

June 27, 2021 Coffee Time Chat highlights

Hi everyone – here are the highlights from the June 27, 2021 coffee time chat in response to Kathleen V's question about how to spend Canada Day after the discovery of unmarked graves at residential schools. Hopefully, I've captured things accurately! ~Sue MacQueen

Suggestions:

- Reimagine it to learn and educate others about Canada's real history
- Spend Canada Day reflecting and learning
- CBC is broadcasting a day of Indigenous story telling on June 30
- Wear orange on July 1 to demonstrate solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
- MCC: Every Child Matters buttons available
- A day to come together, recognize our diversity and celebrate who we are
- Contribute to Survivor's funds, language reclamation and land reclamation projects
- Add our voices to Indigenous Land Protectors
- Speak up on behalf of Indigenous kids in foster care system
- Support Parkminster's Land Back Lane monthly lunches (talk to Nancy Dykstra)
- Support Healing of the Seven Generations, Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (runs language and cultural programs and partners with the two First Nations schools in the TDSB to teach Ojibwe and Mohawk language and Culture so the children can teach their parents and grandparents who lost their language and culture via the residential school system.
- Healing Fund UCC supports programs created by Indigenous communities, language and reclamation of cultural programs
- Book: *From the Ashes* by Jesse Thistle

Resources to learn more about Indigenous culture and concerns

- TRC or Historica website
- NFB film "We Were Children"
- 30th Anniversary of the Apology – Cairn
- Google: United Church of Canada Residential Schools TVO for programs to watch
- Google: 1986 United Church apology
- <https://healingofthesevengenerations.ca/community-events/orange-shirt-orders/>
- <https://www.shopwoodlandculturalcentre.ca/shop/save-the-evidence/9>
- Native Canadian Centre: <https://ncct.on.ca>
- Mohawk language program: <https://onkwawenna.info> receives donations