

Living Into Right Relations – April, 2022

Hello,

Welcome, Spring!

I'm sending this out a bit early for two reasons:

1. Today (March 28) is the day that the Métis, Inuit and First Nations delegation begin their meetings in Rome. Please keep them in your thoughts/prayers this week.
[APTN](#), [CBC - various related articles](#)
2. There are few events that are coming up this week that I didn't want you to miss out on if you're interested.

As always, if you have something related to LIRR in the Grand River Watershed area you'd like to share please feel free contact me.

Take care, and may wisdom, courage and love prevail in these challenging days,

Nancy

(nancydykstra@gmail.com) *note: the PDF version is always attached. I find it easier to read!*

- 1. Land/Territorial Acknowledgements.** Here are some resources/events around this theme in case you're thinking about creating or recreating a Land and/or Territorial Acknowledgement. Some are local resources and some come from further afield.
 - a. April 27, 10 a.m. Making Land/Territorial Acknowledgements meaningful - Online Workshop** a practical workshop for individuals and communities of faith. We will follow a PowerPoint presentation developed by Rev. Matthew Stevens, which will introduce some key questions and considerations as you consider your acknowledgment of territory. Find out more, and register [here](#). Sponsored by 3 regions of the United Church
 - b. [KNOW THE LAND — Laurier Students' Public Interest Research Group](#)**
 - c. <https://native-land.ca/> - map of traditional Indigenous territories in N. America**
 - d. [Indigenous Anthropologists Call for Doing Land Acknowledgement Better](#) (American)**
 - e. [Workshop Nov 2021 re Land Acknowledgement in Nakonha:ka Regional Council of Quebec](#)**

2. Land Back

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) -**
 - i. read their Facebook posts - LOTS going on. E.g., March 31, 8 p.m. partnering with GroundUp WR to host an in depth conversation: [Climate Reparations = Land Back](#)
 - ii. One way to support their work: [financially - through Patreon](#)

- b. [1492 Land Back Lane](#) read their Facebook posts

Currently - March 23, "The developer behind a now-cancelled Caledonia, Ont., subdivision has renewed efforts to secure a permanent injunction against people from Six Nations who have been occupying the site for more than 20 months." Full [CBC article here](#).

Supportive actions -

- i. **Friday Lunches for 1492 LandBack Lane - Our next delivery date: April 8**
Cash donations can be made through [Parkminster United Church](#). Please identify your donation as 1492 LandBack Lane. For more info or to lend a hand contact me at nancydykstra@gmail.com. Thank you!
- ii. Support their [legal defense fund](#)

3. Supporting Indigenous initiatives - might be entrepreneurs or organizations.

- Learn about supporting [Crow Shield Lodge](#)
- May 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. [Indigenous Art Market](#)

4. Learning at home and events

- a. **March 29, 1-3 p.m.** Métis 101 [Online presentation](#) from Jennifer Parkinson on Métis culture and history, including with the ethnogenesis of the Métis, "Who Are the Métis?", their unique and rich culture and language. Why did they disappear in history? Where are they today? Source: Indigenous Relations Office UWaterloo.
- b. **March 29, 7 p.m.** [Honouring our Sisters](#) Online event with Michelle Thomas of Six Nations of the Grand River.
- c. **March 30, 9-3** [Environmental Justice as Peace](#). Online event with Darren Thomas. Part of the **Peacebuilding Workshop series** through Six Nations Polytechnic. Thank you, Henriette Thompson.
- d. **March 31, 1:30-3:30 p.m.** Inaugural [Indigenous-led Reading Group](#) through UWaterloo Library to be held in person and virtually. March's event will discuss Dr. Joanne (Q'um Q'um Xiiem) Archibald's *Indigenous Storywork: Educating the Heart, Mind, Body and Spirit*, through a sharing circle of experiences, ideas and intentions.
- e. **March 31, 4-5:30 p.m.** UWaterloo Arts [Indigenous Speaker Series](#) featuring Lenore Keeshig, a talented storyteller, award-winning author, poet, naturalist, journalist, advocate, and knowledge keeper. In-person at Theatre of the Arts or Livestream. Source: Indigenous Relations Office UWaterloo.
- f. **April 6, 9-3** [Indigenous Women and Peacebuilding](#). Online event with Sara General-Deer. Part of the **Peacebuilding Workshop series** through Six Nations Polytechnic. Thank you, Henriette Thompson.
- g. **Until April 22.** [Unmasking - Breathing - Moving Forward](#) Luther University College - WLU, includes work from nine Indigenous artists. Links here to an [article about the exhibit](#) and the [online gallery](#) but Beverly McNabb says it's better in person!

- h. **April 27, 12-2 p.m.** [Grandmothers' Tea](#) IS BACK in person at Grand River United Church, 1585 Mohawk Rd. Ohsweken. The first time it has been held in a long while!! Bring food for a lunch potluck.
- i. **April 30, 2 p.m.** Zonta Film Festival at the Princess Cinema <https://www.zontakw.org/zff-3shorts> Three documentary shorts, including MARY TWO-AXE EARLEY: I AM INDIAN AGAIN
- j. **May 2, 1:30-3:30** [Nations Uniting](#) Sharing Circle - To join this event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com.
- k. **May 12-15** [Indigenous-Mennonite Encounters in Time and Place](#) Conrad Grebel University College - an academic conference and community education event. An effort to advance reconciliation and bring justice to Indigenous-settler relations. Expect academic presentations, community storytelling, artistic offerings, and both Indigenous and Mennonite ceremony.
- l. **Lots of other events online through** [Eventbrite](#)

Looking Ahead

Starting June 5 & 6 Two 5-week courses to learn the Thanksgiving Address in [Mohawk](#) (June 5) and [Cayuga](#) (June 6) languages. Through Six Nations Polytechnic. Thank you, Henriette Thompson.

July 20-29 [Two Row on the Grand](#) Join the paddling family! Registration is now open.

5. Good Reads, News and Views

a. Reads

- i. [Storykeepers Podcast](#) - hosts Jennifer David and Waubgeshig Rice discuss books by Indigenous authors with special guests. Learn more [here](#).
- ii. [Indigenous Connections Newsletter](#) from UW. Fairly new initiative. You can sign up to get yours in your inbox.
- iii. [Listening to Indigenous Voices through the Jesuit Forum](#)

b. News

- i. [Save the evidence fundraising](#) has been completed!
- ii. [Taskforce calls on police to reinvestigate 14 deaths of Indigenous people in Thunder Bay](#) APTN news Mar 7
- iii. [Local Camp Changes its name after discussion with Land Back](#) The Community Edition

c. Views

- i. Two award winning films to look for: [For Love](#), and [Beans](#)
- ii. [Michelle Latimer documentary 'Inconvenient Indian' lands broadcast premiere on APTN](#) Two Row Times
- iii. [Implementing the TRC Calls to Action in the Courtroom](#)