

The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

A challenge for Canadians, an opportunity for churches

9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Saturday, May 20, 2017

Westmount High School, 4350 Saint-Catherine St, Westmount, QC H3Z 1R1

INTENTIONS:

1. To increase interest in and awareness of “settler-vs.-indigenous” issues
 2. To, in part, demystify the complexity of those issues
 3. To define practical, achievable goals and objectives for all participants
- Coffee, croissants, etc.
 - Prayer and welcome
 - Blessing and welcome to Mohawk territory (Mohawk elder Joe Deom, Native Friendship Centre hand drums)
 - “Indigenous thought and practice – identities & realities” (Salish descendant Christine Jamieson, Concordia Theology professor)
 - History and foundation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – Kenneth Deer. Mr. Deer contributed to writing the Declaration
 - Questions
 - Participatory lunch (Kahnawake caterer). Attendees will discuss the Declaration preamble, 2 or 3 clauses per table. Each table will include Indigenous and non-Indigenous discussion leaders
 - Questions, comments
 - Liliana Cerretti, Legal Counsel, AANDC underlines the complexity of issues
 - Groups discuss Declaration clauses 14.2, 21, 23 and 32.2) selected for actionable follow-up, and clause 2 of a more fundamental nature, seeking “practical, achievable goals and objectives for all participants”
 - Groups report
 - Church representatives
 - Closing prayers – Kenneth Deer

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