

## Living Into Right Relations – February 2025

Hello,

Thank you for subscribing to this Living Into Right Relations (LIRR) newsletter. We hope that it resonates for you and that you find it informative and resourceful in your desire to live into right relations.

Since the LIRR newsletter requires an important investment of time and energy to produce and to use, we would like to know how the newsletter is valuable to you, our readers, and if there are other topics you are interested in. To this end we invite you to complete a short, 5-minute survey. Thank you in advance for your time and your responses. You will find the survey here: [LIRR Reader Survey](#).

Thank you for your commitment to move forward on the path of right relations. If you come across relevant information for the newsletter, please feel free to pass it our way. Thanks!

May you walk in good company,

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### 1. Occasional Arts Section

- a. **Until April 26** [1924: Looking Back at the Last 100 Years of Hodinohso:ni Governance, Self-Determination, and Sovereignty](#), Woodland Cultural Centre, 184 Mohawk St. Brantford.
- b. **Until May 4** [Recent Acquisitions Contemporary Indigenous Artists](#) Art Gallery of Guelph. 358 Gordon St. Guelph.
- c. **Until June 20**, [Ascending Horizons](#) At [McMaster Museum of Art](#). Hamilton.
- d. **Until June 13, 2025** [Three exhibits](#) examining the devastating effects of Residential Schools and the Sixties Scoop on Indigenous communities while highlighting resilience and the journey toward healing and reconciliation. Exhibition Dates:
  - i. **Jan 21 - June 13** Bead the Tract and graphic recordings by Dakota Brant.
  - ii. **End of Jan - mid-April** Killing the Indian in the Child: Generations Lost.
  - iii. **mid-April - June 13** Bi-Giwen: Coming Home Truth Telling from the Sixties Scoop.

Location: City of Waterloo Museum. 55 King St. N. Conestoga Mall. Resources for learning and information about local Indigenous organizations will be available in the exhibition space.
- e. **Feb 7- April 30** [All Connected](#) by local artist Lolo. At [Willow River Centre](#), 253 King St. E, Kitchener. **Exhibit opening Thurs, Feb 7, 6-8 p.m.** Masks mandatory.

- f. **Feb 22-May 18** [Greg Staats: Runners Continuum](#) At [Art Gallery of Hamilton](#). 123 King St. W., Hamilton.

## 2. Learning at home and connecting 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 (Feb 12), men's sharing circle (Feb 19), and more. Events listing [here](#).
- b. **Tues, Feb. 4 - March 18, 7-8:30 p.m.** [Placing Ourselves in Colonialism Part 2: How Do we Get Out of Here?](#) 4 online sessions, one every other week. Offered by the United Church. For more information and to register click the link. Thanks, Pat Smith.
- c. **Mon, Feb 10, 7-9 p.m.** LIRR ecumenical working group. A newly-formed network of people from churches in KW and Cambridge. If you are looking for LIRR connection with other churches, this may be a place for you. Join us as we clarify our purpose and our goals, guided by Laurie Warkentin, Community Education and Engagement facilitator with MCC Ontario. Location: MCC Ontario, 50 Kent St Kitchener. For more information contact Ron Flaming ([roning@rogers.com](mailto:roning@rogers.com)), Judy Miedema ([anjuwami@gmail.com](mailto:anjuwami@gmail.com)) or Nancy Dykstra ([nancydykstra@gmail.com](mailto:nancydykstra@gmail.com)).
- d. **Wed & Fri, Feb 11&13**, 10th annual [Ontario Groundwater Geoscience Open House](#). [Virtual tickets available](#)
- e. **Thurs, Feb. 13 5:30- 8:30 p.m.** [Have A Heart Day](#) event sponsored by the UW Office of Indigenous Relations and SOAHAC.
- f. **Thurs, Feb 13, 7-8 p.m.** Indigenous Reading Group with [Willow River Centre](#), Waterloo Public Library, Main Library, Board Room. More info and registration [here](#).
- g. **Fri, Feb 14** [Have a Heart Day | First Nations Child & Family Caring Society](#).
- h. **Sat, Feb. 15, 1 p.m.** [Winterfest Community Social](#) Mohawk Park, 51 Lynnwood Dr, Brantford.
- i. **Tues, Feb. 18, 7-8 p.m.** Module 2 of the [Land Back](#) course from the [Yellowhead Institute](#). Online group discussion of course material led by Rafael Rodriguez of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. It's a way to follow a publicly available course with a group of other interested folks. To join the group click [here](#). To access the course click [here](#). All are welcome, whether you were able to join the first week or not. The group meets every three weeks.
- j. **Wed, Feb. 19 6-7:30 p.m** Mohawk Institute Virtual tours. [Public Virtual Screening of Silent No More](#).
- k. **Sat, Feb. 22, [For the Love of Poetry and Music](#)**. Hosted by [Willow River Centre](#), 253 King St. E, Kitchener. Get tickets [here](#).
- l. **Mon, Feb. 24, 1:30-3:30 [Nations Uniting](#)** Sharing Circle. To join this event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at [nations.uniting@gmail.com](mailto:nations.uniting@gmail.com).
- m. **Mon, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.** In-person conversation with former TRC commissioner Marie Wilson about her new book [North of Nowhere: Song of a Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner](#). A collaborative event of the United, Anglican and Presbyterian Churches in Canada. Registration is free but required. Look for details soon on social media.

- n. **Wed, Feb. 26, 12-2 p.m.** Grandmothers' Tea at Barton Stone Mount Hope UC, 21 Stone Church Rd. W., Hamilton. Potluck lunch and sharing time. Contact Joan (519-754-8786) or Shirley (519-753-5789) for more information.
- o. **Sat, March 1, 8 a.m.** [Grand River Water Ceremony](#), at [Otterbein Kayak Launch](#) in Kitchener. Please arrive on time to walk to the river together and smudge. Wear ceremonial regalia as your spirit calls; drums and shakers are also suggested.
- p. **Mon, March 3, 2-3:30 and 7-8:30 p.m.** The Concerned Lay Catholics' Indigenous Teachings Book study. [My Conversations with Canadians](#) by Lee Maracle. Online, facilitated by Donna McGreal. To register and for more information contact [concernedlaycatholics@gmail.com](mailto:concernedlaycatholics@gmail.com).
- q. Other events in your area may be found on [Eventbrite](#).

### On the Radar

- r. **Mid-March** [Two Row on the Grand](#) 10th annual paddle registration begins. Here's a short [video](#) to whet your appetite.
- s. **March 25** [Hope Starts at Home](#) MCC Fundraiser with Phyllis Webstad. Bingemans Banquet Hall, Kitchener.

## 3. Good Reads, News and Views

### a. Reads

- i. [North of Nowhere](#) Song of a Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner, by Marie Wilson.
- ii. [Deyohahá:ge: Sharing the River of Life](#) Wilfrid Laurier University Press. Written by members of Six Nations and their neighbours, this book introduces readers not only to the 17th-century history of how the Dutch and British joined the wampum agreement, but also to how it might restore good relations today.
- iii. Good Minds Bookstore [First Nation Communities Read 2024-2025 Bundle Special Offers](#).
- iv. [5 Things to Know When Working with Indigenous Communities](#), [ICTINC](#).

### b. News

- i. [Waterloo region's first Indigenous child-care centre aims to 'bring the culture back to our children'](#) CBC.
- ii. Did you think this was history...? [Advocates hope a new national registry will reveal extent of Indigenous sterilization](#) CBC.

### c. Views

- i. [Sugarcane](#) National Geographic Documentary Films. Available on Disney Plus. Thank you, Mary Jane Patterson.
- ii. [Yintah](#) Recently screened in Waterloo. Powerful documentary about the 10-year Wet'suwet'en resistance. Available on CBC Gem, YouTube and Netflix. Thank you, Henriëtte Thompson.