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**August 24, 2017**

**RECONCILIATION CANADA AND CITY OF  
VANCOUVER  
WALK FOR RECONCILIATION  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

Dear Priests of the Diocese of New Westminster,

As many of you know, Reconciliation Canada and the City of Vancouver will be holding a Walk for Reconciliation on Sunday, September 24, 2017. This is a Canada 150+ Signature Event.

All are encouraged to take part, and to assist you with the presentation of planning options for parishes I am sharing the following information.

In 2013, the Walk for Reconciliation, brought 70,000 people together for the first event of its kind. Organizers are hoping this year to reach similar numbers and once again walk in the spirit of 'Namwayut- 'we are all one'.

Here is the schedule:

**Walk for Reconciliation:**

- Sunday, September 24
- 9:30am - Marshalling at QE outdoor plaza, [650 Hamilton Street](#)
- 10:15am - Walk begins

**Reconciliation Expo:**

and multi-cultural performances and a keynote speech.

- Opens at 10:30am
- 11:30am-12:30pm Keynote Speech and Main Performance
- 12:30-3:00pm Ongoing Programming

To aid participation, all parishes are encouraged to make a plan. The early liturgies at Christ Church Cathedral and St. James' are an option for those who would like to worship and then participate in the Walk. I suggest scheduling an early liturgy in your parish that will conclude in time for participants to gather at the Queen Elizabeth plaza between 9:30 and 10:15am, and participate in the Walk as a Parish Team. [Details regarding registration for groups and volunteer opportunities are available here.](#) Please encourage everyone to walk, but for those who are not able to walk suggest that they attend the Reconciliation Expo at Strathcona Park.

[Here is a link to Indigenous liturgical resources on the Anglican Church of Canada webpages.](#) And here are the [Suggested Propers in WORD](#) for September 24.

## **WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL AND ST. JAMES'**

### **Christ Church Cathedral**

- 8am Holy Communion
- 9am Breakfast
- 10:30am abbreviated Eucharist to allow worshippers to attend the Reconciliation Expo's Keynote Speeches and Main Performances in Strathcona Park.

### **St. James**

*St James' will celebrate September 24 as Aboriginal Prayer Sunday*

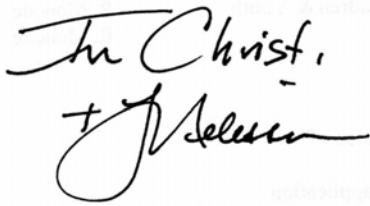
- 8:30am Low Mass, the preacher will be National Indigenous Bishop, the Right Reverend Mark MacDonald
- 10:30am High Mass - Those unable to take part in the Walk may wish to visit the Reconciliation Expo in Strathcona Park after High Mass.

We hope that you will be able to include the 2017 Walk for Reconciliation as part of Sunday worship for September 24.

Diocesan Missioner for Indigenous Justice, Brander Raven Macdonald is currently working with the BC Ecumenical Reconciliation Advocates.

An Ecumenical Community Letter from Chief Robert Joseph, Ambassador, Reconciliation Canada is [linked here](#).

A meeting of BC Ecumenical Reconciliation Advocates is scheduled for August 29, when further plans will be developed for an ecumenical presence at the September 24 Walk. Details about the results of this meeting will be [available on the diocesan website](#) and social media pages as they become available.



In Christ,  
+ Melissa

Bishop Melissa M. Skelton

[Walk for Reconciliation Poster](#)

VANCOUVER | 24 SEP | 9:30 AM  
Cambie St. & West Georgia St.

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