

We are a group of United Church members from area churches who have connected around a shared desire to Live Into Right Relations with First Nations peoples (LIRR). We are excited about the opportunity to work and learn together, to develop a larger circle and to share the workload. We wanted to let you know about us, so that when initiatives are presented you know that they are part of a coordinated effort. Our objectives are:

1. Continue building relationships

- with local Indigenous organizations we already support such as [The Healing of the Seven Generations](#) (H7G) at 300 Frederick St, and [Crow Shield Lodge](#) who have a site at Doon Heritage Village..
- With [Nations Uniting](#) and fellow United Church members in Six Nations churches.

2. Learning and better understanding

- Indigenous cultures
- Our history and the church's role in the past and in our future

3. Action - to move forward as we learn what it means to Live Into Right Relations

At this point our plans include:

Early Fall - learning more about the proposed Remit on Indigenous Structures in the United Church and how important it is to take this historic step towards Right Relations. Contact person: Sandi McMullen (Parkminster United Church).

Oct 4 - Day trip to Nations Uniting on Six Nations to learn about what they do from coordinator Rhonda Johns. May also do a tour of the churches on Six Nations and a visit to Woodland Cultural Centre, depending on the interests of the group. Contact person: Nancy Dykstra (Parkminster United Church).

Oct 17, 7 p.m. - Kelly Curley, Elder and Firekeeper of H7G coming to Forest Hill. Pay-what-you-can admission. Contact person: Ron Morgan (Forest Hill United Church).

Nov 16 - Book discussion of *North Wind Man*, with the author, Clarence Cachagee. Contact person: Shirley Irish (First United Church).

Future plans include the hope to host a Kairos Blanket Exercise to help us better understand what happened between European settlers and Indigenous peoples and their land.

We pray that our Church Councils will encourage these initiatives and we look forward to working together.

In community and in faith,

On behalf of the joint LIRR group which includes representation from

St Luke's United Church, Cambridge
Forest Hill United Church, Kitchener
Westminster United Church, Waterloo
Emmanuel United Church, Waterloo
First United Church, Waterloo
Parkminster United Church, Waterloo