

# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

September 29, 2024 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service



SEPTEMBER 30

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: A kairos time for Canada

**Adrian Jacobs**

Ganosono, Turtle Clan,  
Cayuga Nation, Six Nations

### Guest Preacher – Adrian Jacobs

Adrian Jacobs is Ganosono (Deer Lodge), Turtle Clan, Cayuga Nation, Six Nations Haudenosaunee Confederacy, Grand River Country in Southern Ontario, Turtle Island. He serves NAIITS An Indigenous Learning Community as Elder Liaison for the NAIITS Elders Circle and is Senior Leader for Indigenous Justice and Reconciliation for the Christian Reformed Church in North America in Canada. Adrian is a single father of five and a grandfather of four. A storyteller and artist at heart he writes poetry and poetic prose about passionate matters of Indigenous justice and the vicissitudes of life. Public speaking has taken him to collaborations with Indigenous and decolonizing communities in Canada, the United States and globally.

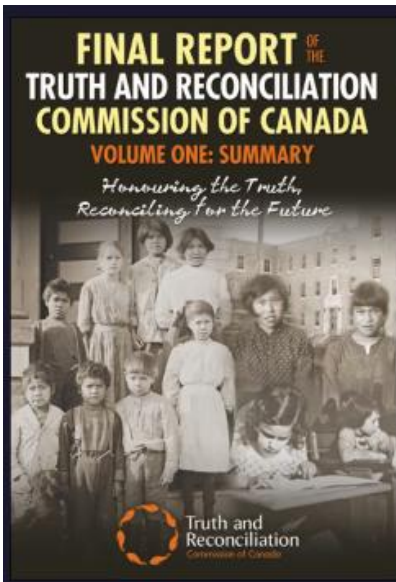
**Friendship song and dance with Mohawk drummer  
Sakoieta Widrick**



Chronos means - *"chronological or sequential time."* This is time on a clock and a calendar. Wikipedia

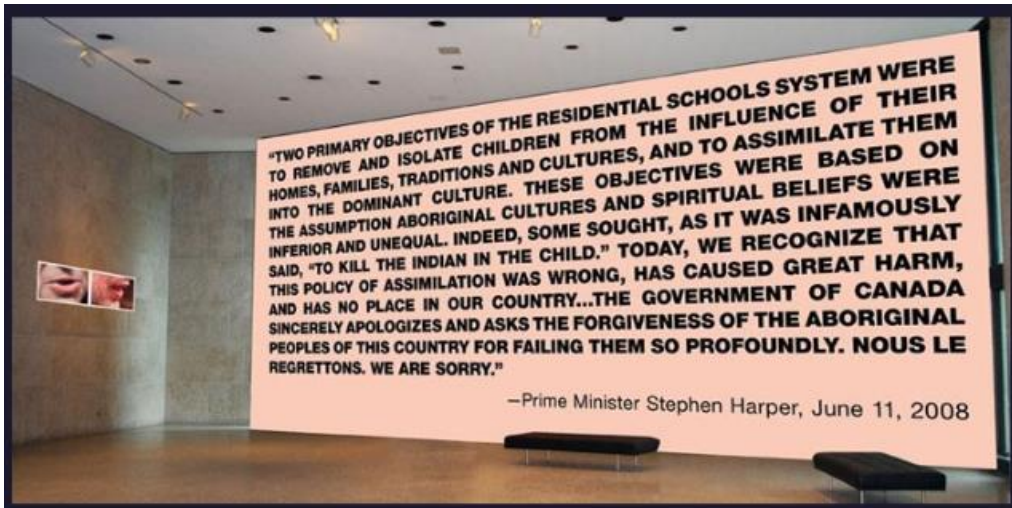
Kairos means - *"a time when conditions are right for the accomplishment of a crucial action : the opportune and decisive moment."* Merriam-Webster online dictionary











## The Confession of The Presbyterian Church in Canada

In 1994, The Presbyterian Church in Canada adopted a confession recognizing the church's role in operating residential schools and the harm those schools caused to Indigenous children, their families and communities.

The Holy Spirit, speaking in and through Scripture, calls The Presbyterian Church in Canada to confession. This confession is our response to the word of God. We understand our mission and ministry in new ways in part because of the testimony of Aboriginal peoples.

1. We, the 120th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, seeking forgiveness from God, and aware of our own sin and shortcomings, are called to speak to the Church out of new understandings of our past not out of any sense of being superior to it, nor out of any sense that we would have done things differently in the same way, and in great sorrow that we come before God and our Aboriginal brothers and sisters.

2. We acknowledge that the stated policy of the Government of Canada was to assimilate Indigenous children into the dominant culture, and that The Presbyterian Church in Canada co-operated in this policy. We acknowledge that the roots of the harm we have done are found in the attitudes



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March 20, 2016

## Re. Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action #48

Dear Congregations of the Christian Reformed churches in Canada:

For these reasons, and with the concurrence of the CRC's Board of Trustees for Canada, I and other CRC leaders have signed [this statement](#) affirming the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a framework for reconciliation. I encourage you to learn more about this, our first formal response to the TRC Calls to Action, by:

- Reading this Do Justice post from Danielle Rowaan: <http://dojustice.crcna.org/article/indigenous-rights-are-human-rights>
- and reading the a backgrounder on the connections between past CRC work on Indigenous Justice, reconciliation and the affirmation of the Declaration: <http://www2.crcna.org/site/uploads/uploads/UNDRIP/UNDRIP-backgrounder2016.pdf>





### **Central Presbyterian Church – Land Acknowledgement \***

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that Central Presbyterian Church is located on the traditional territories of the Anishnaabek and Haudenosaunee peoples. This land is protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to share and care for the lands, air, and waters around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We recognize that we must learn about the rich history of this land to better understand our role as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers. We are all treaty people.

\* Our website has a guide explaining the above Land Acknowledgement

**<https://www.cpchamilton.ca/land-acknowledgement/>**