

Living Into Right Relations – December 2024

Hello,

If you're looking for ways to live into right relations with your financial choices or your time, Sections 1 and 2 have a short list of ideas from a sample of local to national organizations. If there are organizations you would like us to know about, please feel free to send an email. Thank you!

Blessings on your Christmas and holiday time,

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1. Organizations supporting Indigenous communities or programs.

- a. Support a Christmas gift program, e.g. [Healing of the Seven Generations](#), Kitchener.
- b. Volunteer or donate at a local Indigenous organization, for example., [Anishnabeg Outreach](#).
- c. [Indigenous Peoples Solidarity Fund - Unite for Change](#). Supports Indigenous-led organizations across Canada through [CanadaHelps](#).
- d. [Water First](#): not an Indigenous-led organization, but they partner with Indigenous communities to train water operators and support access to clean drinking water. You may be able to double your gift through donor matching.
- e. Different church denominations have Gift Catalogues that include programs impacting Indigenous people. Egs., United Church's [Gifts with Vision](#) catalogue and and the Anglican/PWRDF World of Gifts' [Indigenous Responsive Grant Fund](#) (p 7).

2. Indigenous Holiday Markets 2024 (KW area)

- a. **Sat, Dec. 7, 11-4 p.m.**, [O:se Kenhionhata:tie, 2nd Annual Mini Merry Market](#), Willow River Centre, 243 King St E, Kitchener.
- b. **Sun, Dec. 8, 11-3 p.m.**, [Healing of the Seven Generations, 2nd Annual Winter Market](#), Victoria Park Pavilion, 80 Schneider Avenue, Kitchener.
- c. **Sat/Sun, Dec. 14/15, 11-4 p.m.**, [Indigenous Art Market](#), Kitchener City Hall, 200 King St West.
- d. **Sun, Dec. 22, 11-3**, [Grinchmas Market](#), Community Hall, 1738 4th Line Ohsweken.

3. Land Back

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - at Willow River Centre, 243 King St., Kitchener.
 - i. Read their Facebook posts
 - ii. How to support? [Support us | O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#)

4. National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Youth program: [Imagine a Canada](#) invites Canadian youth from K-G12 and CÉGEP to submit original project ideas or art/essay pieces that express their vision of a Canada reconciled. Deadline January 24, 2025.

5. Occasional Arts Section

- a. **Waterloo Museum** (Conestoga Mall, near the food court) until Dec 27th: as part of the **Waterloo from Above: 200 Years of Change** exhibit, community members have helped craft the Treaty of Niagara Covenant Chain Wampum. From the museum: “Developed by the Anishinabek Nation, this interactive project invites us all to engage in meaningful conversations about treaty relationships. Let's keep fostering connection and strengthening our community. Join us in this journey!”
- b. Currently at Woodland Cultural Centre: [1924: Looking Back at the Last 100 Years of Hodinohso:ni Governance, Self-Determination, and Sovereignty](#).
- c. **On now until March 16, 2025.** [RBC Artist In Residence: Alex Jacobs-Blum](#): In the Shadow of the Eclipse, Art Gallery of Hamilton.
- d. **On now until Jan 31, 2025** [Kooshkopayiw: Awakening](#). Celebrating Métis spirit and storytelling through art, at the Central Library York Gallery, Hamilton.

6. Courses. For a deeper dive into relearning Indigenous/Canadian history, you might look at these free online public education courses offered by different universities. Some have been around for years, and others are new. Consider following the course with a friend or small group to increase engagement. We will repost in January although I'm not sure the first one will still be accepting students then....

- a. [Introduction to Indigenous Matters](#), offered by Wilfrid Laurier university, beginning in January. Read more [here](#). Thanks, Jim Dawson and Ellie Joseph.
- b. [Land Back](#) offered by [Yellowhead Institute](#), which operates out of Toronto Metropolitan University.
- c. [Indigenous Canada](#) offered by the University of Alberta.

7. Other ways to learn at home and connect in person

- a. [Crow Shield Lodge](#) in Waterloo Region has a range of events related to education, healing, land stewardship and reconciliation, including a monthly women's full moon ceremony (Dec 15), men's sharing circle (Dec 18), and more. Events listing [here](#).
- b. **Thurs, Dec. 5, 12-2 p.m.** [Deskaheh: Free Public Film Screening](#) *Deskaheh* weaves the profound story of Haudenosaunee leader Deskaheh Levi General's travels from Six Nations of the Grand River to the League of Nations between 1923 and 1925, where he sought to gain international recognition of the Haudenosaunee's sovereignty. McMaster University L.R. Wilson Hall.
- c. **Wed, Dec. 11, 12-1 p.m.** [Six Nations Polytechnic](#) Festive Paint Party Lunch and Learn! Spots are limited so you must register. Link for more information [here](#). Six Nations Campus. 2160 4th Line Rd., Ohsweken.
- d. **Tues, Dec. 10, 6-9 p.m** [KW Indigenous Poets Society](#) Open Mic at The Grove Cafe, 295B Lancaster St. W. Kitchener.
- e. **Tues, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.** [Indigenous Sharing Circle with Kelly Welch](#) at Central Library, Kitchener.
- f. **Wed, Dec. 18, 6 p.m.** [Public Virtual Screening of Silent No More](#) Woodland Cultural Centre.
- g. **Fri, Dec. 20, 5-8:30 p.m.** [Winter Solstice Feast](#) at Victoria Park Pavilion, Kitchener. Online tickets sold out. They may have a few at the door. First come, first served. See [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) Facebook post Nov 29.
- h. **Mon, Jan. 6 2-3:30 and 7-8:30 p.m.** The Concerned Lay Catholics' Indigenous Teachings Book study. Film - [Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World](#). On CBC Gem and elsewhere. Documentary narrated by the late Robbie Robertson. Online, facilitated by Donna McGreal. To register and for more information contact concernedlaycatholics@gmail.com.
- i. Other events in your area may be found on [Eventbrite](#).

On The Radar

- j. **Fri, Jan. 17, 11 a.m - 5 p.m.** Hadiya'dagénhahs First Nations, Métis and Inuit Student Centre is proud to host the [2nd Annual Pow Wow](#) at Brock University.

8. Good Reads, News and Views

a. Reads

- i. [When the Pine Needles Fall. Indigenous Acts of Resistance](#) by. Katsi'tsakwas Ellen Gabriel – Thanks, Gerald Regehr.
- ii. [W̓nipêk, Visions of Canada from an Indigenous Centre](#) by Niigaan Sinclair – (Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair)
- iii. [real ones](#) by katherena vermette. A novel exploring pretendians and the power of identity.
- iv. [She Holds Up the Stars](#) by Sandra Laronde. For Gr 4 – 9

b. **News**

- i. [Canada must provide reparations to families of children missing at residential schools, says Kimberly Murray](#) CBC. Link to the report [here](#).
- ii. [Highway 413 work could start before Indigenous consultations end, prompting concerns](#) CBC.
- iii. [Ontario won't support making Truth and Reconciliation Day a holiday for now: minister](#) CBC.

c. **Views**

- i. APTN Nation to Nation, Nov 14 [First Nations 'mobilizing' to keep Toronto drug dealers out of communities](#).
- ii. Podcast: [Doctrine of Discovery](#) I am currently taking a course with Sarah Augustine. She is insightful, practical, and has a great sense of humour. She and Sheri Hostetler started a coalition of Anabaptist people of faith that seek to dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. This podcast is part of that work.