

Truth and Reconciliation Resources

We need the truth to come out more than we need to protect ourselves from legal liability. Listening is our starting point. Listening, because rushing out to take action in the ways that seem good to us in this moment, may well lead to further harm. Call to Action #59 from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action states:

“We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church’s role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families, and communities were necessary.”

This listening is, in part, like looking in a mirror that reflects for us the way our colonial culture benefits us while continuing to cause harm for Indigenous people. It is difficult to look into such a mirror. It takes energy and determination. As a faith community, we draw strength from God and from one another as we undertake this action.

What follows is a list of resources. This list is not meant to be exhaustive. We will update and edit this list from time to time. These are starting points for us because we want the truth to come out, and we want the truth to work on us. Our undefended engagement with the stories and experiences of Indigenous Peoples is part of the healing that is needed for reconciliation to happen.

Indigenous History and Storytelling

[The Survivors Speak \(TRC Report, 2015\)](#)

[Assembly of First Nations Elders Council](#)

[Podcast: Telling Our Twisted Histories](#)

[Podcast: Secret Life of Canada](#)

[Podcast: Unreserved](#)

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

[Executive Summary](#)

[Calls to Action](#)

[Complete Reports](#)

The Anglican Church of Canada

[Anglican Residential Schools](#)

[Indigenous Peoples and the Anglican Church of Canada](#)

[1993 Apology to Victims and Survivors of Indian Residential Schools](#)

[Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts](#)

[2019 Apology for Spiritual Harm](#)

[Anglican Diocese of Niagara - Kamloops](#)

Other Government Resources

[Indigenous Health](#)

[Drinking Water Advisories](#)

[Education for First Nations Children](#)

Resources for Children

[Indigenous Picture Books](#)

[Indigenous Children’s Books](#)

Other Resources for Adults

[Book: 21 Things You May Not Know about the Indian Act](#)

[Interview: Sen. Murray Sinclair](#)

[Free Online Course: Indigenous Canada](#)

[Education Resources for Teachers and Parents](#)

Local Residential School

[The Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School \(Brantford\)](#)

[Virtual School Tour](#)

Indigenous Authors - Non Fiction

Seven Fallen Feathers: Racism, Death, and Hard Truths in a Northern City by Tanya Talaga

The Reason You Walk by Wab Kinew

From the Ashes by Jesse Thistle

Black Water: family, legacy, and blood memory by David A. Robertson

The Right to Be Cold: One Woman's Story of Protecting Her Culture, the Arctic, and the Whole Planet
by Sheila Watt-Cloutier

The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America by Thomas King

Indigenous Authors - Fiction

Birdie by Tracey Lindberg

Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese

Jonny Appleseed by Joshua Whitehead

Five Little Indians by Michelle Good