
June is National Indigenous History Month

Few people are in greater need of human rights protection than Indigenous peoples. Globally, about 370 million Indigenous people face widespread systemic discrimination, impoverishment, ill health, and dispossession of their lands and resources. Although governments have a duty and responsibility to ensure the welfare and safety of all their citizens, Indigenous peoples are often subject to policies that erode or suppress their rights and distinct cultural identities. Canada is no exception.

This month is National Indigenous History Month. The Town of Oakville resides on the treaty lands and traditional territory of the Mississaugas, Neutral, Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. In recognition of National Indigenous History Month, residents are encouraged to:

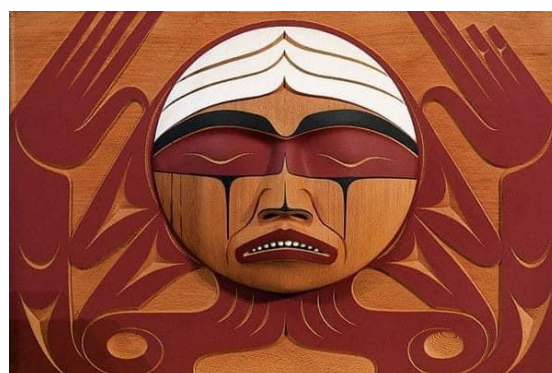
- Enjoy a walk along the *Moccasin Trail* and explore the history of the lands from an Indigenous perspective. Follow the Moccasin Trail along Sixteen Mile Creek Inner Valley to Dundas Street West at Lions Valley, following the trail signs along your journey.
- Take part in the virtual program [Planting our Seeds](#), a partnership between the town and Grandmothers Voice that celebrates Indigenous culture and community. Led by local urban Indigenous leaders Jody Harbour and Sherry Saevil, residents can participate on Thursdays at 6 p.m. until June 17 or watch recorded sessions on the town's YouTube Channel.
- Explore Your Roots at Library and Archives Canada: Starting Your First Nations, Inuit & Métis Nation Genealogy – Join the Oakville Public Library (OPL) on Monday, June 21 to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day. Presented in partnership with Library and Archives Canada, participants will learn about resources related to First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation genealogy and how to access collections.

As part of our *For the Love of Creation* campaign, we are asked to sign a letter urging the federal government to ensure Bill C15 is passed...the bill seeks to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples {UNDRIP}.

Here is [the link to sign the letter](#) to honour Indigenous rights.

The full version of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS_en.pdf



Interesting Articles from the past and present about residential schools:

Read the article [Why so many children died at Indian Residential Schools](#), in The National Post

Click to see an article from the [Ottawa Evening Citizen from 1907](#)

GOOD TO KNOW:



Incarnation is? An evening of stories!

Join the Christian Learning Team for a fun evening exploring what the word Incarnation means and how it is lived out in our faith community.

Thursday June 17 at 7pm via Zoom (link to be sent at a later date.)

We will celebrate and offer stories about what “Incarnation Is” from those who were there at the origin of Incarnation through to those who are new to the community.

We need your help! We’re preparing a video montage of Incarnation members saying, “Incarnation Is...,” and finishing the sentence with what Incarnation means to them. Send us a 5-10 second video and email your video clip to: kim.widger@sympatico.ca



National Indigenous History Month 2021

Learn more about the rich and diverse cultures, voices, experiences and histories of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people through these interactive resources.

[To learn more, click here](#)



Pride Month

June is Pride Month in Canada. Early June typically kicks off the Pride season of festivals and celebrations from coast to coast to coast that run until the end of August.

Here are a few local links:

[Pride Toronto](#)

[Positive Space Network of Halton](#)



Incarnation's Prayer Team Prayer works when we work it!

Inca's Prayer Team was officially formed on Tuesday. We are excited and honoured to be able to pray for your requests. We wanted to inform you that in addition to the public, Sunday intercessions which are sent to the church office, there is another immediate option.

If you would prefer your personal prayer request(s) be private, and not read publicly, then simply forward your confidential request(s) to Randy at associate@incarnationchurch.ca

Should you have any questions please feel free to also email Randy.

Thank you!



Nurturers needed!

Samer and Cherry have planted our Community Vegetable Gardens!

Can you help nurture our newly planted vegetables? We’re looking for 2-3 more volunteers for 1-2 hours every other week, to help water, weed and care for the community gardens.

Please contact Cherry Collins <cherry.collins@hotmail.com>



Thirsty Grass!

We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to help water our newly seeded grass as part of our property beautification. Samer has been doing a great job and could use help on the days he’s not on site.

If you can spare an hour or two, please contact Mary Purves marypurves05@gmail.com



Urban Eco-Farm?

HEN is hosting 2 virtual focus groups on June 8th or 10th from 7-8 pm

Thanks to generous funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, HEN is examining the feasibility of an urban eco-farm that could:

- Serve as a learning centre to increase residents' awareness of the impact of the food system on climate change and the environment.
- Engage and empower residents to grow food using small-scale solutions.
- Inspire citizens, through the food that they eat, to reduce their carbon "foodprint" and associated environmental impacts; and
- Contribute to a more sustainable and resilient community.

If you would like to participate, please email info@haltonenvironment.ca and indicate the date you would like to attend and the community where you are located (Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton or Oakville). We will email registrants with connection details.



Hearts for Healthcare Update

We are continuing our Hearts for Healthcare initiative for a few more weeks! Please feel free to drop your cards in the box on the table outside the church. Hearing the "Essential Stories" of Tristan and Sarah these past few weeks is a poignant reminder of the need to let our hospital workers know we appreciate all that they have done in the last year and continue to do, and that our hope is for brighter days ahead.

This little project our Incarnation community started has grown to include other church communities and workplaces, senior's homes, our daycare, neighbourhoods, and high-rise buildings! Thanks to all who have put pen to paper to bring light to a healthcare worker!



Volunteer Schedule

The May/June volunteer schedule is ready! Thanks to everyone who raises their hands and helps with our online service.

[Click here to download and print the schedule.](#)



Vaccine roll-out Information

[Updated information from Halton Region](#)

You can find the latest information about what stage we are in, case counts, and vaccine roll-out information



Anglican Family Hub

In response to COVID-19, Children, Youth and Family ministry leaders from the Diocese of Niagara created an online one stop hub for families. Not having that village of extended family, parishioners, teachers, peers, and community supports has impacted families in a way that needed immediate assistance.

To visit the **Anglican Family** website, [click here](#)

THIS & THAT

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

Interested in participating in our online worship? Contact Julia Lockhart (julia.a.lockhart@gmail.com)

Volunteer Schedule	June 6	June 13	June 20
First Reading/All	D. Aligwekwe	M. Chambers	D. Lusby
Psalm	B. Hanna-Morrison	B. Abrams	L. Maclauchlan
Good News	C. Coleman	G. Chambers	A. Turner-Sommer
Prayers	D. Wieler	S. Curran	J. Grieve

[Click here to download the MAY/JUNE volunteer schedule](#)