

Living Into Right Relations – January 2024

Hello,

I hope you were able to enjoy time with people you love over Christmas and New Years. My apologies for the delay in getting this to you - had a great holiday and then was hit with one of the illnesses going around.

May we all find pathways of hope, peace and joy in this new year. Perhaps some of the offerings here will be part of that journey,

Nancy (nancydykstra@gmail.com). Thank you, Henriëtte and Bev for ongoing editing and other support!

1. Land Back

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - read their Facebook posts
 - i. Recent post: Photo Exhibit at Willow River Centre. See 5.b.
 - ii. How to support? [Support us | O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#)

- b. [1492 Land Back Lane](#) Supportive actions -
 - i. **Friday Lunches for 1492 LandBack Lane. Our next delivery dates: Jan 26 and Feb 9.** Cash donations can be made through [Ways to Donate - Parkminster United Church](#). Please identify your donation as 1492 LandBack Lane and include your street mailing address if you would like a tax receipt. For more info or to lend a hand, feel free to send me an email. Thank you!
 - ii. Support their [legal defense fund](#)

2. Highlighting Indigenous-led initiatives and organizations: Anishnabeg Outreach

Last year, [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) put out an invitation to their readers to familiarize themselves with various Indigenous-led organizations in Waterloo Region. We're writing about one each month. If you'd like to tell us about one, please forward info along. Thanks.

[Anishnabeg Outreach](#) (AO) offers services to local First Nations, Métis and Inuit individuals and families. Their services address wellness and healing, food insecurity, employment, mentorship and truth and reconciliation. AO offers cultural programming, has a [Reconciliation Garden](#) at Hwy 7 and Spitzig Rd, an Indigenous-focussed EarlyON Centre in Kitchener, and offers job search support, to name a few of their initiatives. They have partnerships with numerous organizations and churches.

4. Good Reads, News and Views

a. Reads

i. [Listening to Indigenous Voices](#) new resources to help engage with this publication. Thank you, Jim Dawson.

i. [She Is Wise Magazine](#) Ontario Native Women's Association. Latest edition.

b. News

i. [2023 Indigenous Rights Year in Review](#), [First Peoples Law](#). Check out their Public Education space. This is from their weekly First Peoples Law Report.

c. Views

i. [A Mother's Voice](#). A short, powerful documentary by [Holly Fortier](#) about her mother's survival of Residential School. Includes discussion of what happened when students left the school. 14m.