



Truth and Reconciliation: Faith-Based Resources

Background:

In 2008, Canada launched a Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) to uncover the historical and current issues that have resulted in unequal treatment and generational trauma for Indigenous people. A major issue was the network of residential schools - often run by religious organizations - that aimed to strip Indigenous children of their language and culture. In fact, between 1831 and 1996, the residential school system forcibly separated more than 150,000 First Nations children from their families as part of a program to assimilate them into Canadian society. The truth of the harsh and often cruel conditions of residential schools came to light through survivor testimonies, and led to the drafting of several Calls to Action aimed at churches in Canada. The 48th Call to Action invited churches to publicly adopt UNDRIP as a framework for reconciliation by March 31, 2016. The 49th Call to Action invited church to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous peoples, such as the doctrine of discovery and terra nullius.

Below is a **non-exhaustive** listing of resources that various churches in Canada have developed in response to these calls for action. **While not all of these denominations ran residential schools**, these churches have all taken steps towards educating their members about them, and building better relationships with Indigenous people. We encourage you to learn more about how you can take action in your own organization.

Anglican Church of Canada

[Truth and Reconciliation resources](#)

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

[Truth and Reconciliation Commission responses](#)

Canadian Friends Service Committee (Quakers)

[TRC Guide](#)

Canadian Unitarian Council

[Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Initiative](#)

Christian Reformed Church (Canada)

[Resources on Dismantling Racism in Canada](#)



McGill Office of Religious and Spiritual Life (MORSL)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

[Embracing Reconciliation](#)

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

[Indigenous Rights and Relationships Resources](#)

Kairos Canada

[Churches' response to Call to Action](#)

Mennonite Church Canada

[Indigenous-Settler Relations](#) Resources

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

[Healing and Reconciliation Resources](#)

The Salvation Army in Canada

[Truth and Reconciliation booklet](#)

United Church of Canada

[Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice](#)

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