



SACRED CIRCLE DAILY REPORT



DAY 2: August 8, 2018

MEMORY KEEPERS

The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw
Toronto

The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz
Primate

WEATHER

Hot with a severe air quality warning.
Members were advised to stay
indoors and limit their time outside.

Music and Prayers

The morning opened with music and prayers from the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh in Oji-Cree including prayers for the fires in the area.

Gospel Based Discipleship

Bishop Mark MacDonald explained the development of Gospel Based Discipleship. It has been especially successful in indigenous communities and in urban settings where the traditional form of church is foreign to people. Bishop Mark offered support to those that walk in this pledge of discipleship to care for people's spiritual needs. He asked members to put the gospel in the center of their circles and put Jesus in the center of their hearts.

The memory keepers felt that hearing about the history behind GBD was helpful.

"It is a really important way to connect and talk about what people feel as opposed to the head approach."

"In Acts we are told that where people meet, that is where the church is."

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PWRDF

Judith Moses and Will Postma explained the work of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. They will be creating a new 5 year strategic plan and would like to have a greater emphasis on reconciliation and indigenous healing.

There were many questions and comments from members expressing the numerous areas where help is required in indigenous communities.

The memory keepers had much respect and appreciation for the work of PWRDF.

"It might have been helpful to have some images of the work currently being done."

"There is a need for a much more focused relationship addressing the many crises in indigenous communities."

A Way Forward

Danielle Black and Aaron Sault presented the document, "A Confederacy of Indigenous Anglican Lands in Circle with the Primal Elements". The PowerPoint presentation examined a way forward to an Indigenous Anglican Spiritual Ministry in a journey with the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Diocese of the Arctic sang and offered grace in Inuktitut before lunch.

Focus Groups

During the afternoon, members broke up into 6 focus groups based on areas of interest. They included the following topics.

- Opioid Crisis
- Resource Extraction/Climate Change
- Governance for Self-determination: Canon 22 and a Constitution
- MMIW and G
- Marriage Canon
- Suicide Prevention

The memory keepers both attended the Suicide Prevention group and were impressed with the factual, inspiring and ground level presentation.

"We have a major key to help in this crisis - faith and hope in Jesus. It is our responsibility to help."

"Yolanda Bird and Jeffrey Stanley with mentoring from The Rev. Norm Casey are doing really important and life giving work."

"The focus of traditional indigenous and Christian teachings are a powerful way of dealing with grief."

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The Diocese of Caledonia sang and said grace in the Haida and Nisga'a languages.

God's Vision of Globalisation

The Rev. Malcolm Chun from the Diocese of Hawai'i discussed God's vision of globalization, which was defined as the bringing of distant people closer together. He noted this was the dream of the United Nations and the dream of the Anglican Church of Canada and the dream of Sacred Circle. The memory keepers enjoyed the presentation.

"It was refreshing to hear a talk on globalization from a divine perspective."

"I appreciated his enthusiasm."

Episcopal Church Greetings

The Rev. Brad Hauff, Indigenous Minister of the Episcopal Church extended greetings from the Episcopal Church and Archbishop Michael Curry. He described his personal calling and the work of the Ethnic Ministries Department. The memory keepers had the following comments.

"It is important to hear true evangelism has to have a justice perspective. Evangelism is not just about Jesus and me. It is about Jesus and the world."

"I appreciated his bringing Archbishop Curry's message – authentic Christianity is about loving, liberating and life giving."

"The resolutions passed at their Synod about a new Indigenous Theological Education Coordinator position and that the teaching of the Doctrine of Discovery is mandatory for ordination is good news."