

## Living Into Right Relations – November 2022

Hello,

November is a full month, so let me break it down for you. Treaties Recognition Week is this week. Events and other information related to this are highlighted in Section 1.

LandBack initiatives along the Grand River are Section 2.

As we think about the Christmas and holiday season ahead, please note ideas for supporting Indigenous-led organizations and entrepreneurs in Section 3. Especially for folks in Waterloo Region, I would like to draw your attention to the first item for Healing of the Seven Generations. It's a concrete way to lift up the work they do to draw the community together and promote healing. Every donation helps. If you have other suggestions for this section I would be happy to include them in December.

Section 4 is the usual chronological listing of events. There are a lot in the next 2 weeks, so you may want to skim that quickly. Section 5 is articles and books, videos and news items that I pass on because I think they have local or universal relevance.

May you walk in good company as we head into our own busy seasons,

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### 1. Nov 6-12 Treaties Recognition Week. Some options for info, ideas and events:

[Treaties Recognition Week Ontario](#) - many offerings; here is one:

- **Nov 8, 5:30 - 7 p.m.** [Treaties Recognition Week and International Inuit Day 2022 | Law Society of Ontario](#). Register through the link.

[Office of Indigenous Relations UW](#)

- **Nov 7, 6-8 p.m.** Myeengun Henry [The Spiritual Side of Treaties](#). in person event at UW. Register through the link.
- **Nov 9, 1-2:30 p.m.** Rick Monture [The Two Row Wampum, Haldimand Deed, and Grand River Tract](#) webinar. Register through the link.

Six Nations Polytechnic: Lunch and Learn: Treaty Essentials

- **Nov. 9 12-1p.m.** Ohsweken campus: 2160 Fourth Line, Ohsweken, Oneida room.
- **Nov. 16 12-1 p.m.** Brantford campus: 411 Elgin St, Brantford, White Pines room.

Related reading:

- [Goodminds Collections: Treaties](#)

### 2. Land Back

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - read their Facebook posts. Here are a couple of reposts:
  - i. **Deadline Nov. 10** [Order Willow Park T shirt](#) and support Land Back Camp.
  - ii. [Kitchener looking for feedback on the fate of the Queen Victoria Statue](#).

- b. [1492 Land Back Lane](#) Supportive actions -
  - i. **Friday Lunches for 1492 LandBack Lane. Our next delivery date: Nov 18.**  
For more info or to lend a hand, contact me at [nancydykstra@gmail.com](mailto:nancydykstra@gmail.com).
  - ii. Contribute to their [legal defense fund](#).

**3. Supporting Indigenous Initiatives.** As you plan for upcoming holidays, volunteer time or donations, consider Indigenous-led businesses, organizations and initiatives. There are MANY more than listed here, of course. This is a sampling of ideas. We encourage you to do your own research to discern who and how you support.

- a. **Appeal for Healing of the 7 Generations' portable sound system.** When we checked with Donna at H7G about an offer to fundraise for a sound system for outdoor events, she quickly said "Yes!". We invite anyone to join us to support them in this way. Our best estimate at the moment is that we're looking to raise about \$2000. If you're interested in helping out, please send donations to [Parkminster United Church](#) (Outreach) and note that it is for the Healing of the 7 Generations sound system project. If you know of anyone who is looking to sell (or donate!) a used system in good working order please contact Liz Forde ([eforde@sentex.ca](mailto:eforde@sentex.ca)).
- b. On July 22 the [Longhouse](#) GANQSA'Q:WEH of the [Ogwehoweh Skills and Trades Training Centre](#) at Six Nations was destroyed by fire. Their "We Will Build Again" fund to rebuild the Longhouse to support their mission of cultural awareness is underway. Learn more and donate [here](#).
- c. **Nov. 26, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m** [Winter Artfest](#), Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford.
- d. **Nov. 27, 12-4 p.m.** [A Very Merry Indigenous Art Market](#) Victoria Park Pavilion, Kitchener.
- e. **Nov. 26 (noon) - Nov 27, 7 p.m.** [Chiefswood Park Holiday Festival](#).
- f. [IndigiMall](#)
- g. [Covenant of Nations](#)
- h. [Crow Shield Lodge](#). Donation page [here](#).
- i. [Woodland Cultural Centre](#) (WCC) "This year, Giving Tuesday will be Tuesday, November 29th. WCC is asking you to show support for the Dwaḍwəḇaga:da:t Language Department." You can donate [here](#).

#### 4. Learning at home and events

- a. **Nov. 7 is International Inuit Day:** educate yourself through this link from [Memorial University of Newfoundland](#) and the first bullet in #1 above.
- b. **Nov 8 and every Tuesday until Dec 6,** 6-9 p.m. Women's Sharing Circle at Victoria Park Pavilion. Organized through Crowshield Lodge.
- c. **Nov 9-20,** [This is How We Got Here](#), award-winning play at Conrad Centre for Performing Arts, Kitchener.
- d. **Nov. 10, 7-9 p.m.** [Place, Home & Land: An evening of storytelling](#), Redeemer University. Register [here](#) and pay by donation at entry. Location: Meadowlands Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, 211 Stonehenge Dr., Ancaster.

- e. **Nov. 10, 7-8:30 p.m.** An evening with [Jesse Thistle](#), KPL. Reserve tickets [here](#).
- f. **Nov. 12, 8 a.m.** [Grand River Water Ceremony](#). All Nations Grand River Water Walk, 650 Otterbein Rd. Kitchener.
- g. **Nov 12, [Candles for COP27: Vigils for Climate Justice](#)**
  - i. **11 a.m.** Mary Allen Park, [Waterloo](#), co-sponsored by Burning Bush Forest Church and Pastors in Exile.
  - ii. **2-2:45 p.m.** City Hall Square, [Guelph](#), hosted by Kairos Guelph.

[Kairos](#) and [For the Love of Creation](#) are sending 10 delegates to advocate for Indigenous and other ignored/muted voices to have a seat at the table. More [here](#).
- h. **Nov. 12, Dec 10, 1-3 p.m.** [Indigenous Sharing Circle with Kelly Welsh](#) at KPL (Central). Register here by date: [Nov 12](#) , [Dec 10](#).
- i. **Nov. 14, 1:30-3:30** [Nations Uniting](#) Sharing Circle - To join this event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at [nations.uniting@gmail.com](mailto:nations.uniting@gmail.com).
- j. **Nov 16, Dec 14, 7 p.m.** **Mohawk Institute Virtual tours**. Click the date for a link to tickets: [Nov 16](#), [Dec 14](#).
- k. **Nov. 18, 7 p.m.** free screening of "[Spirit to Soar](#)" - a documentary following Tanya Talaga's book, Seven Fallen Feathers. Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg. The church requires that face masks be worn. Registration is not necessary. Presented by the Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group on Indigenous/Settler Relationships.
- l. **Nov. 22, 7-9 p.m.** [One Book One Community: An Evening with Eden Robinson](#), in-person at KPL (Central) to discuss her novel [Son of a Trickster](#). Register [here](#).
- m. **Nov. 26, 12-4 p.m.** [Indigenous Led Moccasin Making Workshop with Susan Hill](#), McDougall Cottage, Cambridge. Buy tickets [here](#). **Registration closes Nov. 12.**
- n. **Lots worth browsing through** [Eventbrite](#), related to food, conservation, birds, law, Land Acknowledgements. The list goes on!

## 5. Good Reads, News and Views

### a. Reads

- i. [Decolonizing Wealth](#) by Edgar Villanueva
- ii. [Cindy Blackstock asked the gov't to go back to the drawing table](#) on the Compensation Final Settlement Agreement (First Nations child welfare and Jordan's Principle), For a review the Tribunal Timeline and documents for the latest developments on the case to October 25 click [here](#).

### b. News

- i. [New University of Sask. commissioned report tackles 'poison' of Indigenous identity fraud | CBC News](#); University of Saskatchewan [Report highlights](#)
- ii. [Six Nations Polytechnic's STEAM Academy wins STEMey Cup at Robotics Championship](#)
- iii. [First Annual Indigenous Research Day at McMaster](#)

### c. Views

- i. [Two Row Times video playlist: Great Law of Peace & Thanksgiving Address](#)