



SACRED CIRCLE DAILY REPORT



DAY 3: August 9, 2018

MEMORY KEEPERS

The Rev. Tracey Taylor
Qu'Appelle

The Rev. Norm Wesley
Moosonee

SACRED FIRE

Members are asked to help relieve the fire keepers. There is a list on the wall outside of plenary for members to sign up.

WEATHER

Hot and hazy. The severe air quality warning is still in effect.

Morning Music and Prayers

The morning opened with moving poems from Dennis Saddleman followed by music and prayers from the Territory of the People and Manitoba in Cree and Nlokepmcin. Prayers were also given for the fires and people that have lost their homes.

Gospel Based Discipleship

Members broke into their groups for GBD this morning. The memory keepers have found this experience enriching.

“Every time we meet we can feel the bond that grows more. It makes you see what could happen if you did GBD regularly.”

“It is eye opening. It allows you to see God working in other people and feeds your spirit.”

Primate's Commission on Discovery, Reconciliation and Justice

The Rev. Andrew Wesley and The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw explained the terms of reference for the commission and the major areas of work that have



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been accomplished, including the hiring of Melanie Delva as Reconciliation Animator and the production of a video on the Doctrine of Discovery by Anglican Video. Members watched an early version of the film. The memory keepers were very moved by the film.

“I’m so proud of these people, but also sad about how little has changed.”

“We have incredibly intelligent and successful Indigenous people among us.”

“ I’ve done the blanket exercise 20 – 30 times, but when I heard the different voices, I said “Holy Cow!” and thought about what it would be like if it was my grandchildren.”

“What a tool to educate people!”

Vision Keepers Council

The Rev. Laverne Jacobs, Judith Moses, Danielle Black, The Rev. Leigh Kern and Aaron Sault explained the terms of reference for the Council and work they are currently engaged in. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) is their minimum standard. The Council will be monitoring

parishes for projects and actions that further self-determination and create an online inventory of these projects including a contact name. The vision keepers were impressed.

“We need to keep track of this information to make sure things don’t slip through the cracks.”

“The young people were so animated!”

“Keeping an eye on everything is powerful. I don’t think anywhere in the Communion has anything like this. We could be a role model.”

Before lunch, the Diocese of Saskatchewan sang and said grace in Woodland Cree.

Archives

Nancy Hurn, Archivist for the ACC explained the work of the Archives Department and the many collections around residential schools. She showed how to search the Archives database and pulled up documents and pictures from residential schools. At the end of her presentation, Larry and Elizabeth Beardy and Peter Kitchekesik presented her with a friendship blanket, as she will be retiring September 1st. Sacred Circle



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members gave her a standing ovation to thank her for her devoted work over the years. Nancy was moved by the gift and good wishes. The memory keepers were also moved.

“The presentation touched my heart.”

“Nancy is a real memory keeper!”

ACC Website and Social Media

Brian Bukowski gave an overview of the Indigenous Ministries website including resources, history and information on current programs. He accessed liturgical texts, and showed that some were available to download in Cree. He also showed facebook pages for the ACC, ACIP and The Primate’s Commission. Recently, he has been able to help two dioceses set up websites in multiple languages that can be subsequently managed by staff in the diocese.

Information from his presentation can be found at anglican.ca/Sclinks .

“It was good to have this presentation. There are a lot of new people who really needed to hear about it.”

“It would have been helpful to watch some of the videos before coming to

Sacred Circle. I wasn’t sure what to expect and it would have helped prepare me.”

ACIP Elections

Members moved in Provincial Caucuses and elected new members for the 2018 – 2021 term for ACIP. The new members are listed below.

Province of Rupert’s Land

Mabel Brown
Theresa Halkett
Martha Kunuk
Freda Lepine
Sheba McKay
Murray Still
Rosie Jane Tailfeathers
Manasee Ulayuk

Province of Ontario

Sandra Fox
Dorothy Patterson
Norm Wesley

Province of BC/Yukon

John Haugen
Ingrid Johnson
Willard Martin

Province of Canada

Annie Ittoshat
Cheyenne Vachon



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The new ACIP committee gathered together at the front of the room and media and many members took pictures.

“I wasn’t sure if I would let my name stand, but after Malcolm yesterday asked, “Are you ready?” I thought maybe? After seeing the video this morning, it sealed my decision to let my name stand. It is scary stuff. We are dragging a plow in a field that has never been plowed before.”

“There are good people elected – 11 women and 5 men. There are teachers, clergy, addiction counsellors, business people, people with history and members from the past ACIP committee. The membership has a good diversity.”

Church House staff sang, danced and said grace before dinner (in English).

New Zealand Partners

The Rt. Rev. Richard Wallace, The Rev. (Nganehu) Mere Wallace and The Rt. Rev. TeKitohi Wiremu Pikaahu described the evolution of the Anglican Church in New Zealand from 1814 to the present. Currently there are 5 Indigenous Maori Bishops. The memory keepers were impressed with

the similarities between the two churches.

“There is a great familiarity with the stories they told. We are all connected around the world.”

“I liked the initiative of having a bible and prayer book in every Indigenous home in New Zealand.”

“They have been doing what we are proposing. Not only is it possible, but it is working.”

“It was reaffirming to hear that when settlers came in the 1800s there was nothing new in their teachings and the Indigenous people already knew it all. There was a savior in the stories (Jesus) which is similar to our stories. God was hovering all over the world.”

Bon Appetit!

The memory keepers wanted to highlight the excellent food at this Sacred Circle. “Snacks of bannock, breads and candied smoked salmon! It almost makes you feel sorry for Tim Horton’s!