

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION: Seeking Balance in Relations

Saturday, February 7th, 2009 & Saturday, April 25th, 2009

Knox United Church: 10- 4:30pm

Coastal Salish Territory (Vancouver)

In the context of the Truth & Reconciliation process, 2 one day workshops will bring together Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal participants.



These workshops will

- *Introduce Indigenous teachings on relationships to land, medicines and language*
- *Reflect on our relationship to history, our Ancestors and the land*
- *Explore the concepts of reciprocity and responsibility*
- *Explore a collective vision of restoring balance in relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples*

These 2 days will include ceremony, spiritual practice and creative expression.

Coastal Salish weaving by Ida John.

LEADERSHIP

LARRY GRANT Musqueam Elder. Born and raised in Musqueam traditional territory by a traditional Musqueam family. He grew up between Musqueam Reserve and Vancouver City. Became a certified automotive Machinist after high school graduation then into the Longshore industry as a Heavy Duty mechanic. Retired after four decades in the work force then enrolled in Musqueam/UBC First Nations Languages Program in 1998. Now teaches the Musqueam language course at UBC.

SAA HIIL THIT (Gerry) OLEMAN has worked with the Indian Residential School Survivors Society since 1998. He is from Seaton Lake and of the Stl,atl,ix Nation. His experiences include counselling for community addictions programs, providing leadership politically and administratively for his community and Nation, and working as a cultural ceremonialist and as an independent consultant. He works for the UBC

Institute of Aboriginal Health and is an Elder in residence at BCIT, and Vancouver Front Door.

DENISE NADEAU is of mixed French, Irish, and English heritage; her ancestors intermarried with and colonized the Mi'kmaq people of Gaspé in Quebec. She is a theologian, movement therapist and popular educator whose work combines expressive art therapies and spiritual practices in the repair of violence. She has worked in both ecumenical and interfaith contexts for many years, and, in particular, in the area of Native—Non-Native relationships. She is Acting Director of the Interfaith Summer Institute for Justice, Peace and Social Movements at Simon Fraser University.

ALANNAH EARL YOUNG is from the Opaskwayak Cree/Peguis Anishnabe Nations in Manitoba. She is a facilitator and trainer and works as an advisor with University of British Columbia's First Nations House of Learning in Vancouver. She is trained in expressive art therapies, and arts-based socially transformative pedagogies. Alannah's current work has been developing and delivering wholistic programming that reaffirms Indigenous Leadership and Sovereignty. She works with the Interfaith Summer Institute and is a mother, artist, Traditional practitioner and singer.

REGISTRATION: To register call Ryerson United Church 604-266-5377.

Pre-registration is required for meals.

Lunch will be catered by Salishan Catering/Denise Sparrow.

*Participation in both days is recommended but if you can only attend one day please mention which day when you register. **Before January 23, a number of spaces have been set aside for United Church members.***



**Hosted by Rev. Brian Thorpe of Ryerson United Church
Rev. Sally McShane of Knox United Church
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