



TIME FOR Reconciliation

5 THINGS YOU CAN DO ANYWHERE IN CANADA

For Truth and Reconciliation from May 29 to June 3, 2015

Many people will be gathering in Ottawa from May 29 to June 3 to mark the ceremonial close of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). But you don't need to be in Ottawa to mark this historic moment. There are many things that can be done in other parts of the country to demonstrate a nationwide commitment to reconciliation.

1. HOLD A RECONCILIATION WALK ON MAY 31

On May 31 a Walk for Reconciliation will be held through the streets of Gatineau and Ottawa. Consider holding a walk in your community. This link on the TRC site describes the values and purpose of the Ottawa walk and will soon have a place to register walks in other parts of the country:
<http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=864>.

2. PLANT A HEART GARDEN

On June 3, Ottawa children will plant a heart garden at Rideau Hall to honour the children who attended Indian Residential Schools. Consider planting a heart garden in your community in the lead up to this date. You can have one of the hearts from your garden planted at Rideau Hall if you mail it in time to arrive at the KAIROS Ottawa office **by May 22nd**. Get more information here:
<http://www.kairoscanada.org/events/time4reconciliation/heart-gardens/>.

3. GATHER TO WATCH LIVE STREAMING

The TRC is committed to live streaming aspects of this final event, including the presentation of the final report on the morning of June 2nd and the ceremonial close on the morning of June 3rd. Check out the TRC website for details on which sessions will be streamed and gather with others to watch these historic moments.

4. RING BELLS AT 12:00 NOON ON MAY 31

Bells can have multiple meanings, ringing out celebration, grief, or warning, but they always call us to pay attention. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission asks churches across the country to ring their bells at 12:00 noon EDT on May 31 as a call to pay attention--to honour residential school survivors, to recognize the formal close of the TRC, and to commit to working towards a reconciled future for all of Canada. If you don't have bells consider cymbals, hand bells or gongs. We welcome community groups making a noisy witness to reconciliation as well!

5. PLAN A RECONCILIATION WORSHIP SERVICE

If you are part of a worshipping community please consider bringing truth and reconciliation into your May 31 service. Or consider hosting a special worship service on this theme between May 31 and June 3rd. Worship resources can be found at <http://www.kairoscanada.org/events/time4reconciliation/worship-materials/>.

We want to know what you are planning so we can show cross-country support for the work of reconciliation.

If you are planning an action **on May 31**, please use this link <http://bit.ly/1A7vKTB> to tell us about it so we can put it on a cross country map.

If you are planning an event **before or after May 31** please send the details to events@kairoscanada.org.

More Information:

Truth and Reconciliation Commission www.trc.ca
KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives
www.kairoscanada.org/time4reconciliation