

# Praying Through the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action #71-76



## Introduction

### **Call To Action #71:**

We call upon all chief coroners and provincial vital statistics agencies that have not provided to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada their records on the deaths of Aboriginal children in the care of residential school authorities to make these documents available to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

### **Prayer:**

I pray. I ask of you to join me in my prayer I pray for chief coroners and provincial vital statistics agencies to provide the records the deaths of Aboriginal Children in the care of residential school authorities.

### **Call to Action #72:**

We call upon the federal government to allocate sufficient resources to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to allow it to develop and maintain the National Residential School Student Death Register established by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

### **Prayer:**

I pray. I ask of you to join me in my prayer, I pray for the federal government to allocate sufficient resources to allow the development and maintenance of the National Residential School Student Death Register.

### **Call to Action #73**

We call upon the federal government to work with churches, Aboriginal communities, and former residential school students to establish and maintain an online registry of residential school cemeteries, including, where possible, plot maps showing the location of deceased residential school children.

### **Prayer:**

I pray. I ask of you to join me in my prayer, I pray for the federal government to work with churches, Aboriginal communities, and former residential school students to establish and maintain an online registry of residential school cemeteries and to plot maps the location of deceased residential school children.

### **Call to Action #74**

We call upon the federal government to work with the churches and Aboriginal community leaders to inform the families of children who died at residential schools of the child's burial location, and to respond to families' wishes for appropriate commemoration ceremonies and markers, and reburial in home communities where requested.

#### **Prayer:**

I pray. I ask of you to join me in my prayer, I pray for the federal government to work with the churches and Aboriginal community leaders to inform the families of children who dies at residential schools of the child's burial location, and to respond to families' wishes for appropriate commemoration ceremonies where requested.

### **Call to Action #75**

We call upon the federal government to work with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential school students, and current landowners to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration, and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried. This is to include the provision of appropriate memorial ceremonies and commemorative markers to honour the deceased children.

#### **Prayer:**

I pray. I ask of you to join me in prayer, I for the federal government to work with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential school students, and current landowners to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration, and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried.

### **Call to Action #76**

We call upon the parties engaged in the work of documenting, maintaining, commemorating, and protecting residential school cemeteries to adopt strategies in accordance with the following principles:

- i. The Aboriginal community most affected shall lead the development of such strategies.
- ii. Information shall be sought from residential school Survivors and other Knowledge Keepers in the development of such strategies.
- iii. Aboriginal protocols shall be respected before any potentially invasive technical inspection and investigation of a cemetery site.



**Prayer:**

I pray. I ask of you to join me in prayer, I pray for the parties engaged in the work of documenting, maintaining, commemorating, and protecting residential school cemeteries to adopt strategies in accordance with the following principles. I pray for Aboriginal communities most affected to take the lead to develop such strategies.

I pray that information shall be sought from residential school Survivors and other Knowledge Keepers in the development of such strategies.

I pray that Aboriginal protocols be respected before any potential invasive technical inspection and investigation of a cemetery site.

Amen

