



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.

Right Relations Gathering of United Church Folk—February 22, 2017 **** (please note change of date) ****

A gathering of all Calgary and area United Church folk who are interested in Right Relations issues, blanket exercise work shops or KAIROS members are welcome. A great

way to meet each other and collaborate on the following year. Come out and join us.

Date: February 22, 2017 at 10:00 am—12:00 pm.

Location: Hillhurst United Church—Heritage Room

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Special points of interest:

- *Grassroots Gathering—January 20*
- *Returning to Spirit—January 20-23*
- *Right Relations Circle January Meeting—January 24*
- *Let's Talk Reconciliation—January 26*
- *Feast for the Common Good—February 3-4*
- *Right Relations Gathering—February 22*

Grassroots Gathering—January 20, 2017

An exciting opportunity that brings together the diverse Indigenous community in Calgary is coming in the New Year! This event will consider the future of a collective voice for community change and discuss how we can shape it together.

THIS IS A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS!

The *Grassroots Gathering* is an event that recognizes accomplishments made by local individuals, organizations, partners, and stakeholders in moving towards beneficial change for Calgary's urban Indigenous population. Through discussion, participants will identify existing urgent needs with the intent to reinvigorate a collective voice for Calgary's Indigenous community.

National initiatives that include the TRC's "94 Calls to Action" and the National Inquiry into Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) has caused a stir in the collective consciousness. Local projects, such as the "Plan to End Homelessness" and the Justice Community Table's project that is working to improve service delivery in the area of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, reflect the good work undertaken in



multiple arenas throughout the city. Touching on these examples, the Gathering will consider the strengths, tools, and knowledge present within the Indigenous population as a way to implement change in our community.

Sponsored by the Human Rights, Education and Multiculturalism Fund, the *Grassroots Gathering* draws on the integration of traditional approaches and the guidance of Elders as foundations for the future of progressive and collective community action.

Join us to share your thoughts, experience, knowledge, and expertise in shaping a collective voice and renewed commitment that will improve the lives of Calgary's urban Indigenous people through collaboration.

EXTRA FUN:

We invite you to a bannock

cook-off! Prizes for first, second and third place will be provided. Bannock must come pre-cooked with a minimum of 2 batches per participant. Bus fare is also available for pick-up before the *Grassroots Gathering*.

Register for the cook-off or set aside bus tickets by calling (403) 237-7850 ext. 240 or e-mail: Tamara-Himmelspach@nca.ca
We look forward to seeing you there!

When: Friday, January 20, 2017
from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Where: John Dutton Theatre
Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE.

RSVP at Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/grassroots-gathering-tickets-30473199159?aff=efbevent>

Facebook event page:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/347485742299977/>

Right Relations Circle January Meeting—January 24, 2017

The New Year is upon us and we are back in the swing of things after our December break. Please join us as on January 24, as we present the documentary **Home Fire**.

Home Fire is a 37 minute documentary film that explores family violence and restorative justice from an Aboriginal perspective. Featuring commentary from Elders, community leaders, and members of the justice system, **Home Fire** examines the colonization of Canada, historic trauma, the western justice system and grassroots healing programs in Aboriginal communities.



When: Tuesday January 24, 2017 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Where: Heritage Room, Hillhurst United Church



Let's Talk Reconciliation —January 26, 2017

How can all Canadians build meaningful relationships with Indigenous people?



Many Canadians have begun the process to

understand and re-envision their relationships with Indigenous people. For some, this journey has been underway for a while; for others, it's new.

Reflecting on his own residential school experience, Chief Joseph will speak about the important role of reconciliation in moving forward through trauma and will address the reconciliation work that is being done across Canada to build meaningful relationships among Indigenous peoples and all Canadians.

Chief Joseph is a Hereditary Chief of the Gwawaenuk First Nation in BC, and Ambassador for Reconciliation Canada, and previously served as an honorary witness to Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Date: Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 to 9:30 am.

Location: Civic on Third (103—3 Ave. SE)

Member Rate: \$45 per person / \$325 table of 8

Non-member Rate: \$60 per person / \$425 table of 8

The registration deadline is January 18; this is expected to be a sold-out event.

To Register:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07edixx76ie316235b&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Feast For the Common Good—February 3-4, 2017

Are you eager to engage in about the difficult issues of our time? Are you looking for a space to discuss topics such as climate change, inequality, and right relations? Looking for a group to connect with for action? Join us for a weekend of community-building through food and conversation! *Feast for the Common*

Good and *Refugia Retreats* are partnering to offer a weekend event on personal and collective action. **Please note, space is limited: pre-registration is required.** -

When: Three-course vegetarian meal on Friday February 3rd from 6:30 to 9:30 PM followed by a [Work That Reconnects](#) workshop on Saturday February

4th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (can attend both days or Friday only).

Where: Hillhurst United Church (1227 Kensington Close NW)

Who: Friday will be facilitated by Bill Phipps and Ted Reeve from [Faith and the Common Good](#). Saturday will be facilitated by Jodi Lammiman and Amy Spark from [Refugia Retreats](#). Whether you are well versed in these issues or are just beginning, all are welcome!

How: Registration and payment is through Eventbrite. Tickets are \$50 for the whole event, \$25 if you can only attend Friday. If you are unable to register via Eventbrite, please contact the organizers.

Why: We believe Calgarians de-

serve space and community in which to have the tough conversations of our time. We believe issues of climate change, inequality, and right relations are not only interrelated, but must be tackled in unique and compassionate ways. We advocate for honest, respectful, open conversations as we delve deeply into issues of importance for our future.

For more information or to register, please visit eventbrite.com/feastforthecommongood or refugiaretreats.com. **If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the organizers at info@refugiaretreats.com or (587) 969 - 1856.**



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