

Reconciliation Path of Indigenous People in the Central Interior of British Columbia, Canada

Sabbatical Outline

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Since the demise of the Diocese of Cariboo, the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior¹ have been committed to a path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people who attended St George's Residential School in Lytton. The people of the Central Interior through decisions made to give up the Diocese of Cariboo instead of continuing the legal actions with the Government of Canada, made a strong commitment to walk together as the family of God with all people of the area. Healing and Reconciliation required a commitment by both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, to change attitudes, church structures and ways of being church in, first the mission area formed, The Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior and its work at becoming a new entity to be known as the Territory of the People.

My sabbatical time will reflect with Professor Robert Schreiter² at the Chicago Theological Union during the fall semester (Sept 6 – Dec 6, 2017) through his course, "Reconciliation and Forgiveness"), which will serve as a framework for my study. In addition, Fr Robert has offered to meet on a regular basis with me to go into more detail in pursuit of my specific interests. Also on our staff at CTU is Professor Michel Andraos, who has been active in the reconciliation with indigenous peoples in Canada. Dr. Martin Brokenleg³ has agreed to journey with me as an advisor on my sabbatical project.

It is my hope to write a short reflection paper on my new learnings from my time at CTU, my knowledge and experience of giving leadership as Bishop to the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior and the journey to creating the new entity of the Territory of the People. I wonder what we have done well, where we have fallen short of God's desire for us to be in right relationship (where are the gaps)

¹ <http://www.territoryofthepeople.ca/>

² <http://www.ctu.edu/academics/robert-schreiter-cpps>

³ <http://martinbrokenleg.com/topics-2>

and what is still to be accomplished as we journey as God's faithful people in the Central Interior of BC.