

The work of Reconciliation: Learning, listening, and acting (parish, within deaneries)

Aim: to create a mechanism that would allow reconciliation to be the norm in all our parish activities.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Parish (P) Online (O)</b>	<b>Learning (L) Listening (l) Acting (A)</b>	<b>Comments or further explanation</b>
<b>Blanket Exercise</b>	P and O	L l A	Kairos staff will conduct this activity. Participants experience the trauma of colonization on indigenous peoples. Cost involved.
<b>Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts</b>	P and O	L l A	Available online. I have provided the link under resources. There are 11 sections including a brief intro. At the parish level, decide on how many sections you want to cover—we spread it over weeks after Sunday church with light lunch provided. Enjoyable, informative Online—The late Rev, Ginny Doctor, the producer and an Indigenous member of Six Nations in Brantford ON conducted the workshop. Note: There are free discussion questions available. Very well received.

			Some comments: Why did I not know about this? This should be taught at school.
<b>We were children</b> Indigenous voice with stories and incites Alanis Obomsawin	O	L l	Videos made available before workshop date and participants encouraged to look at it and consider a few questions given.
<b>Crazywater</b> Indigenous Voice: Dennis Allen, producer	O	L l	As above Very well-received
<b>Niigaanibatowaad: The Front Runners</b> Bill Chippawat—one of the surviving front runners— Indigenous Voice--gave a fascinating presentation	O	L l	As above Very well-received
Panel Discussions Bishop Riscylla Shaw Indigenous Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of Toronto Esther Wesley, Anglican Church of Canada The Rev. Canon Andrew Wesley The Rev.	O	L l A	Great discussions and a lot of learning
Trips to Six Nations	P	L l	Interaction and friendships over time.

		A	Visits to churches (including The Mohawk Chapel) Six Nations, singing well-known hymns in Mohawk, tour of site of Residential school, learning about the children who never returned, the <a href="#">Chiefswood National Historic Site</a> E. Pauline Johnson
Christian Island	P	L L A	Visits to Christian Island, hearing stories from Indigenous voices, invited to participate in a powwow and experiencing the cultural significance Invited another parish in our diocese—they decided to begin work of reconciliation in their parish.