

First United Church

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Dear Ed:

This letter is to inform you of the action taken by First United Church in response to recommendation #48 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to support and embrace the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

The Church Council of First United adopted the following motion on March 1st, 2016.

In relation to our priority to implement a process for the congregation of First United to make a collective covenant to journey with the First Peoples of Canada in our ongoing journey of Truth and Reconciliation, that the congregation of First United through its Right Relations Committee and Church Council, will endeavour to ensure that the policies, programs and practices of First United comply with the spirit and intent of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

In response to this motion, our Right Relations Committee is beginning a process to evaluate our present policies, programs, and practices in order to meet this commitment, a commitment that we take seriously and with humility recognizing that we may have much to learn on the journey.

Sincerely Yours in on ongoing commitment to Truth and Reconciliation,

Heather Menzies
Chair of Church Council

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