

Christ Church Deer Park

Social Justice Vestry Motion 2017

Continuing the Call for Reconciliation

Whereas over the course of many years, Indigenous communities in Canada have engaged the government, the Anglican Church, and other Christian denominations in a process of reconciliation'

And whereas the reconciliation process has included official apologies from many denominations for their participation in the Indian Residential School system, as well as participation in the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC),

And whereas the final report (Report) of the TRC¹ included 94 Calls to Action aimed at addressing the ongoing marginalization of Indigenous peoples in all aspects of Canadian life,

And whereas the Government of Canada has committed to implement all of the recommendations of the TRC,

And whereas the Anglican Church of Canada has apologized for its complicity in the treatment of Indigenous peoples in the Indian Residential School system,

And whereas we, the vestry of Christ Church Deer Park, wish to support efforts towards full reconciliation,

Be it resolved that we, the vestry of Christ Church Deer Park,

1. call on the Government of Canada to promptly implement the 94 Calls to Action in the Report and do what is necessary to support the dignity of Indigenous communities in Canada and improve their quality of life; and
2. collectively and individually commit to more fully informing ourselves about the Report, its recommendations, and its ongoing implementation in order to more fully live up to our responsibilities as Christians.

¹http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Honouring_the_Truth_Recc_2015.pdf

