

# TAKING A SURVEY OF YOUR JOURNEY OF RECONCILIATION

This is a non-interactive PDF version for your information and to share with others, to help you reflect on the questions. The actual survey is here:

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The Being Good Relations Network is a United Church-based network covering all of AB, Northeast BC, and Yellowknife, through Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit Regional Councils. It also includes relationships with four Indigenous communities of faith, the wider Indigenous church, and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit organizations in our communities and provinces/ territory. All people supportive of right relations between Indigenous and non Indigenous people are welcome.

## Why this survey?

The Being Good Relations Network Leadership Group would like to gain a picture of the steps taken by your community of faith on the journey of truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples; to learn about needs and opportunities; and to renew relationships. All of this will help us understand how best we can renew the network, its work, and its many relationships, which have been impacted by COVID, the United Church's restructuring, and more. Whether you've been involved for a long time as a formal "Witness" in the network, or are brand new and committed to right relations, we want to hear from you!

## Please complete by February 20, 2023

PDF version of this survey: this is not a fillable form. Please use it if you'd like to see the questions before you fill out the survey.

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## Contact information

Your community of faith or group

Community

Province or territory

Postal code

Who completed this survey? (Just in case we need to follow up).

Name

Email

### **Contacts in your community**

As far as you know, does your community of faith have a Being Good Relations “Witness”? This is a lead contact person regarding truth, reconciliation and being good relations.

Yes

No

Not sure

If you haven’t designated a Witness (or two or three), would you be willing to identify a person or people who will be a liaison between your community of faith or community group and the Being Good Relations Network? This contact info will be used to send periodic newsletters, develop clusters, and invitations to Being Good Relations events. Our lists are never shared with other groups.

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### **Your context**

In your community and area, where are there opportunities to make connections between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and peoples? What are some of the opportunities or barriers you’ve encountered?

Please describe any shifts in attitude or knowledge regarding Indigenous peoples that you have noticed over the past few years in your community. This may have been noticed in your family, workplace, school, faith group or wider community. What do you think has brought this shift about- or created barriers to it?

What is your experience of making land/territory acknowledgements at worship or at events? We know this can be an area of tension, and it’s also a commitment that’s very important to

make. Knowing about barriers and opportunities would be helpful for the network. If you have not been able to do this, we would appreciate hearing about the barriers.

### **Your work so far**

Please indicate which of these activities your community of faith or community group has undertaken. Further below, we've included space for any details you want to share regarding educational, healing, and advocacy activities. Consider whether you would be willing to write a story or post a video of your activity for the Being Good Relations Network.

- Awareness of key Indigenous words to the United Church, such as the Calls to the Church, the 1986 or 1998 United Church Apologies, or others.
- Organized a KAIROS Blanket Exercise (or organized community of faith participation in one.)
- A book study by Indigenous author
- Films/ videos by Indigenous people
- Contributed financially to Indigenous organizations or funds, such as the Healing Fund, local options.
- Connected with survivors and intergenerational survivors of residential schools.
- Acknowledged National Indigenous Peoples Day, (June 21)
- Acknowledged Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept.30)
- Acknowledged National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit People/Sisters in Spirit Vigil or Red Dress Day (October 4 or May 5)
- Have a Heart Day – First Nations Child and Family Caring Society (February 14)
- Participated in a right relations online or in person learning event hosted by Remembering the Children Society, United in Learning, Indigenous Ministries and Justice, 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism, Rev Tony Snow, or others.
- Other: details welcome!

Please comment on highlights and/or challenges you would like Being Good Relations to know about.

Again, if you would like to share a story through text, photos, or a video, we would love to share these on the Regional websites and on our social media. You can upload files here.

### **Looking to the future**

What other learning activities would you like to undertake, perhaps with other church neighbours and community partners?

What resources or supports do you need? Specific ideas welcome.

Would members of your community of faith wish to be involved in a Being Good Relations Cluster (a group of 5-10 'nearby' communities of faith) for mutual support and planning joint activities related to right relations?

Yes

No

Not sure

Please send us some information on this.

If "yes", which communities or communities of faith would you most likely work with?

What questions or suggestions do you have for the Being Good Relations Network Leadership Group?

**Thank you for taking the time to share your journey with us. You can find us n Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Being-Good-Relations-Circle-Chinook-Winds-and-Northern-Spirit-Regions-159503007982883/> (public) and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/165687250695166/> (private)

**Thank you for your time and care, from the Inter-Region Being Good Relations Network Leadership Group:**

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