



HEARTS EXCHANGED



Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.

—Colossians 1:19 MSG

Hearts Exchanged is a learning and action journey designed to prepare Christians to build reconciling relationships alongside Indigenous people as mutual image bearers in Christ. It is the long germinating fruit of a cross-cultural ministry forum held in the year 2000. Since 2020 people across Canada have participated in 8 month long cohorts.

Participant Erin H notes, “I was repeatedly grateful to have both a caring community and scaffolded framework with which to engage in some of this hard, but vital work. I encourage anyone who has an interest in the topics of the church and its role in the current and historical relationship with Indigenous peoples to consider participating.”

Hearts Exchanged is intended to result in a ripple effect. Joining together in Jesus’s call to the reconciliation of all things, resulting in people and creation in vibrant harmony. This

ripple continued at the Canadian National Gathering 2023 as people across the church gathered for an in person exchange of hearts.

Hearts Exchanged has been shaping the church in new ways to be partners in reconciliation. “It has been so encouraging to be in fellowship with disciples of Jesus who take his call to love our neighbour, seriously. In *Hearts Exchanged* this call is applied to our relationship with Indigenous Peoples. When this is done, the gospel’s power and grace is magnified and our Lord Jesus is glorified as we humbly share our hearts before God and neighbour” says participant Jeremiah B.

The Hearts Exchanged journey is intended to be one of ongoing relationship and depth. As the CRC looks towards next steps in reconciliation please financially support the continuation of this program and the journey of reconciliation in the CRC.



What are the next steps of reconciliation in your community? Contact the Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee for resources and support.



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