



# Walking the (Delicious) Road of Reconciliation



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***What are the  
next steps of  
reconciliation in  
your community?***

***Contact the  
Canadian  
Indigenous  
Ministry  
Committee for  
resources and  
support.***

**I**n the early 1600's the Haudenosaunee invited the Dutch settlers to live together under the Two-Row Wampum covenant/treaty. Every winter, Haudenosaunee witnessed a Dutch holiday called Nieuwjaar. Traditionally, the first person awake on the morning of New Years Day would serve ale and round deep fried doughnuts called oliebolle to members of the house.

The young Dutch children would then run from house to house, in hopes of being the first person at your doorstep in the new year and be rewarded with oliebolle, coins, and fruits. After years of witnessing the celebration, Haudenosaunee people began to adapt the celebration of their Dutch neighbours. Haudenosaunee children ran door to door in their community on January 1st yelling "New Yah! New Yah!" and were rewarded with homemade donuts and other treats.

The CRC's Senior Leader for Indigenous Justice and Reconciliation Adrian Jacobs recalls the ongoing Haudenosaunee celebration of Nó :ya in his home community of Six Nations that still observes this tradition exchanged between cultures hundreds of years ago. What a beautiful picture of community and shalom. What a great example of how to live in a treaty relationship!

Who knew that doughnuts could be an example for the church today on how to listen and learn from one another? Who knew that doughnuts are a gift from God that can be shared cross culturally just like our faith. When Indigenous peoples and settlers first met we were very different (in language, culture, clothing, and food) today we are much more similar. So as we learn to be reconciled people the Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee has many resources available to help you live into a revived relationship.



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