

Greetings Merging Waters,

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As we look toward World Communion Sunday coming up this weekend, we have an opportunity to ask ourselves what being in communion with the world means. Today is the First Annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. This day being the same week as World Communion Sunday brings us to a point where we can ask ourselves some questions:

- What can we do to lift up and support this important day in Canadian history?
- If we are meant to be in communion, full spiritual community, with all the world how can our faith help us to embrace our neighbours no matter their faith?
- The Divine in their wisdom has filled the world with diverse creatures, beings, and inspired at least as many perspectives on expressing our relationship with the Great Holy Spirit. What can we learn from this diverse and beautiful creation?
 - How are we called/inspired/drawn to live as followers of Christ who embraced and broke bread with all people?
 - How can the spiritual connection we share with all creation help us to heal the divisions of the past and be enriched by our interconnectedness?

This week in worship we will reflect upon the narrative of [Genesis 2:18-24](#) and how the Holy-One-In-All acknowledges our need for one another and other living beings. As we celebrate the sacrament of Communion together with people from all around the world let us reflect on our connection to the global Christian community, as well as our interconnectedness with people of all faiths, those who claim no faith, and the living world of plants, animals, trees and rocks, water and wind.

As we seek to understand that all are connected, all are needed, all are sacred blessings to one another, I look forward to continuing our journey together.

Peace and hope,

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