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Canadian Indigenous Ministries

June 2021 has been a month that Canada has set aside to honour the Indigenous Peoples of Canada; the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis. Since first contact with the newcomers to Turtle Island (Canada) the First Peoples of this land have always sought to share the Creator's gifts with their brothers and sisters from the Four Directions. Learning from the mistakes of the past Canada is endeavouring to honour and live a life of reconciliation, healing, and a better future for all.

As Christians, and Seventh-day Adventists we know Paul says, Christ, having shown us the example (Ephesians 2:1-11), calls us to join Him in a life and ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:16-21), in and outside of the doors of our churches. The Indigenous Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada is deeply committed to this process of truth and reconciliation understanding it is a sacred work, guided by the Creator of all people. Our role is to provide training, resources, and opportunities while working with your conference, for you to take up this mantle of reconciliation, in Christ, and join God in His long relationship with the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

Your gift empowers church members to learn Indigenous culture and health-based living through the continuous growth of our online seminars and training. Your generosity enables print and digital resources to be put directly into the hands of Indigenous People and workers. Your giving helps us assist in building partnerships to improve water quality, housing improvements, and sustainable food sources in remote areas. These are some of the greatest health needs for Indigenous Peoples. Your gift also provides supporting educational opportunities for amazing Indigenous youth.

Your generosity is, and will, make a difference. As you give to this work, we thank you. But we ask that you give more. More, by means of learning of the amazing, resilient, loving, and forgiving Indigenous Peoples of Canada and building your own Creator centred relationships.