

Living Into Right Relations – mini-May 2024

Hello,

Because May 5 - **Red Dress Day** - falls on Sunday, and the newsletter won't be ready until next week, I am sending out this mini version to cover May 5 and some other events in the next week or so. Last year there were many events along the Grand watershed. This year I am not aware of as much. My apologies if I missed something in your community. Hopefully we will all find ways to mark this day,

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1. May 5 - **Red Dress Day** National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirit People.

Here are a couple of events and a call to action from Amnesty.

- a. **May 1-15** Red Dress Exhibit [Hamilton Public Library](#). Including a special ceremony on May 1, noon-12:30.
- b. **May 5** [The Healing of the Seven Generations](#) walk and vigil in downtown Kitchener. The walk begins at **10 a.m.** at H7G, 300 Frederick St. The candle-light Vigil at **6 p.m.** is at the Clocktower.
- c. **From Amnesty Canada** [Red Dress Day 2024: Take Action on May 5](#).

Other organizations that may have events but did not have anything posted when I checked:

[O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) held a Sacred Fire last year at Willow River Park (Victoria Park) University of Waterloo [Office of Indigenous Relations](#).

Some further reading/info: The final report from the inquiry: [Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#).

2. Other events coming up this week or early next week, perhaps before the newsletter is ready:

- a. **May 3 , 7p.m.** Crow Shield Lodge [Feed the Fire Fundraiser](#) at 80 Schneider Ave, Kitchener. Victoria Park/Willow River Park Pavilion.
- b. **May 4, 8 a.m.** [Grand River Water Ceremony](#), at [Schneider Park](#), Kitchener, parking off King St, across from Freeport Hospital.
- c. **May 8, 12-1 p.m.** [Six Nations Polytechnic](#) Lunch & Learn. History of Bread and Cheese. (2160 4th Line Road, Ohsweken) Register [here](#).