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Straight from the street

A newsletter for friends of Inner City Pastoral Ministry

"With what shall I come before the Lord? He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" — Micah 6:6-8



PASTOR RICK'S REFLECTIONS 2018

The Inner City Pastoral Ministry's "ministry of presence" has always proved challenging and filled with joy, with 2018, the 40th Anniversary, being no exception.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS drew attention to the continuing support of the Anglican, Lutheran, Roman Catholic and United Churches. Highlights included the Annual General Meeting held at Robertson-Wesley United Church in the spring, and the Hymn Fest at Annunciation Lutheran Church in the fall. Inner City celebrations saw large numbers of community members attending the "Tipi Teaching" in June and the Community Gathering in September, both held at the Anglican Parish of Christ Church. The Community of Emmanuel celebrated the 40th year with a festive burger feast on August 26. This burger bash, held after the Sunday Worship, attracted over 500 people; it was hosted with the support of the BBQ team of the St. Theresa Conference of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul!

SUNDAY WORSHIP with the Community of Emmanuel is the highlight of the week! The gathering, numbering more than 100, includes community people, many



CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING – PASTOR RICK, MIA AND SABLE

experiencing homelessness, along with seniors, community residents, families with children, and volunteers. In addition to Pastor Rick, the ministry team includes Jim Gurnett, Pastoral Associate, Michelle

Nieviadomy, Oskapewis –Iskwew, and Gord Holub, who offers the smudge each week. The Service of Holy Communion, the Service of the Word, and the Standing Stones (Indigenous) Liturgy are offered in any given month. Baptisms, memorials, and seasonal celebrations of Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas constitute a full complement of celebrations and remembrances offered over the course of a year.

THE SUNDAY LUNCH PROGRAM continues 52 Sundays of the year. Thanks are due to Sharon Webb, the Sunday Lunch Coordinator, who arranges for over 75 churches, synagogues, community groups, and individual families to share in the ministry by offering hospitality and a hearty and nutritious lunch Sunday by Sunday. Linda Heywood and Annie Johnson share the task of organizing the 18 volunteers that arrive each week, providing effective and cheerful oversight. This year Sharon Webb and the team also organized the "After the Lunch is Over" gathering held at Annunciation Roman Catholic Parish in November. Flo Reducka and her team, joined by the Knights of Columbus, offered hospitality, serving lunch to over 50 people

from some 17 of the parishes that serve the Sunday Lunch. On the last Sunday of the year, the first Sunday after Christmas, Highlands United Church, with support from St. Albert United Church, celebrated the Christmas season by contributing and serving pizza for 250 people.



VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The move in May from Bissell East to the renovated facilities of Bissell West went seamlessly. The Sunday morning Ministry Team and the Sunday Lunch volunteers quickly reoriented to the brightly lit and welcoming Bissell West space. It was decided to cap indoor capacity at just over 100 people, with the many others arriving at Bissell West doors being offered a generous bag lunch to take away. This decision has created a deeper sense of the gathering as a community of faith, while lessening kerfuffle due to overcrowding. ICPM owes a debt of gratitude to Bissell Centre for their hospitality in hosting this ongoing ministry!

Consider this: A program that feeds more than 250 people each Sunday serves some 13,000 meals in a year. At a cost of some \$700 per Sunday, the total annual cost is around \$34,400. On average 18 volunteers arrive each Sunday; this amounts to just under 1,000 volunteers in the course of a year. This wider faith community support has continued for over 25 years.

Sunday Stats in 2018:

- Worship Service: Weekly average: 101.*
- Total participants: 5,248.*
- Lunches Served: Weekly average: 277.*
- Total participants: 14,412.*

MEN'S SPIRITUAL WELLNESS

MINISTRY began in earnest some years ago, a vision of Doug Krefting, ICPM Pastoral Volunteer. Many of the men to whom ICPM ministers have experienced difficult life challenges, facing the effects of poverty, homelessness, and, for some, addiction recovery. Seeded by Doug's ministry of care, the men's ministry has evolved, now offering a monthly Men's Spiritual Wellness gathering, and a monthly visit to McCullough Centre where the team offers the Standing Stones Liturgy. It culminates in an Annual Retreat at the Star of the North Retreat Centre.

As Pastoral Associate, Jim Gurnett now oversees this ministry, with the support of Gord Holub, Indigenous Helper. The focus is the promotion of spiritual wellness. Themes for discussion include the 12 steps as spiritual living, self care and life transitioning, the seven sacred teachings, and the reconciliation and healing of relationships. Jim's task is to build relationships with the men, in particular with the many men who are reintegrating into the community from the McCullough Centre.



MCCULLOUGH CENTER CHRISTMAS SUPPER

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL WELLNESS

MINISTRY is a long-standing ministry developed through the vision of Sister Marion Garneau and Linda Winski. Michelle Nieviodomy and Linda Heywood continue this outreach ministry. The women of the community gather monthly to participate in making crafts, a luncheon meal, and spiritual reflection. The women's group,

like the men's, finishes the year with a retreat at the Star of the North Retreat Centre. This weekend of pampering spa, craft work, rest, and spiritual reflection concludes the year with a celebration of life and community.



8TH FIRE SHARING CIRCLE

OUR COMMON GROUND is ICPM's response to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

We acknowledge that we are situated in the heart of the inner city of Amiskwaciwaskahikan—Beaver Mountain House (the Cree name for the city of Edmonton). We respectfully acknowledge that we are situated in Treaty 6 Territory, on lands that for centuries have been marked by the footsteps of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.

Michelle Nieviodomy, Oskapewis - Iskwe, offers this ministry with the support of an Ecumenical Team that includes the United Church's Moving Forward with Reconciliation, the Indigenous Ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, and representatives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church's Synod of Alberta and the Territories. In practice, Michelle leads this initiative with the support of community Elders, Wisdom Keepers, and traditional Dancers and Drummers. Our Common Ground, the "umbrella" term for a ministry that Michelle evolved over several years, includes Circle of Hope—a workshop in the four directions; Living the 8th Fire Learning Circle; Kairos Blanket Exercise; Standing Stones; Sharing Circles; Indigenous Teachings Such As Tipi Raising; Medicine Gathering and Teachings; and Traditional Dancing and Drumming. Most recently, Michelle is taking the lead with the 4 Directions Inner City Group that



8TH FIRE ROUND DANCE

unites several Indigenous ministries, faith community partners, and inner city agencies that are all seeking common ground in truth and reconciliation. Michelle notes, "We are in a time of truth and reconciliation, a time where we must listen to our Indigenous brothers and sisters so that we can walk in better relationship with one another."

BRUCE THOMPSON, ICPM'S ARTIST

IN RESIDENCE: Bruce is an accomplished artist whose studio and gallery were recently established in St. Albert. He led an enthusiastic group of budding artists in a seven week series of water colour explorations in 2018. Bruce will continue his work in support of local inner city artists this spring, with a five week series planned in collaboration with the Bissell Centre beginning in March. Thank you Bruce!

Interestingly, Kim Kergan, a community member and an artist in her own right, completed a water colour in Bruce's program that was submitted for consideration to the Alberta government's "Art from the Unknown" exhibit hosted by Premier Rachel Notley. Kim's water colour "Promise of Spring" was selected, along with works by some 70 other artists, for the exhibit, held at the Old Strathcona Performing Arts Centre last October. Congratulations Kim!

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEES: Pastor Rick is involved with a number of church and community committees dedicated to ministries of outreach and social justice.

Along with the Bissell Centre, E4C, Jellinek House and the George Spady Centre, ICPM is supported by the Edmonton Presbytery of the United Church through its Outreach Ministries Committee. Every second month in 2018, Pastor Rick reported to this committee on ICPM activities.

Pastor Rick and the Rev. Deborah Hoekstra together co-chair the Capital Region

Interfaith Housing Initiative (CRIHI), an organization that arose from Edmonton's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, and links with End Poverty Edmonton. Guided by CRIHI's Housing Ambassador, Mike Van Boom, this interfaith initiative assists the City of Edmonton in planning, and creating readiness for, neighbourhood builds of supportive and affordable housing throughout the Capital Region.

Recently, ICPM began to explore the possibility of joining the Greater Edmonton Alliance, an organization that aims to build relationships that may result in collective action. GEA, as the alliance is commonly known, is developing three such initiatives, Seniors Care, Mental Health and Addictions, and Living Wage. While the matter of ICPM's membership is still under consideration, we do think that GEA offers an excellent opportunity to learn about the dynamics and practice of collective action and advocacy.

As a member of the Social Justice Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, Pastor Rick affirms ICPM's support of human care and social justice as highlighted in two of the Five Marks of Mission:

- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation.

Recently, Jim Gurnett—a thirty-year pioneer in the fields of social justice and affordable housing in Edmonton, now Pastoral Associate with ICPM—was tasked with offering a workshop called Exploring Social Justice. This is an invitation to faith communities and other interested groups that wish to understand how to identify and address social structures that lead to people being marginalized. Jim writes,

The Gospel calls us to take action to move the world towards the goodness that marked the earth at creation. Actions of social justice are a necessary part of our obedience to the call of the Gospel. Just as we follow Jesus in social service and actions of human care, we are equally called to work to transform social structures and systems that marginalize certain groups of people and hold them in poverty.

Consider inviting and welcoming Jim to your community to extend your ministries of human care to the wider fields of social justice.

IN CONCLUSION, the ministry of Inner City Pastoral Ministry, supported with treasure, with action, and with prayer by the faith community, is a very good model of the emerging church, responding to the changing paradigm of what it means to be "church" in the modern world! Challenging, risky, and altogether exciting, ICPM seeks to honour the traditions of its past while discerning a vision of God's call for the years to come!

*Rick Chapman +
Pastor, ICPM*





HOME BLESSING

ICPM'S PASTORAL ASSOCIATE – JIM GURNETT, ANNUAL REPORT

The past year has been a difficult one for many people in the urban core. Deaths and serious health challenges. Violence. Struggles with the many hurtful consequences of poverty. Homelessness. Racism and discrimination. All this has meant pain and stress for people.

I have been reminded many times over the months, as I have listened to people sharing about these tough circumstances, that our spiritual lives are very real, and have a strong connection to how we do, both mentally and physically. At ICPM, I might give someone a pair of socks or a coffee card. Or on Sunday, thanks to the generous support of volunteers, we can offer a good lunch. But the work that makes us important in the community, day by day, is offering a place where people can talk about the hurts in the heart, a place to share a prayer, or to think about some teaching of the Creator, one which reminds us that the full story is larger than our immediate circumstances

sometimes leave us feeling. This work is more than an extra; it is a necessity, with real significance.

Beyond this informal availability in the community, to meet with people who drop by, or to take someone for a coffee, I am pleased that we have been able to offer some more organized activities. Each month 15 or so men have gathered over a light lunch to talk about spiritual issues. The sharing is often personal and daring, the listening respectful. In May, men who are part of this group were able to get away for a weekend at Star of the North Retreat Centre, and spend more time connecting with each other, relaxing, eating well, and talking further about how we restore broken relationships. During the winter months, thanks to the help of St. Albert artist Bruce Thompson, we had a weekly morning when people could gather and paint, using, as a starting point, a spiritual reflection. Visits to people in hospital, or doing a home blessing are other ways we are able to express our support and care.

Once a month we are able to visit the McCullough treatment centre at Gunn, about a half hour drive from Edmonton, where 50 men are resident over longer periods of recovery. There we offer a Standing Stones worship service, complete with some good music by Farley Magee. Men who leave the centre and move to Edmonton then know about us and sometimes get in touch.

It has been encouraging to see some churches begin to take up a new offer from ICPM. Late in 2018 we developed

a social justice outreach opportunity. We aim to work with groups that want not only to fulfil the gospel mandate to share generously with those who are without, but also to address the systemic social structures that lead to some people being marginalized. We will work with any interested group, and tailor this training to fit the time and interests of those involved. Our goal is to see people engaged in social advocacy, to complement the social helping they are already doing.

Sunday services at the Community of Emmanuel are a highlight of my week, as nearly 100 people of all ages and backgrounds gather. The focus on spirit extends from the lighting of the Christ candle and Gord Holub offering a smudge, right through to the rich socializing that takes place as volunteers serve lunch to everyone after the service. This weekly event provides a place where people can connect with each other, free from the rush to "do their business" that they often experience during the rest of the week. It is a place where there are many reminders that there is more to life than the ugly and hurtful things, the struggles to survive, mentioned at the beginning of this article. There is the richness of community, the evidence we are each loved by the Creator, the friendly connections with ICPM staff and volunteers. There is hope. That tells me ICPM is making a positive difference, and it is an honour to be a part of it.

Jim Gurnett

Pastoral Associate, ICPM



COMMUNITY OF EMMANUEL
WORSHIP SERVICE



MICHELLE LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Our Sunday morning worship service captures the heart of Our Common Ground. As the Christ candle is lit, so is the sage for our smudging ceremony—praying with smoke, as some Elders would say. Honouring the traditional ceremonies of the First Peoples and inviting the entire community to pray together in this way has been effective in creating and maintaining a spirit of reconciliation within the Community of Emmanuel. Acknowledging that we are located on Treaty 6 territory has also become a customary part of the Sunday morning service.

2018 ended with a mini round dance at Robertson-Wesley United Church, providing an opportunity to connect and celebrate with the community. Our Common Ground leadership team brought good energy and resources to make this celebration possible. The community shared a feast of soup and bannock, round danced to drumming songs led by the local drum group Chubby Cree, and ended with a mini giveaway!

In 2018 we created a learning circle based on the 8th Fire documentary and curriculum, talking about issues of racism, colonization and the injustices Indigenous peoples encounter. Truth telling requires listening again and again to the stories of the First Peoples. This learning circle is about making space for these stories to be heard. It will continue once a month in 2019! We will also host some larger events such as a ceremony for the community (spring), Cree teaching and medicine gathering (summer), and another mini round dance (fall), bringing us together in the spirit of friendship to share in OUR COMMON GROUND!

We will continue this journey in 2019, walking together in good relations with one another. Sharing of stories, cultural traditions and ceremonies makes for a stronger circle.

*Michelle Nieviadomy
Oskapewis, ICPM*

ICPM'S SMUDGE MAN – GORDON HOLUB, ANNUAL REPORT

This year has been a good year at the Sunday church service. I am very pleased at how it has gone. The inner city people are opening up to me more often, now that they have gotten to know who I am. I am building a rapport with the people at church, and with that they trust in who I am. I had missed one Sunday, and wow! I was asked if I was okay; was something wrong? I did not know how much my presence means to the people at Sunday service. It shows that the people really care about my health and wellbeing. Being the smudge man at the service has been a pleasure, and this year has been even better than last year.

Then there is the men's group on the second Wednesday of every month. This too has grown. And if I miss a day, they let me know at the next meeting. These men care about my health and wellbeing as well. My presence at both of the services I help with makes me feel really good, knowing that I am making a difference in these people's lives as well as my own life. We are now talking with the men about current affairs here in Edmonton and the rest of the

country, as well as the world affairs. We are asking questions about how we deal with today's problems, how it affects us as a whole or as a family. This year will be great! I believe in what I am doing, and I will continue to do what I do best so that I can

make a difference in my community! I thank ICPM for giving me a chance to help Pastor Rick Chapman.

*Gordon Holub
Indigenous Helper, ICPM*



SMUDGING

SUNDAY LUNCH AT THE COMMUNITY OF EMMANUEL

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The past year has seen changes in the Sunday Lunch Program occasioned by the return to Bissell West after the renovations were finished. We now have a maximum of eighty-five people inside for the worship service and lunch, and everyone remains seated throughout as there is limited room to move about. Every Sunday our volunteers bring coffee and lunch, serve all those seated indoors, and prepare over 150 lunch bags for distribution at the door after the 11 am service. All told, we are

preparing 150 to 225 lunches each Sunday. The need is a bit less since we moved back from Bissell East, but I find there is more of a sense of community amongst the regulars who attend most weeks.

At this time I sincerely thank all the churches, synagogues and families who participate Sunday by Sunday. Without these volunteers, who buy, prepare and serve the lunches, we would not be able to serve a meal to our community every week. Also, a big "Thank You!" to those of you

who come on Sundays to help out without being asked.

We currently have 82 groups that participate, some twice a year. At a time when budgets are getting a little tighter, and fewer volunteers are available, our Lord has blessed us with continued participation from all these groups!

Sharon Webb

Sunday Lunch Coordinator, ICPM



SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP

SUNDAY FOOD COORDINATORS – LINDA AND ANNIE, ANNUAL REPORT



ANNIE & LINDA, SUNDAY FOOD COORDINATORS

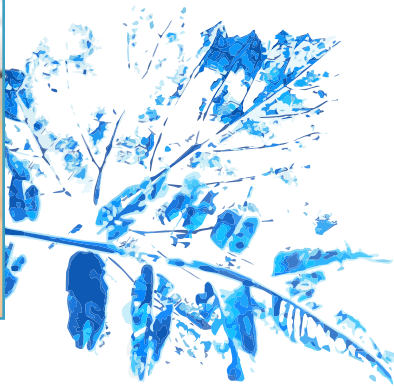
The past year has been very busy, as the return to Bissell Centre West in May required continual adjustments to our new environment. In particular, the newly renovated space accommodates just over 100 people, enough for the needs of the worship service, but not enough for the lunch that follows, which in 2018 attracted an average of 277 people each week. So

we now bag a hearty, nutritious lunch—sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, dessert and a drink—which is given out beside the front door once our indoor space has reached capacity.

We are continually looking for ways to make the experience of providing and serving lunch as enjoyable as possible. Annie and Linda will be developing point form procedures for each of the stations used to prepare, organize and serve the meal.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Community of Emmanuel, and we look forward to continuing to work towards the goal of making the experience even more enjoyable for everyone involved.

Ann-Marie Johnson and Linda Heywood
Sunday Food Coordinators, ICPM





In 2018, we changed the way we gathered gifts for our friends in the Emmanuel Community in the inner city. We asked our contributors to choose either to provide gift cards, or to create special gift packs for men and women. One church created family gifts. Other churches and individuals provided gifts of money, which we used to purchase gift cards. Still others brought boxes of much needed items for the community cupboard. A Girl Guide group created beautiful stockings for families to enjoy at an evening of candles and carols. What an overflow of blessings! The recipients of all these great gifts were amazed and delighted to be able to buy items they needed themselves, or wished to provide for their families. And after all the packages were given out, community cupboard items and additional purchased gift cards continue to help us provide necessities throughout the winter.

The number of contributors increased to 26. A heartfelt thanks is sent to the following individuals and groups and their organizers:

Annunciation Roman Catholic Parish, Ascension Lutheran, Christ Church Anglican, Emmanuel Anglican, 2nd Edmonton Trefoil Guild Girl Guides, Mount Zion Lutheran, First United Church, George P. Nicholson School, Glory Lutheran, Hope Lutheran, Kirk United, Mount Olivet Lutheran with Lions Breakfast Club and Affinity Dental (Kingsway), Legislative Assembly, Our Saviour Lutheran, Nancy Kerr, Child Health at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, St. Albert Evangelical Lutheran, St. George's Anglican, St. Mary's Anglican, St. Matthias Anglican, St. Theresa's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, Southminster-Steinhauer United, Terry Wittkopf, Vivian Bell, and St. Michael and All Angels Anglican.

Glory Lutheran, Dorothy Delorme, and ICPM Board members helped the sorting go very smoothly. Thank you! And thank you as well to the Bissell Centre for their support, and for providing space for the collected items.

We are grateful as well for the use of Bissell West for the "Families Dinner" that took place on December 17. Michelle Nieviadomy and Pastor Rick Chapman organized a wonderful evening, with special music by Farley, Carol Powder and Noah. The ICPM Board thanks Mount Olivet Lutheran Church for the gifts and special meal.

May God bless all who help ICPM to bless our friends in the inner city!

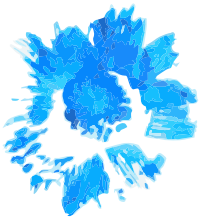
*Sue Pasker
Gift Ministry Coordinator, ICPM*



DOROTHY DELORME



SUE PASKER, FAMILY NIGHT PREP



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As you will have read in other parts of this issue, 2018 was a memorable and active year for our ministry, as we celebrated our 40th year of service in the inner city community. As we think back to the founding vision of the United Church of Canada in the mid-1970s, and consider the commitment and faith of the four denominations that are now partners; as we remember the many dedicated and talented staff who have served, and the thousands of volunteers and donors who have contributed over the years; and as we think about the more than 100 congregations, parishes and groups that now volunteer at Sunday worship

and lunch, we realize that we have truly been blessed. We are humbled by the willingness of so many people and groups, not only from Edmonton but from many outlying areas as well, to make this ministry possible. Thank you!

On a personal note, I will be leaving the Board of ICPM at our upcoming annual meeting on March 20. I have been a member of the Board for six years, and served as its Chair since October 2014. I have enjoyed this time beyond words! It has been a true pleasure to have had the

opportunity to serve with a group of such caring and enthusiastic people as my fellow Board members and the ICPM staff. I have learned much from you, and from the volunteers and community members that I have met over the last six years. May God's blessings and love be with you as you continue this ministry in the years ahead.

*John Campbell
Chair, Board of Directors, ICPM*



STEWARDSHIP

"Listen Up!"

Those were the words that one of my high school basketball coaches would shout to the team when he wanted to get our attention during a practice. We gradually learned that "Listen up!" wasn't just a reprimand to a group of inattentive teenagers, but rather a cue that the coach had an especially vital point that he wanted to get across to us. We began to appreciate that our capacity to play the game was going to be enhanced by paying close attention. Of course it didn't always result in the perfect play, but that wasn't really the point. We knew that Coach loved the game of basketball, and wanted us to enjoy it as much as we possibly could ourselves.

To my way of thinking, the Bible has many "Listen up!" messages from God. I know that we will all have our own personal favourites. Jesus' feeding of a multitude from five small loaves of bread and two fish provided by a young boy (as related in John 6: 8-13) is one that is

very meaningful for me. The emphasis is commonly placed on the miracle performed by Jesus in turning this small amount of food into a bounty sufficient to feed a crowd of 5,000. But in our haste to see this event as an example of the grace and divine powers of Jesus, we tend to lose sight of the role played by the boy, and its message for us.

What if the young boy had not thought ahead, when he left home that morning, to pack a basket with his food? When the disciples were sent out into the crowd to gather up whatever food they could find, what if the boy had said, "No! I'm keeping this for myself."? Fortunately for all those in the crowd who were in danger of going without, the boy realized that he had a gift to share. However, I don't think he had any inkling of what Jesus was going to do with his gift. He probably assumed that his basket was just going to become part of a larger supply gathered from the rest of the people.

This story is a powerful reminder to me that God **will** take our gifts, however humble or unimportant they may seem in our eyes, and that he **will** do mighty things with them. Many times in my life, when I have wondered whether what I could do or provide was worthwhile, I have cast my mind back to that hot and dusty day on the hillside, when a young boy unhesitatingly put forward his small cache of food and trusted Jesus to use his grace and love to turn it into something of greater value and importance. And then, with the image in my mind of that boy handing over his basket to one of the disciples, I find myself feeling empowered to move ahead and choose the path that lies open before me.

"Listen up!" Thanks be to God.

*John Campbell
Stewardship Committee, ICPM*



Exploring Social Justice

As a way of extending Jesus' call to be generous in giving to those who are struggling, we invite you to think about having a workshop on "doing" social justice—on engaging in a ministry that transforms social structures and systems in the community that marginalize certain groups of people and hold them in poverty.

- How to do social analysis of an issue
- How to develop a plan for an appropriate action that will make a difference
- How best to evaluate the success of your action

For further information, contact Jim Gurnett – Pastoral Associate, 780 424 7652, info@icpmedmonton.ca.

Circle of Hope

We invite you to host a workshop in which Michelle Nieviadomy will offer a Cree woman's perspective on truth telling, healing and reconciliation. The Circle of Hope workshop creates opportunity to come together as human beings to share in story, in ceremony, and in the love of the Creator.

- Kanata – Sacredness of the Land
- Treaty as Covenant
- Residential Schools and the 60's Scoop and the lived experience of a racial divide
- Awakening to reconciliation and healing

For further information, contact Michelle Nieviadomy – Oskapewis Iskwew, 780 424 7652, info@icpmedmonton.ca.



CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCES – NEW ON THE ICPM WEBSITE!

We have created a new section on the ICPM website with resources and information for the congregations, parishes, and other groups that provide support for our ministry. Go to www.icpmedmonton.ca and click on "Congregational Resources" in the black banner near the top of the page. There you will find information about the

Sunday lunch program, and other ways to support the ICPM ministry, like holding a Loose Offering Sunday. There is also information about having our Pastoral Associate, Jim Gurnett, lead a Social Justice workshop in your congregation, and about arranging for our Oskapewis (helper), Michelle Nieviadomy, to lead a workshop on reconciliation topics and

initiatives. And there are brochures and other materials available to view and download. Be sure to check out this new page on our site!

*John Campbell
Chair, Board of Directors, ICPM*

COMING EVENTS

Four Directions Gathering

Wednesday February 27

9:30 am – Noon

Main Floor Board Room, Bissell Centre East
10527 – 96 Street NW

The coming together of city centre faith, Indigenous and spiritual leaders to engage in a conversation about Reconciliation, Truth Telling, and Healing.

A Sacred Circle to

- Build relationships
- Understand one another more fully
- Explore our understanding of the Creator / God / Spirit

And to hear and understand more fully ...

- What causes "pain" in each community (past, present, future)
- How we might best work together
- How we might share our knowledge and experience with new understanding

A wonderful opportunity for networking during the lunch following.

More information: Pastor Rick Chapman, 780 424 7652, info@icpmedmonton.ca

Living the 8th Fire

A series of Saturday morning learning circles led by Michelle Nieviadomy.

Offered in a spirit of reconciliation, these circles provide opportunities to listen, to learn, and to dialogue about the injustices suffered by Canada's Indigenous peoples.

First Saturday of each month

10:00 am – Noon

Location varies; contact Michelle Nieviadomy, 780 424 7652, info@icpmedmonton.ca.

ICPM Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

5:30 pm: Gathering, with light refreshments

6:00 – 7:30 pm: AGM

Robertson-Wesley United Church
10209 – 123 Street NW

Join the ICPM Board and Ministry Team in celebrating over 40 years of vibrant ministry.

Keynote Speakers:

- The Rev. Rick Chapman, Pastor
- Jim Gurnett, Pastoral Associate
- Michelle Nieviadomy, Oskapewis Iskwew



ICPM Mission Statement

Inner City Pastoral Ministry is an interdenominational Christian Ministry of Presence. In partnership with the community, and guided by the Spirit of God, we walk with the people of the inner city of Edmonton.



You can donate to ICPM quickly and easily online! Go to www.CanadaHelps.org
 Search for "Inner City Pastoral Ministry". All who donate \$10 or more receive a tax receipt.

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Thank You!

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