

## **N. Co-convenors, Living into Right Relations Circle**

Purpose of the position: provide joint Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal leadership to and from within the Living into Right Relations Circle

Reporting relationship: to the Conference Executive

Term of office: three years, renewable once

Time commitment: up to 20 days per year

Financial responsibility: none

### Tasks/responsibilities

- Be the Keeper of The Bundle (medicines, cloths, centering pieces)
- Lead opening prayers with rituals
- Co-ordinate where and when circles will be held
- Advocate and communicate with the church structure
- Focus on the tasks at hand
- Consider the traveling needs of individuals

### Skills required

- Patience, compassion, an ability to listen and be respectful of other cultures
- Be knowledgeable about Aboriginal culture
- Be willing to work and take time in developing trust
- Act in non-judgmental ways to build right relations
- Be flexible about meeting styles
- Have the ability to speak to groups upon request

### Resources available

- Orientation/advice through the Circle and the Executive Secretary
- Travel allowance based on General Council approved rates plus meals and accommodation if required
- Staff support from the Executive Secretary and the Executive Assistant
- Support from General Council staff through the Aboriginal Ministries Circle and the Indigenous Justice and Residential Schools Committee
- Potential partners in building of right relations...
  - Council Fire (Toronto)
  - Toronto Urban Native Ministries
  - Friendship Centres: Barrie, Owen Sound, Georgian Bay (Midland, Parry Sound)
  - Sisters In Spirit – National Native Women Association
  - All Native Circle Conference ministries
    - Wausauksing/Shawanaga Pastoral Charge
    - Rama Pastoral Charge

- Wahta Pastoral Charge
- Grand River Pastoral Charge
- Oneida Pastoral Charge
- Moraviantown Pastoral Charge
- Walpole Island Pastoral Charge
- Kahnawake Pastoral Charge
- Ontario/Quebec Native Ministries
  - Curve Lake (Bay of Quinte Conference)
  - Alderville (Bay of Quinte Conference)
  - St. Clair United, Sarnia (London Conference)
  - Kanesatake (Montreal/Ottawa Conference)
  - Cape Croker (Hamilton Conference) works with Owen Sound
  - Saugeen (Hamilton Conference) works with Owen Sound
  - New Credit (Hamilton Conference)
  - Chapel of the Delaware's (Hamilton Conference)
  - Nations Uniting (Hamilton Conference)
  - Christian Island (Toronto Conference)
  - Georgina Island (Toronto Conference)
- Toronto School of Theology
- Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre
- Five Oaks Spiritual Centre
- Kairos
- Christian Peacemaker Team
- St. John's United Church, Alliston and Red Sucker First Nation
- Other Ecumenical Partners

