

# Indigenous Ministry Sunday

Stretch out your hand to  
heal and perform signs and  
wonders through the name  
of your holy servant Jesus.

Acts 4:30 NIV



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Dear Family of Jesus,

We rejoice in God's faithfulness for guiding us through thirty years of serving our local Indigenous community in Edmonton, Alberta. Respecting the wisdom of the medicine wheel, Edmonton Native Healing Centre (ENHC) provides physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual services. Our programs include a medical health clinic, mental health counseling, spiritual direction, fitness programs, and basic needs support. ENHC's community is a place for people of all cultures, faiths, and financial straits to meet and grow together. Further, most of our community and all of our staff are Indigenous, and we strive to speak truth and live out the principles of reconciliation. All of ENHC's programs have developed as a result of community members' requests for specific support to help them grow or find balance. The Edmonton Native Healing Centre is a circle where people who are displaced, marginalized, or lonely can come to find wholeness.

The journey of this dark-haired little Dutch boy has been an amazing journey of living into being a Cree image bearer of Christ. Since 2003 I have been reintroduced to my Cree culture, transitioned from electrician to chaplain, and placed in a community that has loved me the way I am. After receiving a traditional pipe from the elders of the community, I continue to be mentored and guided in leading ceremony within our community. It has been an honour to learn the old ways, and it spurs me on to continue

drumming, singing, and praying in a Christian way. Although the pow wow drum was not permitted to be a part of worship at my ordination service in 2003, the Creator has asked me to play the drum many times to the honour and glory of his name.

The response to the drum by fellow Indigenous people has been tremendous — and by people in the pews of our CRC churches as well. The heartbeat of the Creator lives within all of us, and he calls us to be healers and reconcilers. My call to Creator is "Send your healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus" (Acts 4:30, NLT).

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Serving the triune Creator,  
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Director of the Edmonton Native Healing Centre



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