

## Living Into Right Relations – March 2025

Hello,

It is exciting and encouraging to see the many events and opportunities available to live into right relations. The month of March is filled with opportunities to learn and act. Hopefully, there is something here for you!

Thanks to those who were able to wade through the permissions to complete the survey we posted last month. I (Nancy) apologise for that glitch. I will try to repair it in the coming weeks and repost it.

As always, we welcome relevant information to include in this monthly newsletter. Thank you to all who offer suggestions.

Spring is coming, the clocks are changing, and the snow WILL melt! Enjoy the change March will bring!

Warmly,

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### 1. 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 (Mar. 14), men's sharing circle (Mar. 19), and more. Events listing [here](#).
- b. **Until May 18** [Greg Staats: Runners Continuum](#) At [Art Gallery of Hamilton](#). 123 King St. W., Hamilton.
- c. **Tues, Mar. 11, 6-9 p.m** [Indigenous Poets Society](#) Open Mic. The Grove Cafe 295B Lancaster St. W., Kitchener.
- d. **Wed, Mar. 12, 2 p.m. & 3 p.m.** [The Indigenous Creation Story Puppet Show](#). Conestoga Mall Centre Court, 550 King St. N., Waterloo. 30 min children's event presented by Eagle and Condor. A city led event.
- e. **Sat, Mar. 15, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.** [Conestoga College Pow Wow](#) 299 Doon Valley Dr, Kitchener.
- a. **Mid-March** [Two Row on the Grand](#) 10th annual paddle registration begins. Here's a short [video](#) describing the intent and value of the 10-day event. 2025 dates: July 16-25. Spots are limited and they do sell out.
- f. [Six Nations Polytechnic](#) Lunch & Learn: Mini Language Lessons. See [SNP Calendar](#) for info. Not available at the time this newsletter was sent out.

**Wed, Mar. 12, 12-1 p.m.** Six Nations Campus. 2160 4th Line Rd., Ohsweken.

**Wed, Mar. 19, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Brantford Campus 411 Elgin St., Brantford.

- g. **Wed, Mar. 19, 6-7:30 p.m.** [Public Virtual Tour of Former Mohawk Institute](#).
  - h. **Mar. 20, 6-11:30 p.m.** Live performance by Mohawk musician, author and visual artist, [TOM WILSON](#). At Ancaster Fairgrounds - for the Sulphur Springs.
  - i. **Sat, Mar. 22, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.** Spring into the Season with [Willow River Centre's](#) next Market. 253 King St. E, Kitchener.
  - j. **Mon, Mar. 24** [Hope Starts at Home](#) MCC Fundraiser with Phyllis Webstad is cancelled.
  - k. **Mon, Mar. 24, 1:30-3:30** [Nations Uniting](#) Sharing Circle - with guest Adrian Jacobs. To join this event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at [nations.uniting@gmail.com](mailto:nations.uniting@gmail.com).
  - l. **Wed, Mar. 26 12-2** Grandmothers' Tea at St George United Church, 9 Beverly St. E., St George. Potluck lunch and sharing time. Bring your own dishes and cutlery. Contact Joan (519-754-8786) or Shirley (519-753-5789) for more information.
  - m. **Sat, Mar. 29. 8:00 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.
- Sun, Apr. 6, 8:00 a.m. Special ceremony for the Water Walk**
- n. **Begins Apr 3.** [Anishinaabemowin \(Ojibwe\) Introductory Online Language Course](#) via [Outdoor Learning Store](#).
  - o. **Mon, Apr. 7, 2-3:30 and 7-8:30 p.m.** The Concerned Lay Catholics' Indigenous Teachings Book study. [Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, a White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation](#) by Andrew Stobo Sniderman & Douglas Sanderson. Online, facilitated by Donna McGreal. To register and for more information contact [concernedlaycatholics@gmail.com](mailto:concernedlaycatholics@gmail.com).
  - p. **Mon, Apr. 7, 7-9 p.m.** LIRR Ecumenical Group meeting. A newly-formed network of people from churches in KW and Cambridge. If you are looking for a LIRR connection with other churches, this may be a place for you. Meet at MCCO offices, 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)).
  - q. Other events in your area may be found on [Eventbrite](#).

### On the radar

- r. **Sat, May 3, 12-4 p.m.** Tickets going fast! [Bracelet Beading Workshop](#) with Haudenosaunee artisan, Susan Hill. McDougall Cottage Historic Site. 89 Grand Ave. S. Cambridge.
- s. **Sat, June 14, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. SAVE THE DATE** Strawberry Thanksgiving and Communion, held this year at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener. More details and registration in upcoming newsletters.

## 2. Good Reads, News and Views

### a. Reads

- i. [Walking Together](#) Emily Kewageshig, illustrator from Saugeen First Nation. Ages 6 to 9. Thanks, Beverly McNabb.

Recommended by Bernadette van Spall, Two books by Judy Wilson-Raybould:

- ii. [From Where I Stand - Rebuilding Indigenous Nations for a Stronger Canada](#).
- iii. [True Reconciliation](#) - how to be a force for change. She wrote it after many non-Indigenous people came to her asking how they could help bring advance reconciliation and be part of bringing about change. An [online discussion of this book](#) is being hosted by the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, Carmen Lansdowne, on April 25.

### b. News

- i. [Nishnawbe Aski Nation calls on Ontario premier to retract Ring of Fire statement](#) APTN.
- ii. [Unfinished business: Why the search for residential school graves must continue](#). From Biidaajimowin | News from the Centre, a weekly exploration of Indigenous voices, perspectives and experiences. Winnipeg Free Press. You can subscribe through the link to the article. Thanks, Gerald Regehr.
- iii. [Threats and Opportunities of a Trade War for Indigenous Food Insecurity](#) Indigenous Corporate Training INC. March Newsletter.

### c. Views

- i. [North of North](#) on CBC Gem, if you haven't seen it yet.

We're repeating these two from February and hoping to get to see them.

- ii. [Sugarcane](#) National Geographic Documentary Films. Available on Disney Plus and Hulu. It was playing at the Princess Twin last month in Waterloo, so may still be in theatres near you. Thank you, Mary Jane Patterson.
- iii. [Yintah](#) Powerful documentary about the 10-year Wet'suwet'en resistance. Available on CBC Gem, YouTube and Netflix. Thank you, Henriëtte Thompson.