

Truth and Reconciliation Group: Parish Community Suggested Reading List

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Introduction

The following list of books, internet links and other resources have been assembled by individual members of our Holy Name Parish community as a result of ongoing dialogue within the Parish on how we as parishioners can learn more about Truth and Reconciliation, as part of **Action #59** of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action, namely: **"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 and reparations to former residential school survivors, their families and communities were necessary."**

All members of our community are welcome to add to this list of resources as we all continue to learn and grow in our shared knowledge, compassion and love for one another.

Books

#	Name	Brief Description	Links
1	A Knock on The Door	The history of residential schools from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada	Review: https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/29215693-a-knock-on-the-door
2	Five Little Indians	Canadian. Fiction. by Michelle Good Told from alternating points of view of five former residential school students as they struggle to survive in 1960s Vancouver	Interview with author: https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thenextchapter/full-episode-june-12-2021-1.6059373/michelle-good-s-five-little-indians-is-a-look-at-the-legacy-and-trauma-of-canada-s-residential-school-system-1.6059380
3	Braiding Sweetgrass	Robin Wall Kimmerer, member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, ties Indigenous knowledge with lessons that plants and animals teach us, a celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the living world.	https://milkweed.org/book/braiding-sweetgrass
4	Up Ghost River	Edmund Metatawabin's memoir from his childhood at St Anne's residential school and his road to recovery as he rediscovered within himself through traditional spirituality and knowledge .	https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/227773/up-ghost-river-by-edmund-metatawabin--with-alexandra-shimo
5	Seven Fallen Feathers	by Tanya Talaga, focusing on the lives of seven Indigenous high school students who died in Thunder Bay, Ontario and the systemic racism, failure of police	https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/33154545-seven-fallen-feathers

		and justice systems, and Indigenous rights.	
6	All our Relations - Finding the Path Forward	by Tanya Talaga, explores the alarming rise of youth suicide in Indigenous communities in Canada and beyond	https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/39971354-all-our-relations
7	Indian Horse	Fiction, story about an Ojibway boy and his residential school experience, his gift of hockey and the racism he faces. Also a movie on Netflix. Recommended for teenreaders	https://douglas-mcintyre.com/products/9781553654025
8	21 Things You May Not Know about the Indian Act	by Bob Joseph, A guide to understanding the legal document and its repercussions on generations of Indigenous Peoples	https://www.canadashistory.ca/explore/books/21-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-indian-act
9	The Mishomis Book – The Voice of the Ojibway	For kids, documents the history, traditions, and culture of the Ojibway people through stories and myths passed down through generations.	https://www.chapters.indigo.ca/en-ca/books/the-mishomis-book-the-voice/9780816673827-item.html?s_campaign=goo-DSA_Books&qclid=CjwKCAiA78aNBhAlEiwA7B76p0GMyTVKK-MeUVZr5hIGqmI09CQPIY-Wo5lQGpvyR74KWkjhHRjDixOC_OwQAvD_BwE&qclsrc=aw.ds
10	The Children of the Seventh Fire	For kids, Using oral traditions from the Indigenous people of eastern North America, namely the Anishinabe, teaches environmental conservation, protection, and sustainability.	https://www.chapters.indigo.ca/en-ca/books/children-of-the-seventh-fire/9781935778172-item.html?s_campaign=goo-DSA_Books&qclid=CjwKCAiA78aNBhAlEiwA7B76p_xlP4W39bcK9wTT25G

			Rdq8r-gfOJFeLQ_g9xLneBQ7prK5LumQsExoCQDAQAvD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds
11	I Lost My Talk I'm Finding My Talk Powwow: a celebration through song and dance Go Show the World Swift Fox All Along Treaty Words The Grizzly Mother The Eagle Mother Johnny's Pheasant The Sharing Circle Birdsong What's my Superpower	For kids	
12	A Knock on The Door	The seven volumes of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report have been condensed into an accessible and compelling book called "A Knock on The Door"	https://uofmpress.ca/books/detail/a-knock-on-the-door
13	List of 35 more books!	This next link is a list of 35 suggested titles that the CBC Books team created for National Indigenous History month in September.	https://www.cbc.ca/books/35-books-to-read-for-national-indigenous-history-month-1.5585489
14	The Inconvenient Indian - A curious account of Native people in North America	By Thomas King. The Inconvenient Indian distills the insights gleaned from Thomas King's critical and personal meditation on what it means to be "Indian" in North America, weaving the curiously circular tale of the relationship between non-Natives and Natives in the centuries since the two first encountered each other. In the	The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America : King, Thomas: Amazon.ca: Books

		process, King refashions old stories about historical events and figures, takes a sideways look at film and pop culture, relates his own complex experiences with activism, and articulates a deep and revolutionary understanding of the cumulative effects of ever-shifting laws and treaties on Native peoples and lands.	
15	Toronto Public Library - New and Upcoming Indigenous Books: Fall 2021	Recently released and upcoming books by Indigenous authors, from mid-year to the end of 2021, for children, teens and adults	https://torontopubliclibrary.typepad.com/bookbuzz/2021/11/new-and-upcoming-indigenous-books-fall-2021-edition.html
16	Celia's Song	By Lee Maracle. Mink is a witness, a shape shifter, compelled to follow the story that has ensnared Celia and her village, on the West coast of Vancouver Island in Nu: Chahlnuth territory. Celia is a seer who - despite being convinced she's a little "off" - must heal her village with the assistance of her sister, her mother and father, and her nephews.	Article about the author: https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/14/books/lee-maracle-dead.html Reviews: https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/22225673-celia-s-song
17	Islands of Decolonial Love: Stories and Songs	By Leanne Betasamosake Simpson. In her debut collection of short stories, <i>Islands of Decolonial Love</i> , renowned writer and activist Leanne Simpson vividly explores the lives of contemporary Indigenous Peoples and communities, especially those of her own Nishnaabeg nation.	Reviews: https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18267582-islands-of-decolonial-love

Internet Resources

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1	St. Basil's Catholic Parish - Listening and Learning: A dialogue on Indigenous People and the Catholic Church in Canada	During October 2021, St. Basil's hosted a four part series as the first step in the parish's ongoing commitment to Call to Action #59 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.	Videos: http://stbasiltoronto.org/ministries/indigenous-peoples/ Reading Guide: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1N7VkV/GfOMSNPWBGPmyBspdEaFphPAc7n7YE5Q4EepEU/edit?usp=sharing
2	Medicine Wheel Teaching	Medicine Wheel Teaching: The Keewaytoink Internet High School in northwestern Ontario (Treaty #3 territory) has posted a video of Kaaren Dannenmann from Trout Lake, Ontario, providing a teaching on the Anishnaabe medicine wheel. Kaaren talks about the medicine wheel of how are we all related. There are 4 circles she teaches about that include the mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical. The video is approximately 24 minutes long.	Video: Medicine Wheel Teaching
3	7 Grandfathers teaching	7 Grandfathers teaching: Tanya Talaga is an Anishnaabe Kwe author, journalist, and storyteller, her mother's family is from the traditional territory of the Fort William First Nation. Talaga is also the bestselling author of two award winning books; Seven Fallen Feathers and All Our Relations: Finding The Path Forward. The Ontario Native Women's Association has posted a video of Ms. Talaga sharing with us the	Video: https://www.onwa.ca/7-sacred-grandfather-teachings

		<p>teachings of the Seven Grandfathers (love, wisdom, humility, truth, respect, bravery, and honesty) and reflects on how the Teachings can help get you through the day during these strange and unprecedented times. The video is about 4 minutes long.</p>	
4	Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action	<p>Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action -</p> <p>A link to where they are posted on the federal government website for those who may be learning about them for the first time</p>	<p>Action are posted:</p> <p>https://rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1524494530110/1557511412801</p>
5	Church's obligations set out in the 2006 residential schools settlement agreement with Canada	<p>Church's obligations that were set out in the 2006 residential schools settlement agreement with Canada and an investigation on how the Church circumvented that agreement and its obligations through a series of legal battles. I've provided a link to an article from the Globe and Mail investigation of those events for those who may be interested and not already aware. Shortly after that investigation, the Canadian Council of Bishops announced a new financial pledge of \$30M towards healing and reconciliation initiatives and I've provided a link to that media release below as well. I look forward to continuing to discuss how our group can learn more about the administration and management of this pledge and how Indigenous people are being engaged by the Bishops on these decisions.</p>	<p>Reading:</p> <p>How the Catholic Church was freed from obligation to residential school survivors</p> <p>Media release - Canadian Council of Bishops Financial Pledge to Support Healing and Reconciliation:</p> <p>https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/resources/cccb-news-release-27-september-2021_en_final.pdf</p>
6	Template for Personalized Land	LISSA Land Acknowledgement, Template for Personalization, Definitions, and Speaker Protocol	<p>https://era.library.ualberta.ca/items/79413256-fdc7-4eb6-b3d9-97d981f6337b</p>

	Acknowledgement	- Download a copy of the guide using the icon on the left-hand-side of the webpage.	
7	How to pronounce the names of Indigenous lands	Secwépemc Communities Pronunciations - audio	https://www.tru.ca/indigenous/indigenous-education-team/pronunciations.html
8	Advent series focused on Truth and Reconciliation	Advent series focused on Truth and Reconciliation. The series is recorded so once you register, you'll have access if you want to watch the videos later.	https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkcOGqqDkpH9RLTMrg_aMkwln6yRytmUp_h
9	Listening to Indigenous Voices	A Dialogue Guide on Justice and Right Relationships by the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice Eventbrite live dialogue circles: Jan 19: Languages of the Land Feb 16: A Tale of Two Communities Mar 16: Beyond Apologies	Online Resources (12 pre-recorded sessions to listen to with workbook): https://ltiv.ca/ Eventbrite live dialogue circles: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/listening-to-indigenous-voices-dialogue-circles-tickets-220648384257

Other events

DEC. 12 ONLINE

The synagogue Darchei Noam will be hosting **Cindy Blackstock** as our initial speaker in a series on human rights. PDF BELOW

https://www.darcheinoam.ca/event/annual_merkur_lectures

Available to stream on-demand December 12th, 2021 – January 9th, 2022.

Hailed by the New York Times as “a rousing and decidedly Canadian version of Handel’s Messiah,” **Against the Grain Theatre’s Messiah/Complex** returns this holiday season for audiences across the world to enjoy once again.

<https://atgtheatre.com/upcoming/messiah-complex/>

See the link for in-person showings on now

Indigenous delegates postponing Vatican trip over pandemic worries

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/omicron-concerns-indigenous-delegates-vatican-postponed-1.6275174>

Thursday, December 16 at 6 pm Pacific Time ONLINE

Dr. John Borrows, with RAVEN’s Executive Director Susan Smitten

Register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MHVd5APbTAS94_9X9t2GeQ

Event by [The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte](#)

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