

E. Toronto Conference Living Into Right Relations Circle Mandate

Purpose

The Toronto Conference Living Into Right Relations Circle will seek to build right relations, justice, healing and reconciliation.

Membership

The Conference will name co-convenors, preferably one Aboriginal and one non-Aboriginal to serve staggered three-terms to allow for continuity. The Circle will make recommendations to the Nominations Committee. The Circle is composed of individuals who are committed to building right relations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples. Staff support is provided by the Executive Secretary.

Responsibilities:

The Circle will...

1. Assist Toronto Conference, its presbyteries and ministries
 - a. to understand, acknowledge and educate about the history of colonization and the doctrine of discovery enforced by European settlers in the land Indigenous people know as Turtle Island;
 - b. to acknowledge and redress the legacy of Indian Residential Schools in both church and society, in particular by education about the implications of the recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission;
 - c. to address the issue of racism in both church and society.
2. Support efforts towards dialogue and face to face encounters between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in various settings particularly within the bounds of Conference.
3. Develop and help maintain networks of people committed to the task of on-going dialogue between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.
4. Promote dialogue with and support of native congregations and ministries.
5. Foster and encourage the use of worship, education and advocacy resources which further justice, reconciliation, dialogue and understanding.
6. Hold regular sharing circles.
7. Connect to ecumenical, national and conference bodies and initiatives with relations to this mandate.
8. Undertake other initiatives in keeping with this mandate.
9. Be open to learn from, honour and support Indigenous teachings about connection to the land, creation, spirituality, culture and artistic expressions.