

**Right relations report – February 8, 2017**

Co-convenors: At the November meeting of the Living into Right Relations Circle, the topic of co-convenors was addressed again. The Circle is reviewing the written material related to the position and is thinking of ways to ensure Indigenous representation in the position. This topic will come to the Circle's next meeting in April. There may be a recommendation for the April Executive meeting.

Inter-Conference activities: On January 19 Brian McIntosh convened a second conference call among representatives from the Conferences that have some connection to the Province of Ontario. Some of the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action focus on actions that could be taken by provincial governments. It would be easier if all United Church Conferences could speak with one voice on right relations matters. The people on the call were not prepared to form an Ontario-based right relations network at the present time. The group will meet again in September after the remit results are known, and after a General Council initiated conference call about right relations work throughout the denomination.

Educational events: A number of educational events will take place in 2017. A planning team will work closely with Jody Maltby when she returns from her sabbatical. The events include:

April 21-23: "Colour Coded: Decolonizing Hearts, Minds and Spirits"; the event is actually being organized by Pantera International

June 10: An event on Georgina Island that will address Canada's 150 anniversary in light of right relations

May: a potential event still being explored with Toronto United Church Council

Fall: an event to assist communities of faith to know how to acknowledge the traditional lands

Right relations funded support: See the financial report on how the Conference Fund monies were used in 2016.