



# SACRED CIRCLE 2012

## WALKING THE DREAM

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### MEMORY KEEPERS:

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### NUMBER OF NOTE:

**34**—THE NUMBER OF YEARS IT TOOK TO TRANSLATE AN INUKTITUT BIBLE FOR THE EASTERN ARCTIC . TODAY WE CELEBRATED ITS COMPLETION AND THE FACT THAT GOD SPEAKS TO US IN MANY LANGUAGES.

WEATHER:  
LOVELY AND WARM,  
WITH A LAKE BREEZE

### Continuing the walk

Yesterday some 20 walkers arrived at the Wilderness Edge Retreat Centre in Pinawa, kicking off Sacred Circle by demonstrating the theme: “Walking the dream.” Two groups joined together to complete the final leg—one from Beausejour and one from Sagkeeng Nation.

“Today was a continuation of the walk,” said a memory keeper. “Many of us were joining together from different places.”

“Just like on our walk, it is good to

see the youth and elders together. Something special happens then.”

### Colour and culture

Sacred Circle members put on their finest regalia and traditional costumes for today’s procession to the Eucharist. There were ribbon shirts, Haida designs, moccasins, and more.

“We saw truth and traditions through colour and culture,” said one memory keeper.

“It blessed me so much. It was beautiful,” said another.

### **Being transfigured**

In his homily at today's Eucharist, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, said the process of self-determination was like the transfiguration.

Archbishop Hiltz said that over several decades, Indigenous Anglicans have gone from depression to dreams, from submission to self-determination.

He encouraged Sacred Circle members with Jesus's words to the disciples: "Get up. Do not be afraid."

Memory keepers were moved by this message.

"We're on the mountain right now," said one. "The transfiguration is going to be right in front of our eyes this week."

### **Talking Circles resonate**

Members gathered in their talking circles for the first time today. One memory keeper described how this felt:

"When we are in the circle, I like listening to what's happened. It's

still the same things that we are going through in our communities. We're not rich, but rich in the spirit. It's the same stories, what we're going through with our youth, addictions, suicide, young people in jail. Everything they're going through I'm going through too. But we're still going. No one's giving up. We're still going."

### **Anticipation**

There's lots of buzz about what will emerge this week. One memory keeper put it this way:

"I think there's going to be a lot of tears, laughter, and more healing. I feel that we're going through another step and we're closer to where we want to be. The elders had a vision long ago of our own people ministering to our own people. That was our dream and it's happening."

### **Words heard**

"So we're walking the dream. Are we in the Promised Land yet?"

**Q:** "How to stay connected and be strong and close in God's love?"

**A:** "Text each other. If you don't know how, ask Larry Beardy."