*Learning, Listening, Actioning………Working Our Way Towards Reconciliation*

The following is a summary of the status to date:

* The working group currently consists of Colleen Martin, Linda Squarzolo and Colleen Perry (ex-officio). We are in the process of inviting someone from the Indigenous community to join this working group.   
  We have also worked with Ann D’Souza regarding website options which will be covered later in this document.
* **Main Goals:**1. Be aware of our past.  
  2. Be inclusive in the present and support local efforts.   
  3. Strive for a better future.
* **Tentative timeframes and action plan**:   
  Actions listed are suggestions only and not all inclusive of what members can do.

1. **Be aware of our past** – *Learning – we would focus on this up to next convention timeframe.*

* Educate and raise awareness
* T&R working group to establish information/link on website
* Communicate and share resource links, videos, upcoming events etc.
* T&R working group to research one or two videos that can be promoted.
* Host webinars
* Host and/or share workshops (existing and new).

1. **Be inclusive in the present and support local efforts** – *Listening – focus on efforts for this step to begin Fall 2022 and onwards.*

* T&R working group to develop and distribute a *What can I/We do now guide.*
* T&R working group to develop resources to help guide councils.
* Prepare new or share existing prayer services.

1. **Strive for a better future –** *Actioning*

* Revisit and/or create new resolutions that identify injustices against Indigenous peoples and work to address them.
* Recognize, promote and commemorate events such as:
  + **June 21st** – National Indigenous People’s Day
  + **Sept. 27th – Oct. 1st** – Truth and Reconciliation Week.   
     (An on-line event open to all Canadian

Schools, Grades 5 to 12)

* + **Sept. 30th** – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and   
     Orange Shirt Day
  + **Nov 1st** – Treaties Recognitions Week
* **Communication:**

a) Communique introducing the working group initiative was sent

b) Communique to expand on working action plan to be sent

c) Link on website will be established:

* + Currently exploring where/how best to display. The goal is to establish, populate the site and communicate this by Thanksgiving.

d) In addition to resources and other information being listed on   
 this site, Mary C will issue a “bulletin” approx. once a month   
 listing the council activities taking place across the province.

1. **Personal Pledge of Reconciliation**

Attached is a sample Pledge of Reconciliation with Indigenous   
 Peoples to get you started on your personal commitment for   
 reconciliation.   
 Listed in the attached document are eight simple commitments that   
 you can weave into your life. You can also adapt this to your   
 individual purposes.

Fell free to share a copy with your friends and colleagues.   
 (See attachment).   
 \*\*\*The OPC council will take the pledge at their Fall Meeting. \*\*\*

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