

### **September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

In response to Call to Action #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the courageous advocacy of Indigenous survivors (Orange Shirt Day) and the recent, stark findings of unmarked graves at residential schools, September 30th is now recognized as a federal statutory holiday. This is a day to provide Canadians with an opportunity “to honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process” (TRC). We encourage all our churches to participate in local commemorative gatherings, to take time [to reflect on the TRC reports](#), to consider [Mennonite involvement](#) in the Indian school system and to prayerfully commit to [a step of learning and action](#) for right relations.

### **September 27 – October 1: Truth and Reconciliation Week**

Hosted by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, this five-day national event is geared for Grades 5-12 participants and educators, and will initiate vital conversations on Indigenous treaties, First Nation, Métis and Inuit land claims and the residential school system. This online event will provide historical workshops, exclusive video content, and activities for students — all supported by artistic and cultural performances by Indigenous artists. You can join for an hour or two, or for the full week of learning. See [NCTR - Truth & Reconciliation Week](#) for more info. zion

## Truth & Reconciliation Events in Swift Current

### Indigenous Storytime

- 📅 September 21- November 9
- 📅 Tuesday at 6:00 PM
- 📅 8 week program
- 📅 Swift Current Branch Library

### Orange Dream Catcher Workshop

- 📅 September 25
- 📅 10:00 AM
- 📅 Swift Current Branch Library

### Cultural & Beading Workshop

- 📅 September 27
- 📅 4:00 PM
- 📅 Swift Current Branch Library

### ReconciliAction Concert

- 📅 September 27
- 📅 7:00 PM
- 📅 Lyric Theatre

## United Church of Canada Online Events

### Orange Shirt Day Vigil

#### September 30, 3:00PM in SK

Executive Minister Murray Pruden will be hosting a candle light vigil to honour the children who never made it home from Residential Schools and survivors. Please join us for an evening of remembering and bring a candle or a light.

This gathering will be live broadcast on the Indigenous Ministries and Justice Facebook page, which is accessible to all: <https://www.facebook.com/IndigenousMinistries/events>

**\*Indigenous Children Then, Now, and Tomorrow: September 29, 3:30-5:00 PM** Indigenous Ministries and Justice is hosting an Orange Shirt Day panel on September 29, 2021 at 3:30 – 5:00p.m. SK time. Panelists Allison Forsberg, Jocelyn Formsma, Leeann Shimoda, and the Rev. Murray Pruden will explore how Indigenous children and families were and continue to be impacted by colonialism. They will touch on a range of topics including Indigenous Children in Residential Schools, Sixties Scoop, Millennial Scoop, and bringing our children home. For more information or to sign up please visit the United in Learning website.