



# Right Relations Resource

## Our Purpose



The Hillhurst Right Relations Circle is a dynamic group of people who are actively striving to live out the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, and build respectful relationships with Aboriginal peoples. Our group is diverse in exposure, understanding and learning about what right relations can be and as we learn to-

gether, our activities unfold. This newsletter is to keep everyone updated on upcoming activities, events and meetings of interest in the area of right relations. It is a networking process from which we all benefit. We are finding more and more Indigenous cultural projects,



events, ceremonies, plays, films, and speakers to inform our email list. It is what we are called to do and be.

## Authentically Indigenous Craft Show— December 10 & 17, 2016

A unique craft show featuring more than 30 indigenous artist vendors with handmade crafts, beadwork, dream catchers, baked goods and much more. \$2.00 admission for adults, kids get in free. For more information; email [authentically-indigenous@hotmail.com](mailto:authentically-indigenous@hotmail.com); phone: 403.966.4006 or 587.889.8287 or

visit [face-book.com/authenticallyindigenous](https://www.facebook.com/authenticallyindigenous)

**Location:** The Kerby Centre Gym—1133—7 Ave S.W., Calgary.

**Date:** December 10 & 17 at 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

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### Special points of interest:

- *Authentically Indigenous Craft Show—December 10 & 17*
- *Colouring for Peace—December 11*
- *Write for Rights—December 10*
- *Where Expectation Meets Action—December 11*
- *Returning to Spirit—January 20-23*

## Write for Rights—December 10, 2016

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**This coming Saturday, Dec 10, for Human Rights Day** join Amnesty International for their Write for Rights event. They will have everything available in terms of pens/papers/envelopes. You can find more information about the cases they are writing on this year at [www.writeathon.ca](http://www.writeathon.ca). The information for the event is available on that site if you search it on the map.

They also have all of the information on a Facebook page if you'd like to forward it to anyone who uses Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1674284332862854/?ti=icl>

**Location:** Rosso Coffee Roasters—National Music Centre—840—4th Street SE, Calgary.

**Date:** December 10  
at 10:00 AM—4:00 PM



## Where Expectation Meets Action —December 11, 2016

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**Each year the Social Justice Committee** recommends a member of the wider community to receive the William Irvine Justice Award. This year's recipients are Chantal Stormsong Chagnon and Cheryle Greyeyes Chagnon. This mother-daughter activist team and founders of the drum group, *Sisters from Another Mother*, are regular participants and organizers of many social justice events in Calgary, especially one focusing on women's and indigenous justice. Please share in honouring these women during the service on December 11.



**Presenters:** Rev Debra Faulk and Members of the Social Justice Committee

**Service Leader:** Brian Dorscht

**Music:** Jane Perry, Music Director

**Location:** Unitarian Church of Calgary—1703—1st Street NW, Calgary.

**Date:** December 11 at 10:30 AM—11:30 AM

# Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice News from The United Church of Canada

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Since 2012, the United Church crest has included the Mohawk words *Akwe Nia'Tetewá:neren*, “All My Relations.” These words capture a crucial principle for the church: that all of creation is connected, and that we have a responsibility to respect all with whom we share the earth—other people, other beings, the lands and the water.

Despite opposition from Indigenous leaders, environmental groups, and community advocates, the government approved the Trans Mountain (Kinder Morgan) pipeline on November 29. In a letter to the church, Moderator Jordan Cantwell expressed her concerns about how the Trans Mountain pipeline will affect the government’s plans to cut greenhouse gases, as well as Canada’s implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

Take Action today. Ask the Prime Minister how approving the Trans Mountain pipeline will fit with Canada’s commitments to emission reductions and reconciliation.

[http://www.united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/respond-faithfully-trans-mountain-pipeline-decision?utm\\_source=E-Newsletters&utm\\_campaign=75cdbd5008-LIRR\\_161206&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_53a49c9e28-75cdbd5008-188524305](http://www.united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/respond-faithfully-trans-mountain-pipeline-decision?utm_source=E-Newsletters&utm_campaign=75cdbd5008-LIRR_161206&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_53a49c9e28-75cdbd5008-188524305)

## Returning to Spirit: Reconciliation Workshops—January 20-23, and February 3-6, 2017

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**Returning to Spirit is an intensive four days** of experiential personal growth, which examines the limitations and development of your own power. The results of the workshop depend greatly on your intention, participation and commitment. PART I is a 4-day intensive workshop. Non-aboriginal and aboriginal participants take this workshop separately.

Part II is a 5-day intensive that brings both groups together for healing, reconciliation and moving forward together. The focus of these workshops is on moving people forward through the principles of personal empowerment to go beyond healing, and to provide conditions for transformation in personal, family, community, and organizational life.

Live-in Cost with meals: \$500

Commuter Cost: \$350 with lunches only

Registration form available online at: [www.returningtospirit.org](http://www.returningtospirit.org)



**NOTE TO UNITED CHURCH MEMBERS:** The United Church has encouraged United Church members to attend the Returning to Spirit workshops. In fact, they are offering financial support for up to 6 non-Aboriginal people in 2016. The support can cover the registration fee, accommodation, and meals; but not travel expenses. To be considered to funding, the applicant needs to send a copy of their registration/application form along with their request, to [cfausak@united-church.ca](mailto:cfausak@united-church.ca).

# December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>04</b> Colour- ing For Peace— Hillhurst	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b> Red Dress Cam- paing— SAITSA	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b> Write for Rights Authentically Indigenous
<b>11</b> Where Expectation Meets Action Colouring For Peace	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Cree Grand- mother's Tea Ceremony	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Authen- tically In- digenous Craft Show
<b>18</b> Colour- ing For Peace— Hillhurst	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>

# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Return- ing to Spirit	<b>21</b> Return- ing to Spirit
<b>22</b> Return- ing to Spirit	<b>23</b> Return- ing to Spirit	<b>24</b> Right Relations Cir- cle	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>