



# Truth, Reconciliation & Equity: *They Matter to Us!*

## KAIROS EDUCATION FOR ACTION FOCUS



In 2008, the Government of Canada apologized to former students of Indian Residential Schools for the abuses that they endured and from which generations continue to suffer. In 2010, the first national event of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was held in Winnipeg, and, after years of stalling, Canada quietly announced its endorsement of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. Together, these moments should mark a turning point in the lives of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

In June 2011, thousands of people from all walks of life created more than 300 handmade banners stating their commitment to the *Declaration*. Joined together to form one huge banner, they were carried through the streets of Ottawa as a country's witness to its government: Make this endorsement real. Deal with current inequities. Make the *UN Declaration* a path to a better future—a sign that Canada's 2008 apology really meant something.

First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada continue to face serious injustices. Together we can do better, and we can make a difference.

KAIROS continues to support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) by raising awareness of its work and supporting non-Indigenous people to hear the truth by attending hearings and events. We are committed to seeing the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* put into action. And we want to work with **you**.

For the mistakes of the past, Canadians need to **hear and tell the truth**. With the promise of **reconciliation**, Canadians need to **end the inequities** of the present. Join KAIROS as we work together towards right relationship and equity between Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous Canadians. Through photos, workshops, meetings with MPs, and banner displays, KAIROS invites you to join in the call – “Truth, Reconciliation and Equity: They Matter to Us!”

**What Can I Do?** (For more ideas and details, see our website: [www.kairoscanada.org/tre](http://www.kairoscanada.org/tre))

- **Learn** more about the historic injustices and current inequities facing Indigenous peoples in Canada. Get involved in the Truth and Reconciliation process. Discover the role the *UN Declaration* could play in creating a better future. We have resources and educational workshops that can help. KAIROS can help to organize educational workshops on Indigenous rights in your community. Please contact us at [workshops@kairoscanada.org](mailto:workshops@kairoscanada.org)! For orders of resource material please see over.
- **Put yourself in the picture:** Take a photo of the people in your church, community, school or family holding a bold sign that says: Truth, Reconciliation, and Equity: They Matter to Us! Send a copy of your picture to [photos@kairoscanada.org](mailto:photos@kairoscanada.org) and help us create a huge public witness for an equitable Canada! Consider using your picture in a public ad in your local newspaper.
- **Meet with your MP:** Press the government to put the *Declaration* into action in full collaboration with Indigenous peoples. Focus on one key inequity, such as education or child welfare, which urgently needs to be changed. Take a framed copy of your photo as a gift!





Please see our website for photo credits.

## Indigenous rights resources for purchase (see [www.kairosCanada.org](http://www.kairosCanada.org) for all resources)

Some of these titles can be downloaded free of charge from the KAIROS website (donations welcome!). All of these print resources can also be purchased from the KAIROS website (look under "resources"). To order print copies, please fill out this form and include quantities. Cheques should be made out to United Church of Canada: KAIROS. You can also pay by VISA, Mastercard, or by invoice. Postage costs will be added to all orders. Bulk prices are always available—just ask!

QUANTITY	COST	TITLE
	\$10.00	<b>The Blanket Exercise booklet:</b> The Blanket Exercise is an interactive exercise on Indigenous rights that teaches us the history most of us never learn. Includes versions for Grades 5-8 and Grade 9-adult. 60 pages.
	\$10.00	<b>Remember the Land: Global Ecumenical Voices on Mining:</b> This 11 minute DVD features rich theological reflection and offers a number of action opportunities for individuals and churches. Includes a 4-page study guide.
	\$3.50	<b>Honouring the Children:</b> A report written in large part by children and youth, detailing how Canada underfunds Indigenous students, what the impact is, and what we can do about it. Teen to adult age groups. 20 pages.
	\$3.50	<b>Making it Matter:</b> Booklet for faith communities on supporting truth, reconciliation and equity. Includes a workshop on equity issues, worship service, and action suggestions. 12 pages.
	\$5.00	<b>The Land, Our Life: Indigenous Rights and Our Common Future, 2nd edition:</b> <i>UN Declaration</i> -focused resource for classrooms and faith communities. A workshop on Indigenous rights, role play on resource extraction, FAQs, and action suggestions. ( <i>UN Declaration</i> materials also include a game show that is free for download on our site.) 24 pages.
	*	
	\$1.00	<b>UN Declaration booklets:</b> The complete text of the <i>UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i> in a pocket-sized booklet.
	\$0.50	<b>Truth, Reconciliation and Google:</b> A script for a ten minute skit for meetings and worship (available as free PDF on KAIROS website) 4 pages.
	\$10.00	<b>In Peace and Friendship, Second Edition:</b> This newly-revised resource for faith communities focuses on how we might turn a history of injustice towards right relationship. It includes bible studies, reflections and the Blanket Exercise workshop. 68 pages. (Bulk discounts available).
	\$1.00	<b>A full colour poster</b> celebrating the <i>UN Declaration</i> and the hundreds of banners from our June 2011 action. Action summary on the back. Perfect for your classroom, student group or faith community!
	\$3.00	<b>A short video</b> of the banner train in support of Indigenous rights. Available on YouTube and on DVD. More info at <a href="http://www.kairosCanada.org">www.kairosCanada.org</a>

\*The Land, Our Life available in 2013. Please enquire.

Name (PLEASE PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Group/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**For credit card payments:** I/We authorize the United Church of Canada, on behalf of KAIROS, to withdraw \$\_\_\_\_\_

for the cost of resources from my (PLEASE CHECK ONE): ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry MM/YY: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on the card (PLEASE PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send form to:**



**KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives**

310 Dupont Street, Suite 200 Toronto, ON M5R 1V9

Fax: 416-463-5569

You may also order online at [www.kairosCanada.org](http://www.kairosCanada.org), by email: [orders@kairosCanada.org](mailto:orders@kairosCanada.org), or by telephone: 1-877-403-8933 x 243.