

## Living Into Right Relations – April 2023

Hello,

I felt that this winter was a particularly long one for some reason. It might have been the lack of sun, or the weekly storms in the last half of the season, but whatever it was, it made me anticipate the warmth of spring more than ever. If you are also feeling the urge to be outside, there are a lot of options in section 3 for you to look into.

I'm also particularly looking forward to the course offered by the United Church starting April 24. It's a good opportunity to delve into our own family and land histories to learn about our own connections to colonization.

Thank you to all, individuals and churches, who contributed towards the portable sound system for Healing of the 7 Generations here in Waterloo Region. It was a community effort, and you did it! The system will be in their hands soon. Much gratitude for all of your support,

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### 1. Land Back

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - read their Facebook posts
  - i. **April 15, 6-8:30 p.m.** Public art and collective money-making, and closing reception for [Dibaajimowin - Stories from this Land](#) Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum, 10 Huron Rd., Kitchener.
  - ii. **1492 Land Back Lane** Supportive actions -
    - i. **Friday Lunches for 1492 LandBack Lane. Our next delivery date: April 21.** 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](mailto:nancydykstra@gmail.com). Thank you!
    - ii. Support their [legal defense fund](#).

2. [Two Row on the Grand](#) My apologies for the misleading link last month. Registration is now open. Stay connected by joining their [Facebook](#) community.

### 3. Learning at home and connecting in person

- a. [Woodland Cultural Centre](#) 184 Mohawk St., Brantford.
- b. **Chiefswood Park** at 1037 Hwy 54, Ohsweken has a variety of outdoor events for adults and children and cultural craft courses like basket making. Check out the [calendar](#). A couple of walks to note:

- i. April 23, 8-9:30 p.m.- [Amphibians](#)
- ii. May 7, 12-2p.m. - [Pollinator Day](#)
- c. April 4, 3-4:40 p.m. [An afternoon with Kent Monkman](#). Online event hosted by [Seven Generations Education Institute](#). I know he has fans in this group!
- d. April 5, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. [Crow Shield Lodge](#) Full Moon ceremony for women and 2S folks at Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum. Check [here](#) for details.
- e. April 12, 10 a.m.-noon. Elder Jan Longboat speaking at UW on the role of women in Haudenosaunee culture. Click [here](#) for more information and registration.
- f. Apr 12, 12-1 p.m. (2160 4th Line Road, Ohsweken)  
Apr 19, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (411 Elgin Street, Brantford)  
**Lunch and Learn Seed Exchange**, Six Nations Polytechnic. Feel free to attend both. There may be more info at: [Calendar-Six Nations Polytechnic](#).
- g. April 12, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. [Crow Shield Lodge](#) Men's Sharing Circle at Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum. Check [here](#) for details.
- h. April 15 ?, 8 a.m. There is a monthly Grand River Water Ceremony at 650 Otterbein Rd., Kitchener. Please confirm the date by checking the All Nations Grand River Water Walk [Facebook page](#).
- i. April 19, 6-7:30 p.m Woodland Cultural Centre hosting workshop on [Stereotypes and Racism](#). Find out more and book your spot [here](#). \$10.
- j. April 19, 6-8 p.m. [Grandmothers Voice: Paint Night: Indigenous Art](#) "Get your paint on!" virtual painting instruction. See Facebook poster for info and supplies needed.
- k. April 21 9 a.m. 3 p.m. [ReNew PD Day Camp](#) at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Kitchener in collaboration with Feather & Cross and Artshine. Registration closes April 14. Sign up via the link above or email [pastorcarey@stmattskw.com](mailto:pastorcarey@stmattskw.com).
- l. April 24, 1:30-3:30 [Nations Uniting](#) Sharing Circle. To join this online event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at [nations.uniting@gmail.com](mailto:nations.uniting@gmail.com).
- m. Starting April 24 7-9 p.m. [Placing Ourselves in Colonialism](#) A four-part course from April to September. Based on the book [Healing Haunted Histories](#). Offered at no cost through the United Church for anyone who is wanting to engage with this topic.
- n. April 26, noon-2 p.m. Grandmothers Tea (potluck). Mount Pleasant United Church at 669 Mount Pleasant Rd., Mount Pleasant. To join this in-person event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at [nations.uniting@gmail.com](mailto:nations.uniting@gmail.com).
- o. April 29, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. [Walk Towards Truth](#) 21 km reflective walk in support of Indigenous survivors, families and communities. Starts at Brantford Civic Centre and ends at Chiefswood Park via the Woodland Cultural Centre. More info and registration at link above. Thanks, Phil Martin.
- p. May 5, **Red Dress Day**. Watch for events like [these](#) to mark the day. See "Reads" below for more info.
- q. May 11, [Moose Hide Campaign Day](#). Learn more [here](#).
- r. Lots of other events to learn about through [Eventbrite](#).

**On the radar...**

- s. May 26, [Feed the Fire Fundraiser](#) for Crow Shield Lodge, Victoria Park Pavilion, Kitchener.

## 4. Good Reads, News and Views

### a. Reads/Podcasts

- i. [Language of the Land](#) Helluva Story CBC March 29, on learning Indigenous languages. 27 min.
- ii. [Red Dress Day](#) from the Canadian Encyclopedia.
- iii. A couple of recommended websites from Pam from W.I.N.D. of Redeemer Church in Toronto. I peek at her newsletter for things that are happening locally, and sometimes pass on material that is relevant for everyone. Here are two sites that I think are worth knowing about:
  1. [Indigenous Watchdog](#) - created to monitor and report on critical Indigenous issues including the 94 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. Our mission is to raise awareness and educate all Canadians on how reconciliation is advancing – or not.
  2. [Quaker Concern](#) Check out their video series called Indigenous Voices on Reconciliation.

### b. News

- i. [Métis Nation of Ontario set to oust 5K citizens off its citizenship rolls](#)
- ii. [Doctrine of Discovery doesn't reflect 'equal dignity and rights' of Indigenous Peoples: Vatican](#) APTN.

### c. Views

- i. **April 28, 7:30** [The Grizzlies](#). Based on a true story, the film depicts a youth lacrosse team that was set up to help combat youth suicide in Kugluktuk, Nunavut. Part of the [Zonta Film Festival](#), Princess Twin Cinemas, 46 King St N., Waterloo.
- ii. [Myeengun Henry: Traditional Anishinaabe teachings](#) from UW Office of Indigenous Relations, June 2022.
- iii. APTN - check out [APTN Documentaries](#) for lots of interesting titles.