help us identify people in the wider region who could better represent our width and breadth;
- That we can inspire others to take up the work of right relations in our congregations and communities. We will do this by sharing good news along with troubling news, and rooting our work in theology, scripture and prayer; and,
- To have a zoom event of “What are ways to live into reconciliation?” “What is right relations 101?” “Where in the world do I begin?” “How do we as settlers engage in this?”

### **The members of the 2025 team are:**

Lisa Blais (Retiring Team Lead)

Whitney Bruno (Incoming Team Lead)

Sylvia Carscadden

Janie Clayton

Lionel Ketola

Susan Lindquist

Brian Mundell

Heddys Stevenson

Melody Duncanson-Hales (Staff Resource prior to going to GCO)

We are seeking 1 to 4 more members.